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2024 SWIWC NEWS

SWIWC Welcomes New Staff & Governing Board Member!

We are excited to announce DANIEL LUCERO and SABRINA DAVIS, to the Small but Mighty SWIWC Staff! We also Welcome MADISON FULTON, SWIWC's newest governing board member.



DANIEL LUCERO, Taos Pueblo, from Taos, New Mexico. I am an experienced accounting professional with a strong background in financial management and consulting. Over the course of my career, I have held key roles at organizations such as Santa Fe Indian School, Taos Pueblo Government, and San Ildefonso Pueblo Accounting, where I successfully managed complex financial operations and ensured compliance with regulatory standards. As a Finance Consultant, I have provided tailored solutions to help organizations streamline processes, improve efficiency, and achieve their financial objectives.

Beyond my professional pursuits, I am passionate about the outdoors and enjoy activities such as hiking and camping, which provide a balance to my detail-oriented work. I bring a results-driven approach, combined with a commitment to excellence, to every project I undertake.

SABRINA DAVIS is a Diné who resides on the Navajo Nation. She is Tł'izítání (Many Goats) Clan and born for Tséńjikiní (Cliff Dwellers) Clan. Sabrina began working at the Chinle SWIWC office, through the NDWD Work Experience program. She officially joined the SWIWC team as a Book Keeper in December 2024. Sabrina is currently a student at NTU and is studying for her AA in Counseling-Substance Abuse Disorder.



≡ Welcome ≡ *Dan & Sabrina*



MADISON FULTON is an enrolled citizen of the Navajo Nation and is from the Rough Rock community. She is of the Black Sheep Clan and born for the Salt People Clan. Madison studied American Indian Studies at Arizona State University. She graduated with her Bachelors in 2013 and her Masters in 2015. From November 2015 to September 2023, Madison worked at the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. While at ITCA, Madison worked on grants from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. In 2022, Madison applied to the Masters of Public Health program at the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health and was accepted. She is a current graduate student and is expected to graduate in May 2025. She is a current Board Member for the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition and currently works for the Indian Health Services at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

To learn more about SWIWC please visit our website at www.swiwc.org. To reach Dan or Sabrina please contact them via email at dan.lucero@swiwc.org & Sabrina.Davis@swiwc.org.

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

Community Circle of Healing Gathering

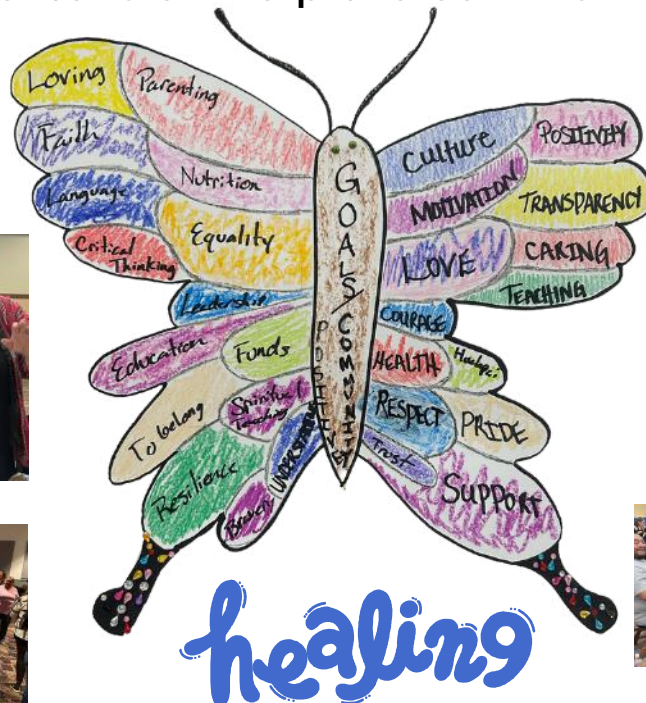
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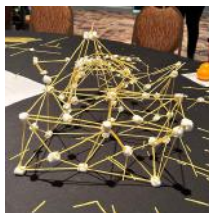
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COMMUNITY HEALING AFTER COVID

The community healing gathering will be centered on activities that will help the community work through trauma, grief and loss due to COVID. Activities will include discussion on gender based violence and provide survivors the tools to work through their trauma, and by extension help the community on a path towards healing.



Teamwork



If you are interested in SWIWC providing a Community Circle of Healing Gathering, please contact [Tania Harvey](#).

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWC hosted three **Community Circle of Healing Gatherings** in three tribal communities during 2024. SWIWC is planning at least 5 more for 2025. Stay Tuned!!



