

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

14th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime “Generational Voices Uniting for Safety, Justice and Healing”

The Tribal Law & Policy Institute is coordinating the 14th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, an event funded through the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The conference will be held December 11-13, 2014, on the Agua Caliente Reservation in Southern California.

The conference theme is:
Generational Voices Uniting for Safety, Justice, and Healing

The Office for Victims of Crime and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute extend an invitation for your participation as a presenter. Workshop presentations for this conference should demonstrate methods and strategies to improve safety, as well as promote justice and healing for crime victims through cooperation, and collaboration between Tribal, Federal, State, local and private entities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Target Audience:

The target audience is all persons interested in assisting victims of crime in Indian country including:

Indian Country Service Providers (Tribal, State, and Federal):

- Child Advocates
- Child Protection Case Workers
- Social Services
- Elder Services
- Victim Advocates
- Medical Personnel
- Law Enforcement
- Judges & Prosecutors
- Probation/Corrections
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Traditional Healers

Tribal Community Members:

- Tribal Leaders
- Victims/Survivors of Crime
- Tribal Elders & Youth
- Tribal College Faculty & Students

Selection Criteria for Workshops will include:

- Relevance to target audience
- Fits into conference theme/goals
- Presenters demonstrate expertise in working with Native American communities.
(Presenters with limited expertise working with tribal communities are strongly encouraged to collaborate with a co-presenter who has Indian country expertise.)
- Encourages interdisciplinary coordination and cooperation
- Highlights promising practices
- Introduces innovative strategies
- Honors and supports victims of crime
- Workshop demonstrates clear connection to crime victimization

Workshops must conform to both the Conference Theme (above) and one or more of the Conference Goals (below):

- **Honoring and Listening to Victim/Survivor Voices:**
Creating victim-centered/sensitive responses; being inclusive of victim/survivors - particularly those from un-served or underserved populations; and promoting peer to peer learning opportunities.
- **Promoting Safety, Justice and Healing:**
Justice for victims; justice for all; understanding jurisdictional issues; exercising tribal sovereignty to promote safety and justice for victims; and highlighting the resiliency of spirituality and healing in tribal communities.
- **Honoring the Wisdom of the Past:**
Understanding historical trauma; enlisting tribal elders as keepers of our tribal histories; and embracing traditional teachings.
- **Promoting Traditional Values:**
Promoting traditional values and incorporating traditional skills in crime victim services; upholding wellness, mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally; and framing victim services around tribal traditions.
- **Ensuring Safety, Justice and Healing for Seven Generations of Children:**
Addressing child sexual abuse and education on developing programs for victims of child sexual abuse; emphasis on crime victims within the juvenile justice system and support for keeping youth within the community.
- **Working in Harmony:**
Building partnerships with federal agencies; education on the importance of networking and working together in collaboration to strengthen services; and networking with Native men to address domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Supporting and Educating Tribal Leaders:**
Educating and supporting efforts of tribal leaders to achieve accountability and responsibility to victims of crime.
- **Sustaining our Legacy:**
Developing skills and incorporating cultural approaches to enhance sustainability and measurability; increasing the accuracy of victimization research; and developing capacity within victim services.
- **Healing the Healers:**
Ensuring safety and support for service providers.

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Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation

Coachella Valley, California

Formal Justice Department Conference Approval Pending

Location

The 14th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime will be held at the Renaissance Hotel on the reservation of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in Southern California. The Renaissance Hotel is a full service conference hotel, located on the Agua Caliente Reservation. The hotel is within a five minute drive from the Palm Springs International Airport. The desert climate is warm and dry with average December daytime temperatures in the seventies, and average nighttime lows in the mid-forties.

There are 33 tribes in the region with 10 Tribes in the greater area. The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has occupied the area for over a thousand years. The center of the Agua Caliente Reservation is the “Se-Khi” (Boiling Water), hot mineral springs from which Palm Springs derives its name.

Lodging

Rooms are available at the Renaissance Hotel at a rate of \$104.00 per night for conference participants (tax exempt for federal employees and Native Americans). Additional rooms are available at other nearby hotels at the same rate. The conference plenary sessions and workshops will be held at the Renaissance Hotel.

Workshops

It is anticipated that the conference will include more than 800 participants and that there will be approximately 60 - 70 workshops. Workshops should be 90 minutes, highly interactive, and relevant to the conference theme, goals, and audience. Presenter’s fees will not be paid to workshop presenters. Limited lodging and/or travel expenses may be provided upon request. Workshops take place on December 11-12.

Full day Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on December 10, 2014. If you are interested in presenting a Pre-Conference Institute please contact conference@tlpi.org.



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