



TRIBAL OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

WORKING WITH AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Overview

The Center has a specific charge to engage federally recognized tribes and programs working with American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). Last year, the Center provided its customized coaching to tribes, assisting them with identifying and executing their goals to aid all victims of human trafficking. The Center continues to proactively reach out to tribes and organizations working with AI/AN.

Services

Services provided by the Center include—

- Identifying training and resources to build staff knowledge of human trafficking;
- Creating human trafficking informational and outreach materials;
- Helping identify potential partner organizations and connecting with federal, state, local and other tribal government agencies;
- Navigating the broad range of human trafficking resources available to them;
- Assisting with establishing policies and procedures on human trafficking;
- Developing a human trafficking screening tool to use across program areas: and
- Assisting with strategic planning to build a tribe's capacity to aid all victims of trafficking.



“Through working with the Center, I felt a welcoming sense of support and an incredibly successful sense of accountability during our engagement. The team helped me engage with stakeholders, provided me with thoughtful and experienced suggestions, and most of all, helped me narrow in on in-depth details I hadn't thought of before [strategic planning].”

- PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



MAGGIE'S HOUSE

Maggie's House is a nonprofit organization operating a transitional living program in Kyle, South Dakota for tribal youth ages 17–21 exiting the foster care system. Previously affiliated with the Pine Ridge Reservation and the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Maggie's House collaborates with tribal, state, federal, and nonprofit agencies to develop strategies to address human trafficking. The Center assisted Maggie's House in developing culturally appropriate materials to educate tribal communities on human trafficking and enhance awareness of available victim services. The Center provided coaching on strategies to acquire sustainable funding to support continued outreach efforts.

PONCA TRIBE

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has 4,185 enrolled members worldwide with 1,654 residing in its service delivery area and offers a range of health, social, educational, and cultural services across 15 counties in Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota. The Center assisted in building an initial collaborative response to human trafficking and developing a strategic plan to establish three regional human trafficking response teams. The Center provided support in identifying, convening, and facilitating community stakeholders meeting, curating informational resources, and helping the Ponca Tribe develop its own educational materials.

Outreach

The Center proactively offers coaching to AI/AN community-serving entities, such as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women initiatives, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, Indian health centers, and epidemiology centers. In addition, the Center values its relationships with national, state, and regional organizations serving AI/AN. By building these relationships, the Center continues to expand its holistic resources for trafficking victims in the AI/AN community.

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.

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