January 17 - 20, 2024 | Colorado River Indian Tribes

Facilitators Waylon Pahona and Johanna Corpeno provided 4 days of healing activities, laughter, tears and strength.

Day 1: 38 attendees | Day 2: 25 attendees | Day 3: 22 attendees
Day 4: 9 attendees



June 6 - 10, 2024 | Hualapai Tribe

Facilitators Waylon Pahona and Johanna Corpeno provided 4 days of healing activities, laughter, tears and strength.

Day 1: 53 attendees | Day 2: 39 attendees | Day 3: 37 attendees
Day 4: 50 attendees



July 15 - 18, 2024 | White Mountain Apache Tribe

Facilitators Waylon Pahona and Johanna Corpeno provided 4 days of healing activities, laughter, tears and strength.

Day 1: 56 attendees | Day 2: 48 attendees | Day 3: 35 attendees
Day 4: 41 attendees



SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

HEALING AND WELLNESS FOR MEN AND BOYS



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#RaiseYourVoice #YouAreNOTalone

SWIWC provided a three-day in-person regional training on Healing and Wellness for Men and Boys aimed at addressing the violence on our Native men. Our Facilitators were Lenny Hayes, Jeremy Nevilles-Sorrell, Greg Grey Cloud, and Jesse Leon.

- Looking at the Landscape of Issues for Male Victims
- A Silent Epidemic: Sexual Violence Against Men & Boys
- Documentary & Debrief: Predator on the Reservation | Boys
- I'm Not Broken - Personal story by Jesse Leon
- Toxic Masculinity
- Developing Men's Programming
- Trafficking of Men & Boys
- Traditional Lessons on Healing
- Breathing is Medicine

HEALING & WELLNESS FOR INDIGENOUS MEN & BOYS
FEBRUARY 13 - 15, 2024
Location: Embassy Suites - Tempe, AZ

Scholarships Available
[REGISTER NOW](#)

FACILITATORS:
• Lenny Hayes, MA
• Jeremy Nevilles-Sorrell
• Greg Grey Cloud
• Jesse Leon

DISCUSSION:
• Mental Health
• Sexual Violence against Males
• Toxic Masculinity
• Sex & Human Trafficking
• Missing and Murdered Men & Boys

PROGRAMMING:
• Cultural & Spiritual Aspects of Healing
• Men's Talking Circle
• Men's Programming
• Men's Survivor Panel

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Leanne Guy named 2024 Recipient of the National Network to Domestic Violence DREAM Award

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) congratulates **Leanne Guy**, recipient of the 2024 **Diane Reese Excellence in Advocacy in the Movement (DREAM) Award**.

This award honors a person who incorporates and demonstrates the spirit and promise of true advocacy in all aspects of life as Diane did—one who emulates a commitment to clear and ethical communication, an eagerness to collaborate in the spirit of true partnership, and a deep respect for the dignity, worth, and humanity in each one of us. Since 2006, Leanne has served as the founding Executive Director of the **Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition (SWIWC)**, Arizona's tribal domestic and sexual violence coalition. In this role, Leanne's leadership has increased indigenous communities' capacity to address domestic and sexual violence through education, training, technical assistance, policy advocacy, and culturally sensitive and supportive services.



At SWIWC, Leanne supports not only her Diné community but all advocates and First Nation communities addressing domestic and sexual violence, both in Arizona and throughout the country. Through continuous dedication and tireless efforts, Leanne has grown SWIWC to a staff of six and has secured federal and state funding for the organization. She has more than 25 years of experience in tribal community health promotion, disease prevention, and public health and safety initiatives, working to help increase tribal programs' capacity to organize, develop, and implement public health intervention and prevention strategies for increased wellness, healing, safety, and justice.

“Leanne values all voices in doing this work and makes a big space at the table for people to share their experiences so that everyone, including herself, can learn, grow, and help navigate change to ensure everyone feels safe, included, and supported,” said Juana Galeno, Chief Financial Officer at the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. “Leanne’s passion for safety and justice for Native women, and her commitment and dedication for safer indigenous communities and ending violence against indigenous people in Arizona, is admirable and well deserved of this recognition.”

“It is a privilege for NNEDV, our Membership Committee, and the DREAM Award Selection Committee to recognize Leanne Guy’s lifetime of work on behalf of indigenous survivors and communities,” said Stephanie Love-Patterson, NNEDV President & CEO. “Our movement is made stronger because of advocates like Leanne, who remind us to center those who are most marginalized, and who bring so much care, commitment, and heart to their work.”

