**LATEST UPDATES**

- **Focus groups are completed.** The focus groups were designed to increase stakeholder input on the mapping tool, making sure to include the perspectives of urban Indians and Alaska Natives. The focus groups were held in: Fairbanks, Alaska (August 11th); Los Angeles, CA (August 30th); St. Paul, MN (September 1st); Phoenix, AZ (October 10th); and Catoosa, OK (November 9th).
  - Each focus group began with a project overview and a quick Q&A about the project. Then, participants were several questions to gather insight on existing services and the unique need of AI/AN survivors of crime and abuse living in that particular area. The project team used a standardized set of questions for each location, but the discussion was driven by participants and covered a wide range of regional issues which resulted in extra questions unique to each focus group.
  - Unique regional concerns:
    - Alaska → Accessibility issues (travel and technology)
    - California → Inclusion of smaller departments in non-Native services
    - Minnesota → 2-Spirit and spiritual services
    - Arizona → Emphasis on need for male-specific/inclusive services
    - Oklahoma → Safety concerns related to public access to service information.
  - Overall, each region had more overlap than divergence.

- **Stakeholder meeting at the Indian Nations Conference was a success.** During the 15th National Indian Nations Conference, the project team held a large stakeholder meeting with 43 participants. This meeting included an overview of the project, and important updates from the first year, which included the findings from five (5) focus groups. In small groups, attendees rotated to 6 stations during the meeting, where they spent time offering input on the mapping tool. Each station was designed to address remaining issues and concerns from the Outreach phase, focus groups, and stakeholder meetings.
Following the meeting, participants gathered more information relevant to this project during their remaining time at the Indian Nations Conference. The information gathered at this meeting will be used to develop the tool in year two of the project grant. However, the project team is still accepting input on an ongoing basis and this input will inform the project and final tool.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- **Please reach out to your network to gather information on existing services** or create a list of the organizations you work closely with to include in this mapping tool (send to project email, tribalresourcemapping@ncvc.org).
- Let us know about other similar efforts this project should coordinate with
- Share the project website with your network: [www.VictimsofCrime.org/Tribal_Mapping](http://www.VictimsofCrime.org/Tribal_Mapping)
- **Meet with the project team!** If you would like the opportunity to meet with a team member about the project, please click on their name below. Send us your name/role/agency and request a meeting.

**National Center for Victims of Crime**
- Susan Howley
- Samantha Wauls

**Tribal Law and Policy Institute**
- Jerry Gardner
- Kori Cordero

**National Congress for American Indians**
- Concetta Tsosie