



COALITION to STOP  
VIOLENCE AGAINST  
NATIVE WOMEN

# SEXUAL VIOLENCE in TRIBAL COMMUNITIES Brief

## What is sexual violence?

Sexual Violence is a sexual act against someone without that person's consent.

### Sexual Violence Can Include:

- Sexual Harrasment
- Groping
- Unwanted Sexual Photos
- Incest
- Rape
- Sharing Private Photos
- Unwanted Sexual Texts & Messages
- Any Unwanted Sexual Contact

**1 in 4** Native men and boys are victims of some form of sexual violence.<sup>2</sup>

## What is Consent?



Consent is an agreement to participate in a sexual activity:

- Given by choice
- Changeable
- Informed
- Enthusiastic
- Specific



### The Majority

of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.<sup>2</sup>

### 50% of Native Survivors



reported alcohol or drug use at the time of the assault.<sup>2</sup>



### 32% of Native Victims

had some sort of disability.<sup>2</sup>

**1 in 2** Native Women and girls are victims of some form of sexual violence.<sup>2</sup>

Rape among Native American adults is grossly under reported each year [2]. With the lack of data collection from NM tribal communities CSVANW cannot convey an accurate assessment of sexual violence. The statistics provided are likely much higher based on the national average.

# SUPPORTING Sexual Violence SURVIVORS

## Child Sexual Abuse

- Obscene phone calls/texts/social media
- Fondling
- Exposing children to sexual acts
- Any sexual contact with a minor

**84%**

*of Sexual Violence Against Children are committed by family members.<sup>1</sup>*

**Males**

*are more likely to be abused as children than females.<sup>1</sup>*

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase education and outreach around childhood sexual abuse targeting parents, guardians, and extended families.
- Provide sexual abuse prevention classes in elementary, middle and high schools.
- Advocate for more Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) services in tribal communities.
- Increase the number of sexual violence advocates in tribal communities.
- Provide testimony at tribal consultation for comprehensive sexual assault services at all NM IHS facilities.

**At home, start talking about consent within your families.**

**Believe Survivors**

**Help Them Find Support**

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**In New Mexico there is no formal process to collect data for sexual violence. The numbers shown are taken from information available, but are not comprehensive.**

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## Resources

**Rape Crisis Center of Central New Mexico**  
24-hour Hotline: (505) 266-7711

**Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico**  
24-hour Hotline (505) 326-4700 or 1-866-908-4700  
Farmington office: (505) 325-2805  
Gallup office: (505) 399-5940

**Solace Crisis Treatment Center (Santa Fe)**  
24-hour crisis advocacy hotline: 1-800-721-7273

## Citations

[1] Caponera, Betty. "Sex Crimes in New Mexico XVII: An Analysis of 2018 Data from The New Mexico Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository." Oct. 2019.

[2] "SV Among AI/AN in NM" Caponera, NMSCAP

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