SWIWC is honored to be led by Leanne Guy!

Congratulations to Leanne! ❤️

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWC's 8th Gathering for Healthy Relations (G4HR) Statewide Conference



October 7-9, 2024 SWIWC hosted our 8th Gathering for Healthy Relations Conference (#G4HR2024) at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix, AZ.

The primary goal for #G4HR2024 was to bring together service providers to network, share information and resources, and to create opportunity to increase skills and knowledge around safety, healing, and justice for survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence.

The conference began with opening remarks by Leanne Guy, Germaine Omish-Lucero, and Tai Simpson, all are incredible women warriors working to end violence against Native People.

This conference was done a bit differently than previous conferences, rather than have breakout sessions/workshops, attendees stayed in one large ballroom. Topics and presenters included: providing advocacy to male victims/survivors; internal capacity to respond to trauma; Engaging men in the movement to end violence; and special considerations for Native LGBTQ+/Two-Spirit Relatives.

Throughout the 2.5 days - Tribal advocates, mainstream advocates, allied professionals, survivors and artists gathered to share stories of strength, hope, resilience, and to celebrate our continued existence as Indigenous relatives in the state of Arizona.



SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWC's G4HR Statewide Conference

Elenor E. Roehrig Advocacy Award



SWIWC awarded 5 Tribal Advocates with the prestigious Eleanor E Roehrig Award. Michelle Alvarado, Victim Advocate with Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Domestic Violence Program (far right); Caroline F Antone, founder I:MIG (second from right); Theron Honyumptewa, Acting Director Hopi Domestic Violence Program (middle); Shanna Stewart, Victim Advocate River People Domestic Violence Program SRPMIC (second from left); and Laurelle Sheppard, Program Director for Navajo Nation Victim Services Program through Victim Witness Services of Northern Arizona (far left).



Advocacy in Action!



SWIWC awarded the first EVER **SWIWC WARRIOR AWARDS** to our incredible consultants Waylon "Pee" Pahona and Johanna Corpeno, in recognition of the invaluable support they have lent SWIWC at our Community Healing Gatherings, and our first ever Staff Retreat in 2023. SWIWC looks forward to a long and impactful relationship with these two health & wellness **WARRIORS!**

SWIWC took time to honor long time 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Council member Elton Naswood as he transitions from SWIWC AC member to the inaugural Executive Director of the newly formed Native LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit Center for Equity! SWIWC's current 2SLGBTQ+ Co-Chairs, Josie Raphaelito and Lenny Hayes presented Elton with a blanket honoring his work on the Advisory Council. On behalf of the entire 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Council, they thanked him for his many years of service and wished him well in his future endeavors at the



helm of the first ever 2SLGBTQ+ national advocacy organization. Contact Elton at elton.naswood@gmail.com

thank you

SWIWC HIGHLIGHTS

SWIWC's AZ Department of Housing ARPA Events

As we enter our 3rd year of the ADOH ARPA grant, we continue to implement our financial assistance program for Indigenous survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Arizona. For 2024, SWIWC provided financial assistance and covid prevention/mitigation care packages to 313 survivors from Arizona's Tribal communities. We have provided personal protective equipment at every in-person gathering hosted by SWIWC. SWIWC has also implemented community healing gatherings, including providing emotional support for those who have experienced grief and loss, as whole communities had been devastated by COVID.

2024 SWIWC instituted a COVID Intersection webinar series that explored intersections such as housing, advocacy in health care setting during COVID, elder abuse, teen dating violence and how the pandemic impacted our Native LGBTQ+/Two Spirit relatives.

For more information or to be involved, please contact [Memory](#).

- **January 8, 2024 - Mobile Advocacy During COVID | Madara Winters, Native Health**
- **February 12, 2024 - Transitioning to Virtual Support Group During COVID | Doreen Nicholas**
- **Confidentiality & Privacy During COVID | Brenda Hill**
- **Compassion Fatigue During COVID | Kurt Begaye**
- **The Impact of COVID-19 on Survivors Living with HIV/AIDS | Kurt Begaye**
- **Prevention from the Inside Out Amid COVID | Johanna Herrera**

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Awards SWIWC



SWIWC received an award at the Chairwoman's Dinner (Yuhaaviatam Reception), in Dana Point, Ca.

"For 25 years, the San Manuel Golf Tournament has delivered an impact that extends far beyond the golf course. This year's proceeds exceed previous records totaling \$480,000 to benefit eight charities representing local and national causes.

Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition provides critical services to all 22 tribes in Arizona to work towards a future of safe Indigenous communities. This Native-led coalition helps Native communities develop their capacities to address and respond to violence through education, training, technical assistance, policy advocacy, and culturally sensitive and supportive services."

SWIWC gives thanks and blessings to the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians for their generosity and supporting the work we do for tribal communities. We greatly appreciate those who participated in the San Manuel Golf Tournament.

SWIWC is honored by the recognition.

City of Mesa Domestic Violence Awareness Month Event

This year, our very own Domestic Violence Response Director, Memory Dawn Long Chase was featured and provided the keynote address for the City of Mesa DVAM Event. Memory shared her lived experience as a survivor of many forms of gendered violence to approximately 200 people and over 25 victim service organizations in attendance. Mesa DVAM Event



gathered together citizens, survivors, advocates, community organizers, and leaders to discuss the impact of domestic violence on our communities and what we can do, collectively, to create change. This event also commemorated those we have lost to domestic violence.

Thanks to the generosity of the City of Mesa DVAM Event planners, over \$2500 was raised for SWIWC! SWIWC remains eternally grateful for all those survivors, supporters and advocates who work tirelessly for the safety of all community members in all spaces!

SWIWC HAPPENINGS



SWIWC Training and Technical Assistance for 2024!

Training services include a wide range of topics relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking and teen relationship violence. Trainings vary in length from a minimum of 4 hours to 1-3 days depending on the level of need and are provided with the assistance of partners and/or subject matter experts who serve as faculty. Trainings are interactive, culturally competent and based on best practices available. They are offered statewide, regionally or on-site and may involve a fee for expenses related to the time and travel of staff and faculty in developing and providing the training.

SWIWC provided training to 1050 people in 2024!

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community(SRPMIC) - Sex Trafficking| Virtual

SRPMIC - STALKING 101 Training| Virtual

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ACESDV- ADVOCATING FOR NATIVE SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

ACESDV - ADDRESSING AND RESPONDING TO VIOLENCE IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

ACESDV / HTWCEA / SWIWC- COLLABORATION PARTNERS WITHIN ADVOCACY PRESENTATION - SWIWC 40 VAT

SRPMIC - HISTORY OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY - VIRTUAL

AZ First Community Health Plan Conference | Teen Dating Violence | Ak-Chin, AZ

SRPMIC - WHEN A LOVED ONE GOES MISSING | VIRTUAL

GLOBIAL TIES AZ - COLOMBIAN DELEGATION OF JOURNALISM MMIWR | Scottsdale, Az

MMIP Policy - ASU MSW Students | Phoenix, AZ

SRPMIC | THE INTERSECTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SUBSTANCE USE - VIRTUAL

Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse Tribal Leadership Summit | Vicarious Trauma | Tuba City, AZ

When A Loved Ones Goes Missing - Hopi DV Conference | Flagstaff, AZ

HARM REDUCTION WITH A FOCUS ON NATIVE COMMUNITIES - VIRTUAL

2024 TRIBAL COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND AWARENESS (TWCA) CONFERENCE | TEEN DATING VIOLENCE | AK CHIN, AZ

Sex Trafficking and MMIP - in collaboration with ASU | Tempe, AZ

Arizona Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (ACESDV)

Collaborative Webinar Series - ACESDV/NCDVTMH/SWIWC

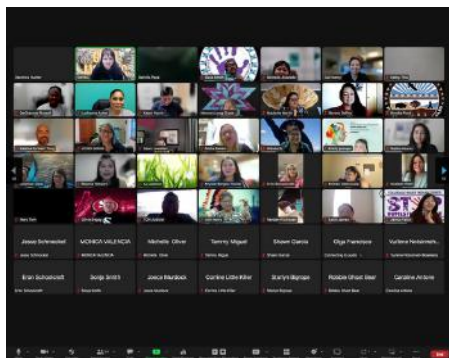
- **Foundations for Understanding Mental Health and Substance Use**
- **The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Mental Illness**
- **The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Use**
- **Harm Reduction with a Focus on Native Communities**

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

SWIWC's Native 40 hour Victim Advocacy Virtual Training.



SWIWC held its third annual virtual Native 40-hour Victim Advocacy Training every Tuesday and Thursday throughout March. SWIWC along with our faculty of trainers provided core victim advocacy training for Tribal victim advocates in Arizona and throughout Indian Country.



