

# SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES BRIEFING



## 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
- Stealthing

### What is CONSENT?

- Given by Choice
  - Changeable
  - Informed
  - Enthusiastic
  - Specific
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**32%**

of **Native Victims** had some sort of disability

**1 in 4**

**Native men and boys** are victims of some form of sexual violence.

**The Majority**

of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

**50%**

of **Native survivors** reported alcohol or drug use at the time of the assult

**1 in 2**

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

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  
Exposing children to sexual acts  
any sexual contact with a minor  
Fondling

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.

# 84%

of sexual violence against children are committed by family members

# Males

are more likely to be abused as children than females

## 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.

## 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  
Formington office: (505) 325-2805  
Gallup office: (505) 399-5940

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

At home, start talking about consent within your families, Believe Survivors Help Them Find Support

Sources: [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 AV/AN in NM" Caponera. NMSCAP

