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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.niwrc.org/restoration-magazine
Overview
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
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
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.

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

Shelters in the U.S.

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Reauthorize #FVPSA. Increase Tribal Set-Aside.
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
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 “Conversations with the Field”
Thank you for your participation!

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