The agenda included a variety of topics from the Foundation of Advocacy to supporting survivors navigating the criminal justice system, sexual violence, advocacy for our Native LGBTQ+/Two Spirit Relatives. We also explored relevant social issues that intersect with victim service provision and have direct impacts on survivors on gender based violence. As a culturally specific Tribal coalition, SWIWC works to ensure all trainings are

rooted in our Indigenous heritage, cultural practices and how to connect these evidence-based concepts to our traditional beliefs. Our 40 hour core victim advocacy training utilizes a model of cumulative learning, with cultural considerations woven throughout our agenda. We make space for medicinal practices such as smudging, and meet as relatives who are doing this work. Our SWIWC's 40 hour will follow this format - how cultural can help define and guide our victim advocacy. If you are interested in attending our **FREE** virtual 40 hour training or have questions please contact [SWIWC](#).

Requesting SWIWC Training and Technical Assistance

Training services include a wide range of topics relating to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking, teen relationship violence (dating violence) and the missing and murdering of our Indigenous relatives. The length of training varies from a minimum of 4 hours to 1-3 days depending on the level of need and are provided with the assistance of partners and/or subject matter experts who serve as SWIWC faculty.

Trainings are interactive, culturally competent, and based on best practices available. They are offered statewide, regionally, on-site, or virtually and may involve a fee which includes the expenses related to the time and travel of staff and faculty in developing and providing the training.

Technical assistance (TA) services are tailored specifically to meet the needs of those requesting the service. TA sessions are held onsite or virtually from 1-2.5 days and are designed to be hands-on, practical, and aimed at increasing the capacity to address and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, sex trafficking and teen relationship violence (dating violence). TA sessions are provided with the assistance of partners and/or experts who serve as faculty and may involve a fee for the time and travel expenses of staff and faculty to develop and conduct the TA session.

To request for training and/or technical assistance visit [SWIWC](#)

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

Virtual Tribal Domestic and Sexual Assault Advocates Talking Sessions

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, SWIWC felt it imperative to institute a weekly talking session, as many Tribal advocates found their work transitioning from in-person to virtual or mobile advocacy. These sessions began in April 2020 and provided Tribal advocates space to get support, share information and resources, and create a safe space to share the challenges and nuances in response caused by the global pandemic.

Nearly five years into the pandemic, SWIWC still provides monthly Advocate Talking Sessions, which take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every of every month. Each month showcases a guest speaker from an intersecting agency on a variety of topics from child welfare, to sexual assault nurse examinations, to document preparation and staff retention.

Join Us!



Virtual Awareness Month

Every week in April and October, SWIWC provided Virtual Resource Days which included organizations that presented on their domestic/sexual violence related services. This past April, we had 11 service providers and for October, 14 service providers presented on their services. This is a great time to add to your resource list and network with Native and non-Native organizations. Join us at our next virtual resource month.

If you are interested in presenting February, April and October 2025 Awareness Months, please contact [SWIWC](#).



Much appreciation to all those who joined the weekly virtual resource days!

Do you know your awareness months?? Hint: there are SEVERAL

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| January Human Trafficking Awareness | January Stalking Awareness | February Teen Dating Violence TDVAM | April Sexual Assault Awareness SAAM | April Child Abuse Prevention Month |
| May Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives | June Elder Abuse Awareness Day | June PRIDE MONTH | October Domestic Violence Awareness | |

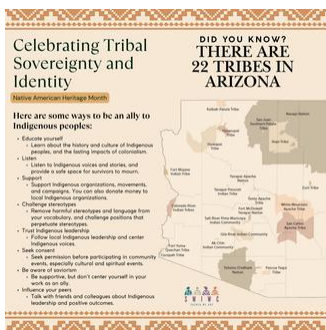
September 30: Orange Shirt Day - Indian Boarding School Day of Remembrance

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

For Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness months, SWIWC posted 31 social media messages with the intent to increase awareness of the issues, facts, and myths about domestic and sexual violence. Our social media platforms, helped raise awareness through these posts so that our followers read statistics or facts on Domestic & Sexual Violence. SWIWCConnect with us on our social media platforms and join our posts, upcoming events and trainings. Like and follow us on the following:

Download and share [SWIWC's 31 Days of Facts for DVAM and SAAM](#)

NOVEMBER is Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month | Every Day is Indigenous Day!



SWIWC continues to celebrate and highlight Native American Heritage Month by offering trainings, and presentations to our Non-Native partners, social media blasts on the incredible contributions made by our relatives and ancestors.

