



# PROTECTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCES

### Overview

American Indian and Alaska Native people are two and a half times more likely to experience violent crimes and at least two times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes in comparison to all other ethnicities.<sup>1</sup> Nearly half of tribal law enforcement agencies believe that more human trafficking is occurring in their jurisdictions than is reported.<sup>2</sup>

### Free Human Trafficking Resources

The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center offers free coaching to assist tribes with—

- Identifying training and resources to build knowledge of human trafficking;
- Creating human trafficking informational and outreach materials;
- Helping identify potential partner organizations and connect with federal, state, local, and other tribal government agencies;
- Navigating the range of financial resources;
- Developing a human trafficking screening tool to use across program areas; and
- Assisting with strategic planning and developing policies and procedures on human trafficking support and response.

### Who We Are

The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center is a coaching and development hub assisting organizations and tribes with: (1) building their capacity to aid victims of all forms of human trafficking, (2) navigating the broad range of resources available to support their missions, and (3) strengthening human trafficking service networks.



## Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Several human trafficking factors appear to correlate with MMIW. These correlating factors include domestic and sexual violence, high rates of adverse childhood experiences, opioid and other substance abuse, poverty, and homelessness. These factors put American Indians and Alaska Natives at high risk for potential traffickers to exploit these vulnerabilities.

## Presidential Task Force

The Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives, known as [Operation Lady Justice](#), was established by Executive Order 13898, signed by the President on November 26, 2019. The Task Force aims to enhance the operation of the criminal justice system and address American Indian and Alaska Native communities' concerns regarding missing and murdered people—particularly women and girls. The Center's work supports the efforts of this task force to combat sex and labor trafficking.

## Resources to Respond to Human Trafficking

The Center is available to assist with starting, supporting, or growing your tribe's anti-trafficking work. The Center's assistance can be coordinated with your tribe's MMIW efforts. The Center's no-cost human trafficking support is intended to provide immediate and sustainable benefits to tribes with minimal demands on their time including in areas where tribal resources are limited.

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<sup>1</sup> MMIW Crisis: Hearings before the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples (2019) (Testimony of Charles Addington) [www.doi.gov/ocl/mmiw-crisis](http://www.doi.gov/ocl/mmiw-crisis).

<sup>2</sup> United States Government Accountability Office, 2017, Human Trafficking: Information on Cases in Indian Country or that Involved Native Americans, Washington, DC. Retrieved March 3, 2020, from [www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-624](http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-624).

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