

PROMISING PRACTICES

Many promising practices are being developed and implemented throughout Indian Country to initiate new and improved victim services. Below are just a few examples:

Using Technology To Provide Victim Assistance and Education

The Bay Mills Indian Community Victim Services Web site at www.baymills.org/vs provides a wide range of information and resources for victims and entire communities. Separate Web sites are available that provide information on a range of issues, including

- ◆ A list of specific victim services provided by the program.
- ◆ A community education page—currently addressing “What Is Domestic Violence?”
- ◆ A separate page on “Effects of Domestic Violence on Children.”
- ◆ A calendar of events.
- ◆ Featured articles.
- ◆ A detailed safety plan.
- ◆ Federal laws on crime victims’ rights.
- ◆ A message board.
- ◆ A chat line.

For information about the Bay Mills Indian Community Victim Services program and Web site, please contact the victim advocate at survivors@baymills.org, or contact:

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Developing Tribal College Curricula and Distance Learning and Opportunities To Educate Victim Service Providers (Project Peacemaker/Tribal Legal Studies)

Project Peacemaker (Providing Education And Community Empowerment by Maintaining And Keeping the Earth and all our Relatives through Tribal Justice Systems) is a collaborative initiative involving the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, UCLA, and four tribal colleges—to develop, pilot, and implement Tribal Legal Studies curricula at tribal community colleges to prepare students for employment with tribal governments and tribal court systems as judges, advocates (including victim advocates), probation officers, social services personnel, law enforcement personnel, and other positions related to the administration of justice in Indian Country. The courses in the program are also available as inservice training for current program employees and the community at large. Victim advocates are included in the target audience for the program courses and victim issues are included in the curricula.

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Curriculum Development To Promote Safety and Provide Support for Victims

As a result of a federal grant, the Tribal Law and Policy Institute will be designing, developing, and implementing a Violence Against Indian Women course for tribal colleges that will include (1) design and development of the course, (2) publication of a Violence Against Indian Women textbook with instructor guides and student workbooks, (3) establishment of agreements with tribal college partners to provide college credit for existing Violence Against Indian Women trainings and conferences, and (4) development of feasible distance learning components for this course, such as by Internet and satellite. These curricula and publications will also be useful as inservice or in-house training for grantee programs. Further, development of the course and textbooks will greatly increase the likelihood that tribal colleges and other colleges on or near Indian reservations will be willing to offer Violence Against Indian Women courses.

For information concerning the Violence Against Indian Women Project, please e-mail Jerry Gardner at jerry@tribal-institute.org, or e-mail Sarah Deer at sarah@tribal-institute.org, or contact:

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