Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence

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Introduction

“Promoting Safety, Justice, & Sovereignty”

Our Mission

The Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence works to advance tribal sovereignty and safety of American Indian/Alaska Native women by providing support to tribal coalitions and tribal communities in their efforts to address equal justice for survivors of violence.
Birth of a National Organization

Our Birth:
ATCEV was born in November 2013 as a non-profit corporation in the state of Washington and received its 501c3 status in February 2014. All the Tribal Coalitions are members of ATCEV, including members serving on the Board of Directors. ATCEV was born out of discussions among Tribal Coalition Executive Directors to deliver a collective, unified voice of the Tribal Coalitions into national discussions.

Our Collective Voice
Over the years, it has become a peer-to-peer networking group by providing a format for sharing information and strategies for addressing issues specific to Tribal Coalitions and the programs/Tribes they serve. ATCEV assists with sharing and responding to funding opportunities as well as training and technical assistance to help build the capacity and sustainability of the Tribal Coalitions.
Influence

As a collective voice, Tribal Coalitions have established local, state, national and international agendas of service, policy, and strategies to eliminate violence against Native women. Their work on policies, including with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) VAWA Task Force, and the United Nations, have become models of collective influence for others.

Advocacy

Tribal coalitions’ advocacy helped to create the NCAI VAWA Task Force in 2003 in partnership with Tribal leadership, NCAI, and other Tribal organizations. The work of the Tribal Coalitions with the Task Force is reflected in NCAI Resolutions that have been the seeds for strengthening federal legislation such as VAWA 2013.

Organizing

The Task Force celebrates 20 years in 2023 of united grassroots organizing with Indian tribes, Tribal coalitions, and other Tribal organizations, including ATCEV, to restore sovereignty and increase the safety of Native women.
Promoting Safety

The Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program builds the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women’s organizations, and victim service providers to form nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence, and sexual assault coalitions to end violence against American Indian/Alaska Native women.

Several of the Tribal Coalitions are grand-mothered in and were established tribal coalitions before there was a tribal coalition set aside and have been working on the grassroots level for over 30 years. As of 2023, there are 19 Tribal Coalitions across Indian Country. Tribal Coalitions predate and have been the model for many of the tribal resource centers. Tribal Coalitions have been offering assistance and resources for many years to tribes and tribal programs.

Celebrating 18 years of OVW's Tribal Coalition's Program
Purpose of the Tribal Coalitions

**Purpose 1 & 2**
- increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against Indian women;
- enhance the response to violence against Indian women at the Tribal, federal, and state levels;

**Purpose 3**
- identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and Tribal communities to enhance access to essential services for Indian women victimized by domestic and sexual violence, including sex trafficking; and

**Purpose 4**
- assist Indian tribes in developing and promoting state, local, and Tribal legislation and policies that enhance best practices for responding to violent crimes against Indian women, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and stalking.
Where we are located...
There are 19 Tribal Coalitions currently operating in Indian Country.

Tribal Coalitions serve the tribal communities in which the services are being provided and each of these coalitions has been specifically created for their own region.

Above all, these tribal coalitions strive to offer the best services possible to support the tribal programs and individuals that provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. They know that the most difficult and valued work in the field of domestic and sexual violence advocacy is done at the ground level. When tribal programs succeed, victims are being served and tribal communities are being supported in speaking out against and responding to violence against women.
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The Murdered/Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) has recently been a topic that has garnered national attention. ATCEV and the Tribal Coalitions have been working at the national level and in our Tribal communities to bring awareness of the MMIW for many years since 2016.

We have helped spur this attention, including in partnership with other Indigenous organizations since 2021 for the National Week of MMIW Action. Tribal Coalitions have been organizing Tribal summits, community events, rallies, marches, 5k runs, and various functions to promote cooperation with law enforcement for quick action when one of our loved ones goes missing.

