



Dear Tribal representatives,

Tribal nations across the country are experiencing disproportionate rates of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking but have little to no resources to adequately address the problem in order to provide increased safety to tribal citizens.

To begin to address victim safety and offender accountability, the *Strengthening Tribal Response to Ending Violence Against Native Women Initiative* was created by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). ***The Initiative is aimed at providing individualized training, resources, and technical assistance to tribal governments and tribal communities not currently receiving Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grant funding and have a desire to plan, implement or strengthen responses to domestic violence and sexual assault in their respective tribal community.*** The Tribal Law and Policy Institute along with their partners, the Tribal Judicial Institute at the University of North Dakota, Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, and the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center are collaborating to provide capacity building training and technical assistance.

We would like to invite you to participate in an introductory webinar to receive information about this opportunity for your tribe to receive training and technical assistance on:

- Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Legal response as it pertains to tribal protection orders
- Sustaining and accessing shelter and safe home(s)
- Our website [www.TribalResponse.org](http://www.TribalResponse.org) that provides critical resources and tools to respond to ending violence against Native women

On the webinar you will receive detailed information about the OVW Strengthening Tribal Response to Violence Against Women Initiative, the scope of training and technical assistance opportunities available to you, and how you can access training and technical assistance.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to tribal leadership, tribal judges, victim service providers, law enforcement and community members in your tribal community who may have an interest in developing or improving tribal responses to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community.

The webinar series will be delivered on:

- May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 7:30 a.m AKST/8:30 a.m PST/9:30 a.m. MST/10:30 a.m. CST/11:30 am EST
- May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 10:00 a.m. AKST/11:00 a.m. PST/Noon MST/ 1:00 p.m. CST/2:00 p.m EST
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 10:00 a.m. AKST/11:00 a.m. PST/Noon MST/ 1:00 p.m. CST/2:00p.m EST

Please register for May 9<sup>th</sup> webinar [here](#)

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation and we hope that you will join us to discuss this important opportunity.

Wopida tanka, Pinigigi, thank you,

Lonna Hunter,  
Tribal Victim Resource Specialist  
Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Bonnie Clairmont,  
Tribal Victim Resource Specialist  
Tribal Law and Policy Institute



Tribal Judicial Institute

