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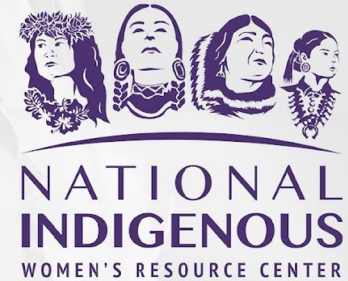
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Virtual Conversations with the Field: *Revisiting Battered Women: Issues of Public Policy*

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Welcome!

What you can expect from our time together today:

- ▶ **Traditional welcome and Introductions**
- ▶ **Overview of the specific topic**
- ▶ **Conversation**
- ▶ **Summary of Conversation**
- ▶ **Closing**

Resources



<https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/battered-women-issues-public-policy>

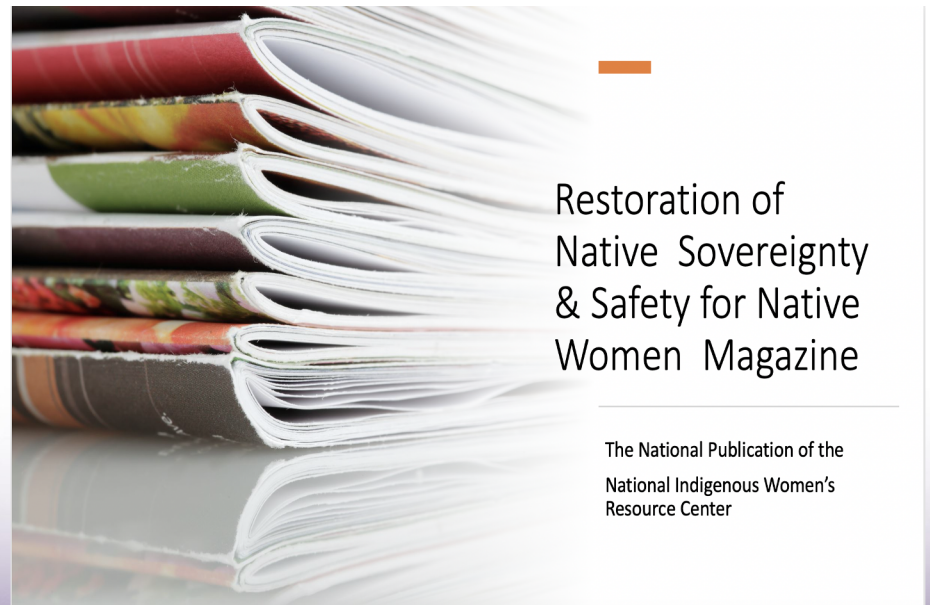
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**Battered Women:
Issues of Public Policy**



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Restoration of
Native Sovereignty
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The National Publication of the
National Indigenous Women's
Resource Center



Overview

1

What we know/understand about this topic:



Concerns expressed in 1978 are same concerns today, including:

NEED TO CHANGE CULTURE OF VIOLENCE:

Victim blaming is immediate and at times only response

Police/justice response not helpful, and in some instances may cause additional harm (e.g., racist, misogynistic responses)

Little to no accountability for men who disrespect and choose to abuse women/girls - culturally acceptable

Limited leadership of and peer support by men

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What we know/understand about this topic:



Concerns expressed in 1978 are same concerns today, including:

RESOURCE DISPARITIES:

Economic security challenges for women, incl. welfare fails to meaningfully help women and their children

Women forced to flee/hide because their homes are not safe and they can't afford their own safe homes

Women don't have the support they need for their children (dependable/affordable child care and other help)

Competent, affordable legal advice/representation

Limited access to alcohol/substance abuse treatment

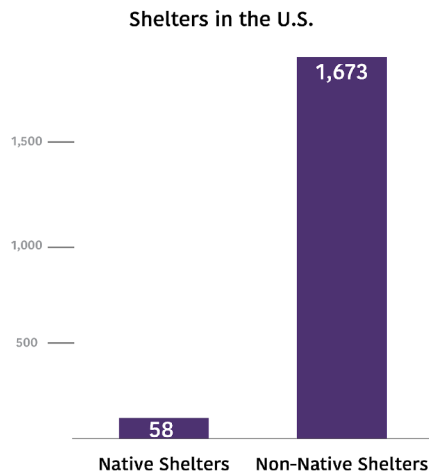
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What we know/understand about this topic:



“Services are very thin on the ground in Indian Country.”
- VC W. Schlater, March 2021 House Hearing

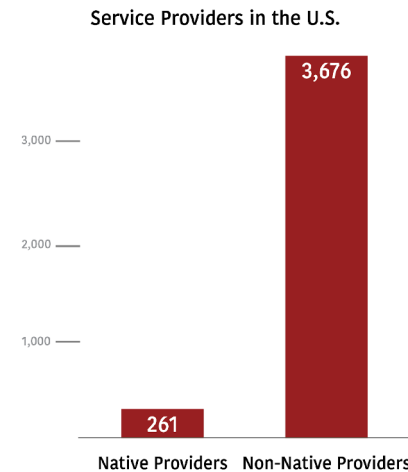
There are only 58 Native domestic violence shelters nationwide for 574 federally recognized Indian tribes.



Reauthorize #FVPSA. Increase Tribal Set-Aside.

Source: Resource Disparity Summary, StrongHearts Native Helpline.

More than 1 in 3 Native female victims of violence face unmet service needs.



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Sources: Resource Disparity Summary, StrongHearts Native Helpline, Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men, National Institute of Justice.



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What we know/understand
about this topic:



Changes in federal/international laws

1984 – FVPSA and VOCA

1994 – VAWA

2000 – TVPA

2007 – TLOA

2010 - UNDRIP

2020 – Savanna's & Not Invisible Acts



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Conversation



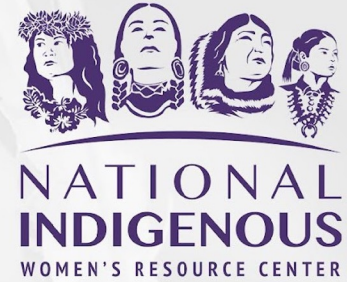
Discussion questions

- ▶ What can be done to further change the culture of violence and prevent ongoing domestic violence?
- ▶ How can we help her whether she decides to stay or leave?
- ▶ What do women need as victims of domestic violence, including preventing victimization?
- ▶ What other laws do women need?



Summary and Key Takeaways

Please note: NIWRC will provide on-going summaries of
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Thank you for your participation!

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