November is Native American Heritage Month, which was established in 1990 by then president George W Bush early 20th century, when Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca archaeologist and

director of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, fought for federal recognition of Native Americans. During the month of November, it is a time to celebrate the traditions, languages and stories of Native American and Alaska Native communities and ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive with each passing generation. **! We invite you all to join us in celebrating our continued existence this November.**

18th National Indian Nations Conference December 10-13, 2024 | Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation in Palm Springs, California.



SWIWC attended and tabled at this conference. This conference focused on the unique needs of American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims and provided training for victim service providers; law enforcement officials; prosecutors; judges; medical and mental health professionals; social workers; and victim advocates at the Tribal, federal, state, and local levels. Keynote speakers included D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas, Ottawa Tribe; David Adams, Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians; Kola Shippentower, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; and Frank

Waln, Lakota Nation. Tribal Coalitions honored Juana Majel Dixon for her years of HeartWork! Such a great week to reconnect with relatives!

SWIWC HAPPENINGS

EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND PREVENTION EVENTS:

We love to be out in community as it provides us the opportunity to connect to people that might not otherwise have access to our services and information.

SWIWC attended and tabled at several events:

- 1/31/24: Safety and Healing for Indigenous Survivors in Tucson | Tucson, AZ
- 4/3/24: SCAT: Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Event | San Carlos, AZ
- 4/3/24: ADABI: Building Connected Unity | Chinle, AZ
- 4/5/24: SRPMIC Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event
- 4/15/24: ADABI: Sexual Violence Awareness Event at Chinle Behavioral Health | Chinle, AZ
- 5/3/24: GRIC: MMIW Event | Sacaton, AZ
- 5/5/24: AZ State Capitol - Statewide Gathering for MMIWR/P | Phoenix, AZ
- 5/9/24: Global Ties AZ - presentation to Delegation of Columbian Journalists | Scottsdale, AZ
- 5/22/24: ADABI: MMIWR Awareness | Chinle, AZ
- 5/29/24: Fort Mojave MMIW Awareness Event | Scottsdale, AZ
- 8/15/24: ACESDV Learning Together Conference | Phoenix, AZ
- 9/17/24: Hopi Leadership Summit | Moenkopi, AZ
- 9/24/24: Chandler Domestic Violence Commission DVAM Event
- 10/17/24: Maricopa County Employee DVAM Awareness | County Assessor's Office
- 10/17/24: City of Mesa DVAM Event | Mesa, AZ
- 10/22/24: Maricopa County Employee DVAM Awareness | AZ Dept of Transportation
- 10/24/24: Fort McDowell Prosecutor's Office | Scottsdale, AZ
- 10/22/24: ADABI DVAM Awareness Event | Chinle, AZ
- 10/24/24: Gila River Indian Community DVAM Event | Sacaton, AZ
- 12/7/24: Phoenix Indian Center - Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) | Phoenix, AZ
- 12/13/24: Indian Nations Conference | Palm Springs, CA
- 12/14/24: Phoenix Indian Medical Center Winter Health & Resource Fair | Phoenix, AZ



SWIWCConnected with over 1100 people in 2024!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our Collaborative Partners

At the root of SWIWC is the desire to collaborate and communicate with organizations/individuals in addressing and responding to violence in our tribal communities. We find it imperative to work together to address the violence we see. Collectively, we create stronger responses and provide increased safety, healing, and justice to victims, survivors, and their families.



We thank the following collaborative partners:

- [Arizona Tribal Victim Advocates and Tribal Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs](#)
- [Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence](#)
- [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#)
- [National Congress of American Indians Violence Against Women Task Force](#)
- [Tate Topa Consulting, Inc.](#)
- [I:MIG, LLC](#)
- [Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Working Group](#)
- [Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona](#)
- [NAUHZCASA](#)
- [Native Health](#)
- [Missing and Murdered Dine Relatives \(MMDR\) Coalition](#)
- [Arizona State Agencies Coordinating Team](#)
- [Arizona Governors Office on Youth, Faith and Family Working Groups](#)
- [ASU Arizona Child & Adolescent Survivor Initiative \(ACASI\)](#)
- [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
- [Center for Disease Control DELTA State Leadership](#)
- [Department of Economic Security Office of Violence Prevention](#)
- [Global Ties of Arizona](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- [Sojourner Center](#)
- [Victim Witness Services of Northern Arizona](#)

Thank you to our Collaborative Partners!

