

2018 TRIBAL LEADER BRIEF

CSVANW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBES AND PUEBLOS



COALITION to STOP
VIOLENCE AGAINST
NATIVE WOMEN

The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women provides this brief and recommended priorities outlining the needs and challenges our tribal communities face in addressing violence against Native women and children.

About the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women

CSVANW is a member-driven tribal coalition that represents the broadest and most unified voice in advocating and collectively addressing domestic and sexual violence against Native women and children across the region. An alliance of more than 50 passionate, distinguished and highly committed organizations, CSVANW works to raise awareness about the safety of Native women and children at the state, tribal and federal levels, CSVANW works with 24 Tribes and Pueblos across the region, providing the utmost critical lifeline services to those affected by violence.

IN NEW MEXICO TODAY:

1 in 2

Native women and girls are victims of some form of sexual violence

4 out of 5

Native women are affected by violence; 56% of the time it is domestic violence

More than
1 in 3

Native men and boys personally experience violence, including sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression by an intimate partner

3 out of 4

(72%) sexual assaults against Native people of all genders occur in a home, either the home of the victim or the residence of the perpetrator

77%

of Native sexual violence survivors that sought services in 2017 were victims of incest rape

61%

of Native American children live in single-parent families

SUICIDE
is the 2nd

leading cause of death for Native Americans, and is nearly three times higher than the national rate

Native American victims experience the highest crime victimization rates in the country yet access and receive less than

0.5% of all VOCA
(Victims of Crime Act)
funds annually through state administrators

MISSION

To stop violence against Native women and children by advocating for social change in our communities. The CSVANW takes ownership and responsibility for the future of Native women and children by providing support, education, and advocacy using our strengths, power and unity to create violence-free communities

CSVANW RECOMMENDS

1. Support legislation that seeks to expand tribal jurisdiction over non-Natives offenders

CSVANW calls for leaders to support legislative bills that seek to expand tribal jurisdiction.

2. Support reauthorization of TLOA and VAWA

- S.1953 Tribal Law and Order Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2017
- Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization 2018
- Support funding to both tribal consortiums and to individual Tribes and Pueblos

3. Support strengthened accountability and partnership with the U.S Attorney's Office in New Mexico

- Support USAO follow-up with Tribes and Pueblos
- Request timely follow-up on declined cases
- Request that the annual USAO tribal-state consultations are continued and Indian Country Crimes Reports are published in a timely manner

4. Support government to government consultation and tribal participation in funding assessments

- Support federal and state grant measurables and deliverables that weigh program success based on cultural knowledge and practices.
- Support programming funding for public safety, offender services, and victim and survivor services that are tribal-specific or incorporate tribally-initiated cultural knowledge and practices.

5. Support the SURVIVE Act S.1870 (2017)

- Support a 5% federal tribal set aside under the Crime Victims fund, which would allow Tribes and Pueblos to directly access funds from the federal government rather than going through a state agency.

6. Invest in violence prevention, early intervention and offender reintegration

- Prioritize Native youth violence prevention and early intervention programming
- Invest in offender reintegration to ensure that offenders who return back to our communities have the support and services they need to live healthier and balanced violence-free lives
- Prioritize early childhood efforts that include home visiting, parenting support services and classes, and fatherhood skills-building

7. Support Missing and Murdered Native Women Efforts, S.1942 Savanna's Act

- Improve tribal access to certain (NCIC) federal crime information databases
- Create standardized protocols for responding to cases of missing and murdered Native

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