Tribes have spoken out about MMIW at tribal government-to-government consultations. Many of our Tribal Coalition Executive Directors, staff, and Tribal program directors have been designated to speak at consultation on the issue of domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, stalking, and MMIW. They are subject matter experts and, through their testimony, have shifted the focus from discussion to action.
Through the grassroots efforts, Tribal coalitions and the Tribal communities they work with have received the attention from the Senate and White House to make proclamations on recognizing May as the month to bring awareness to MMIW and the 5th of May as the national day of awareness and action.

While these are steps in the right direction, many obstacles still exist. The Tribal Coalitions and ATCEV continue to work the grassroots efforts to make necessary changes, especially to ensure adequate resources for advocacy and services for Indigenous women.
May 5th
Day of Awareness

MURDERED & MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN & RELATIVES AWARENESS MONTH

Why we wear Red:
To remember and honor our Murdered Missing Indigenous Women and Relatives. #MMIWR #MMIWG2S #MMIWG #iwearredformysisters #SayHerName #NotOneMore #MMIW #mmiAwareness2021 #MMIWGActionNow

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The Indigenous Ancestral Healing Collective proudly announces the launch of our Indigenous Anthology—A Healing Journey booklet.

The Indigenous Ancestral Healing Collective (IAHC), an international group of individuals. We consist of Indigenous tribal citizens from the lower 48—(Turtle Island/USA), Kānaka Maoli (Hawai‘i), Māori Aotearoa (New Zealand) and Aboriginal (Australia) representing subject matter experts, professionals, academia, radio broadcaster, artists, and social workers.

Lesson learned by our Collective, has focused on healing, culture, wellness, mental health, spirituality, and food sovereignty. Discussions on the impacts of colonization on our cultures, how we endeavor to overcome trauma and thrive for ourselves, our communities, and our homelands have shown how we differ but more importantly how we are the same.

Through our discussions, we developed our Indigenous Anthology—A Healing Journey booklet on wellness, to be shared and is free for anyone to use.

To receive a free copy, just scan the QR code to access the booklet.
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Thank You
About Us

**Germaine Omish Lucero - Special Projects Director** for the Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence (ATCEV), has been advocating the needs of Native victims for over 25 years aimed at preventing domestic & sexual violence in tribal communities. She is a tribal citizen of the Rincon, Band of Luiseño Indians in San Diego County, Ca. She graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration. She is a founding mother & former Executive Director of the Strong Hearted Native Women's Coalition, Inc. (SHNWC) founded in 2005 (CA), which is one of the 19 Tribal Coalitions that assist tribes to create appropriate tribal resolutions with assistance in identifying and mediating essential changes to reduce crimes covered under the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA). Germaine now sits as a board member representing her reservation for SHNWC. Germaine servers on several boards and is a National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Task Force member. Germaine is a contractor/consultant, international speaker, tribal delegate, and works with agencies on special projects and presentations as a subject matter expert. She is the founding Mother of Kicha House, the first Native women's shelter in Southern California.

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**Dawn Stover - Executive Director** A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Dawn Stover has used her passion and dedication to become a leading voice in Indian Country to address domestic and sexual violence in Tribal communities. Her largest demonstration of this has been her work with the Tribal coalitions. Dawn was a founding board member and then director of Oklahoma's Tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalition, and presently serves as the executive director of the Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence, a Native American organized and led nonprofit that works to advance Tribal sovereignty and the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women by providing support to Tribal coalitions and communities to address equal justice for survivors of violence. Dawn currently serves on the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. Dawn leads the ATCEV's technical assistance team providing training and technical assistance for the Office on Violence Against Women, the Family Violence Prevention Services & Prevention Office, and the Victims of Crime (VOCA). Dawn is the recipient of the Cherokee Nation ONE FIRE Advocate of the Year Award (2019), Women's Resource Center Partnership Award (2018), the Cleveland County Oklahoma's Woman of Influence Award (2018), the Bonnie HeavyRunner Victim Advocacy Award (2014), the Community Oriented Policing Services Award (2009), and a graduate of the Advocacy Learning Center (2014).

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