SWIWC values all our collaborative partners - both Native and non-Native. In 2024 we continued to provide information regarding Arizona Indigenous communities to our Non-Native partners i.e. serving native survivors, addressing and responding to violence in Native communities, historical sexual violence, and deep diving into Federal Indian policy and how that inequitable relationship continues to create barriers for Indigenous survivors of gender based violence to seek justice . SWIWC feels its important to also know who are Urban Native partners are, we continue to build partnership tribally, statewide and nationally. Our impact is strengthened in our communities by working together.

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

Tribal Site Visits and Training

SWIWC continues to provide dedicated training and technical assistance to Tribal program membership. As part of crafting a Training and Technical Assistance plan for any program, we typically conduct a site visit. This year SWIWC completed 5 Tribal DV/SA Program Site Visits, and 2 Mainstream Program Site Visits. As part of our ongoing commitment to our vision of Safe, Indigenous communities, SWIWC considers our Urban Native survivors in our outreach & engagement efforts. SWIWC will be providing cultural safety training and provide networking opportunities for Tribal and Mainstream programs to gather and create meaningful partnership. Education, training and technical assistance on topics such as Historical and Intergenerational Trauma, Federal Indian Policy, and Cultural Safety will be the focus.

Tribal Site Visits:

April 2024

- 4/3/24: San Carlos Apache Tribe - Sexual Assault Program | San Carlos, AZ

May 2024

- 5/1/24: Quechan Tribal Social Services | Yuma, AZ
- 5/28/24: Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Domestic Violence Program | Needles, CA

July 2024

- 7/16/24: White Mountain Apache Tribal Social Services | White River, AZ

September 2024

- 9/3/24: Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribal Social Services | Virtual

Mainstream Program Site Visits:

August 2024

- 8/20/24: Verde Valley Sanctuary | Cottonwood, AZ

October 2024

- Sojourner Center | Phoenix, AZ



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED SWIWC'S TRAININGS!

TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

23rd Meeting of the Inter-Tribal Working Group on Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction



SWIWC attended and presented at the 23rd Meeting of the Inter-Tribal Working Group on Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction in Columbia, South Carolina.

Tania Harvey, SWIWC; Nicole Mathews, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and

Carmen O'Leary, Native Women's Society of the Great Plains participated in a panel to address, "Victim Advocacy within the Tribal Criminal Justice System, facilitated by Dawn Stover and Kelly Stoner

OVW 18th Annual Government to Government Tribal Consultation November 19-21, 2024 | Santa Fe, New Mexico



SWIWC attended the Office of Violence against Women (OVW) Government to Government Tribal Consultation. The Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence along with the 20 Tribal Coalitions honored Rosie Hildago, Office on Violence Against Women Director and Allison Randall, Principal Deputy Director with a Star Quilt. We are grateful for the years of dedication to tribal communities.

OVW is responsible for conducting annual government-to-government consultations with the leaders of all Federally recognized Indian tribal governments on behalf of the United States Attorney General. Approximately 40 tribal leaders provided oral testimony including tribal leaders from Arizona; Navajo Nation Council Delegate, Amber Kanazbah Crotty, and Tonto Apache Police Chief, Hilario Tanakeyowma; and

The purpose of each consultation is to solicit recommendations from tribal government leaders on the following topics:

- Administering tribal funds and programs;
- Enhancing the safety of Indian women from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, homicide, stalking, and sex trafficking;
- Strengthening the federal response to such crimes; and,
- Improving access to local, regional, state, and federal crime information databases and criminal justice information systems.

For more information please visit www.ovwconsultation.org

You may also contact the nearest [Tribal Coalition](#) for any assistance.

2024 REPORT

RESOURCES

Not Invisible Act

Not Invisible Act Commission (NIAC) is a cross jurisdictional advisory committee composed of law enforcement, Tribal leaders, federal partners, service providers, family members of missing and murdered individuals, and most importantly – survivors. Click the link for the Findings from the NIAC. **Not One More: Findings and Recommendations from the Not Invisible Act Commission.** [Click here: NIA](#)

New Resource: International Association for Indigenous Aging



IASquared. The International Association for Indigenous Aging, a 501(c)3 non-profit educational association. Works to:

- 1.Ensure the provision of appropriate and quality services and resources for indigenous elders.
- 2.Expand opportunities for elders' involvement in environmentalism, community participation, health maintenance, volunteerism/civic engagement, consumerism, senior enterprise.
- 3.Enhance the protection of the rights of elders including their freedom from abuse and neglect and their right to autonomy.
- 4.Educate the public, policymakers and practitioners about the status of indigenous elders.
- 5.Improve the status of older people worldwide, especially indigenous populations.

