

Domestic Violence Resources for Tribal TANF Programs

Native Specific Resources

Reports and Publications

Violence Against Native Women: A Guide for Practitioner Action

http://www.bwjp.org/files/bwjp/articles/Violence_Against_Native_Women.pdf

This guide was developed for professionals who come into contact with Native women who experience violence. It was created with input from Native leaders within the victim services field. The guide provides an overview of violence against native women, specific barriers to justice for native women and practical tips for working with a native woman who has experienced violence. Though thick, the guide is a good resource for Tribal TANF staff, particularly the chapter offering practical tips.

Raising Public Awareness on Domestic Violence In Indian Country

http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/NRCDV_Cangleska.pdf

This publication provides an overview of how the domestic violence program on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota created awareness materials and events specifically for rural and native populations. The materials and events were used to raise awareness about domestic violence within the community.

Building Domestic Violence Health Care Responses in Indian Country: A Promising Practices Report

<http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/userfiles/file/HealthCare/Promising%20Practices%20Report%20-%20Online%20version.PDF>

Though this report is focused on the health care field, much of the information can be applied to work in other areas of human services, such as Tribal TANF. The report provides a detailed description of how to create a unified response to domestic violence within a program and offers materials that could be adapted to a TANF program.

Organizations Offering Training, Technical Assistance and Information

Mending the Sacred Hoop

<http://mshoop.org/>

Mending the Sacred Hoop is committed to strengthening the voice and vision of Native peoples. We work to end violence against Native women and children while restoring the safety, sovereignty, and sacredness of Native women. We work from a social change perspective that relies upon grassroots efforts to restore the leadership of Native women.

Sacred Circle: National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women

<http://www.sacred-circle.com/>

Sacred Circle National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, located in Rapid City, South Dakota, was established in 1998 as the fifth member of the domestic violence resource center network. This network was created in 1993 by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families as a result of the Violence Against Women Act.

Sacred Circle provides technical assistance, policy development, training, materials and resource information regarding violence against native women and assists in developing tribal strategies and responses to end the violence.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute

<http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/tlpi.htm>

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is a Native American owned and operated non-profit corporation organized to design and deliver education, research, training, and technical assistance programs which promote the enhancement of justice in Indian country and the health, well-being, and culture of Native peoples. The Institute seeks to facilitate the sharing of resources so that Indian Nations and tribal justice systems have access to cost effective resources which can be adapted to meet the individual needs of their communities.

Clan Star

<http://www.clanstar.org/>

Clan Star provides technical assistance, training and consultation throughout the United States to Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the development of public policy strategies addressing violence against women.

General Domestic Violence Resources

Training Forums from the Office on Violence Against Women

<http://trainingforums.org/>

This is a Web-based training and education program that was developed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women and Witness Justice, to address issues facing professionals that work with survivors of domestic violence. The online curriculum includes training on working with undocumented survivors, promoting cultural competency, and providing Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care. Since TANF professionals are often faced with participants that may have experienced domestic violence, these training courses can support effective service delivery.

Statistics and Awareness, National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)

<http://www.nnedv.org/resources/stats.html>

The compilation of resources includes frequently asked questions about domestic violence, statistics on the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and a brief on how the economy impacts domestic violence incidents. In addition, the NNEDV conducts a census each year which attempts to capture the amount and type of services provided to domestic violence survivors as well as the total met and unmet need among the population.

Advocacy Beyond Leaving: Helping Battered Women in Contact with Current or Former Partners. A Guide for Domestic Violence Advocates.

[http://endabuse.org/userfiles/file/Children_and_Families/Advocates%20Guide\(1\).pdf](http://endabuse.org/userfiles/file/Children_and_Families/Advocates%20Guide(1).pdf)

This guide was written for professionals working with women who have experienced domestic violence who are still in contact with their abusive partner. Though the prevailing notion is that battered women should cut off all ties with their abuser for ensured safety, women often reach out for help before they are ready to leave an abusive situation or out of necessity, are in contact with their abuser (ex: if they have children together). The guide provides answers to questions about

victims in contact with their abusers as well as guidance for working directly with this population. This resource would be useful not only for domestic violence advocates, but for any human service profession who interacts with victims of domestic violence.

Moving Ahead Through Financial Management Curriculum

<http://www.nnedv.org/component/content/article/192.html>

The National Network to End Domestic Violence has developed an economic justice curriculum, designed to be used with survivors of domestic violence. The entire curriculum, along with handouts and resources can be downloaded from their website in both English and Spanish. The curriculum consists of five modules, each intended to help survivors cope with the effects of financial abuse and learn about financial independence. The modules cover an overview of financial abuse, financial fundamentals, credit basics, building financial foundations and creating budgets.

Telling Amy's Story

<http://telling.psu.edu/>

Telling Amy's Story is a documentary created by Penn State Public Broadcasting to raise awareness of domestic violence. The film is hosted by actress and activist Mariska Hargitay, is told by detective Deirdri Fishel and follows the timeline of a domestic violence homicide that occurred on November 8, 2001. The website offers discussion tools as well as information about where and how to view the film. This film could be used as a resource by TANF agencies to train workers on the importance of recognizing when domestic violence is occurring in a TANF applicant's life.