

ENDING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)?

Intimate partner violence is one of the most common forms of violence against women and includes physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and controlling behaviors by an intimate partner.

WHAT ARE FORMS OF IPV?

Act of sexual violence:
sexual coercion, rape, groping

Act of physical violence:
hitting, slapping, kicking, biting

Emotional abuse:
insults, humiliation, intimidation

Controlling behaviors:
isolation, jealousy, stalking

Economic abuse:
control of money, finances,
and property

NATIVE WOMEN EXPERIENCE HIGHER RATES OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE THAN ANY OTHER GROUP

84% of Native women will experience violence in her lifetime

1 in 3 NM children are present when domestic violence happens. Over 50% of the children are under 12

17% of Native women report being stalked during their lifetime

Comprehensive data on violence against women under tribal jurisdiction does not exist since no federal or Indian agency nor organization systematically collects this information

Domestic violence is not limited to heterosexual relationships and can affect individuals of all sexual orientations and genders. Within the LGBTQ community, intimate partner violence occurs at a rate equal to or even higher than that of the heterosexual community.



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SOCIAL CHANGE IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

The roots of violence against Native women are seeded in the historical disruption of our communities through colonization. Historical and ongoing oppression of Native peoples normalizes violence experienced by our women.

In acknowledging our history, we also advocate for community accountability to champion social change. The solutions to violence exist within our communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Listen to and believe survivors.
- Implement VAWA legislation
- Create and sustain values and programming that resist abuse and oppression while also ensuring safety, support, and accountability
- Establish a process for community members who use harm to account for their actions that focuses on transforming behavior and centers healing
- Reform civil and criminal legal systems that focus on restorative justice

RESOURCES

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233 or
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)
www.ndvh.org

New Mexico Crisis and Access Peer to Peer Hotline

1-855-466-7100
(call or text Toll free)

Strong Hearts Native Helpline

1-877-7NATIVE/1-844-762-8483
strongheartshelpline.org

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