For more information: [laSquared](#)

New Resource: Missing and Murdered Dine Relatives Toolkit



The purpose of the MMDRC Missing Persons Community Action Toolkit is to aid families through the process of locating a missing relative, how to work with law enforcement, mobilize a community search/rescue with emergency management agencies, and to improve communication between all the involved parties. [Download toolkit: Here](#)

New Resource: University of North Texas (UNT) Center for Human Identification

Center for Human Identification



The Center for Human Identification (CHI) is located on the campus of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and is accredited by ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) to the ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

The scope of accreditation is limited to the following activities: biological screening and DNA testing including autosomal STR, Y chromosome STR, mitochondrial DNA and SNP testing. Some of the duties performed by UNTCHI is: Perform forensic genetic and anthropological examinations for criminal casework and missing persons identification, among other services essential to identifying human remains. For more information: [UNTCHI](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS/AWARENESS

AWARENESS MONTHS

- JANUARY: Stalking Awareness Month | Visit: [SPARC](#) and National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
- FEBRUARY: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month | Visit: [STRONGHEARTS](#)
- Victim Rights Week: April 21-27, 2024 | Visit: [NCVRW-OVC](#)
- APRIL: Child Abuse Prevention Month | Visit: [IHS](#)
- MAY: May 5th National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls ([MMIWG](#))
- JUNE: Pride Month for 2SLGBTQIA+ | [FIRSTNATIONS](#)
- JUNE: Elder Abuse Prevention Month | [ELDERJUSTICE](#)

Visit [SWIWC](#) our website and social media platforms for upcoming awareness posts

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

- Advocate Talking Session | **January 15 , 2025 (3rd Wednesday of each month)**
- SWIWC's Native 40-hour Victim Advocacy VIRTUAL Training | **March 2025 | Register here: [NVAT2025](#)**
- 2025 COVID Webinar Series | **Dates TBD**
- 2025 Community Circle of Healing Gathering | **Location TBD**
- SWIWC DES Regional Training: TBD - Domestic Violence Centric | **May 2025**
- SWIWC's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Monthly Activities | **May 2025**
- SWIWC Annual Membership Gathering: TBD - **June 2025**
- SWIWC 2nd National Gathering For Families of Missing - TBD **2025**

SWIWC PARTNER EVENTS

- 21st Annual American Indian Disability Summit | **April 11, 2025 | [WEBSITE](#)**
- STTARs Housing Summit | **June 25-27, 2025 | Albuquerque, NM**
- NIWRC Women Are Sacred | **July 29-31, 2025 | [NIWRC](#)**
- National Sexual Assault Conference | **August 26-28, 2025 | Anaheim, CA.**



Stay SWIWCconnected and keep updated on all events, social media posts, trainings, and resources, by visiting, following, and liking us on the following platforms:

SWIWC MEMBERSHIP

SWIWC membership is for those who are currently or are interested in supporting and participating in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence in Arizona's tribal communities.

Current Members

Current membership represents individuals, tribal domestic and sexual violence programs, allies, and sister organizations. SWIWC appreciates and values its members and looks forward to sharing information, receiving feedback, and designing services to meet membership needs. Be A Relative: [Membership Form](#)



MEMBERSHIP FORM



Continue to Protect Our Tribal Communities

The COVID-19 pandemic had an endemic, disproportionate toll on Arizona's Tribal communities. There are 22 Tribal Communities in the state of Arizona, and the impact COVID had on these communities was devastating. Some statistics provided by the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care shares some startling statistics that show just how hard COVID impacted our relatives here in Arizona.



Infection rates over 3.5 times higher than non-Hispanic Whites, 4 times more likely to be hospitalized than non-Hispanic Whites, and Higher mortality rates at younger ages. To download a copy of the safety plan, click [here](#).

Resources with COVID-19 Safety Information

- [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#)
- [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#)
- [National Congress of American Indians](#)
- [National Indian Health Board - COVID-19 Tribal Resources Center](#)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [National Institute of Health](#)



[Indian Health Service Vaccine Locations](#)

[Maricopa.Gov Vaccine Locations](#)

- [Indian Health Services](#)
- [Native Health](#)
- [Protect the Sacred](#)
- [Inter-Tribal of Arizona](#)
- [Arizona Department of Health](#)
- [AZCESDV](#)
- [Arizona Tribal Victim Advocates](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

To view open solicitations please visit the following:

- [Office on Violence Against Women Open Solicitations](#)
- [Office for Victim of Crimes Current Funding](#)
- [Arizona Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Search for Grants at Grants.Gov](#) | [Learn about FVPSA](#)



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