

AMERICAN INDIAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM
Component: 40.20.161

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Historical Trauma is common in Native American communities due to the past events in California and the Nation. As a result, under-reporting and/or non-reporting of violence towards Native women in Indian Country can be a direct result of mistrust toward law enforcement and public service providers. According to United States Department of Justice Statistics, Native women are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault crimes compared to all other races, and one in three Indian women reports having been raped during her lifetime.

As a mandatory Public Law (PL) 280 State, California is required to ensure that public safety and criminal justice system services are provided on all Native American lands held in trust for the tribes by the United States. In California, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)-funded programs are administered through the auspices of Cal OES and implemented to provide culturally appropriate services to victims of crime to include Native American communities.

The American Indian Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DS) Program is made available through the VAWA Services* Training* Officers*Prosecutors (S*T*O*P) Formula Grant Program, which was authorized through Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Enforcement Act of 1994.

There are six tribal projects funded through the DS Program. Each project received \$125,359 to provide five mandated services (they also had the option to provide additional services to meet specific community needs). The mandatory services included trainings to agencies and other regional service providers on issues related to Native American women as victims of domestic violence (DV), sexual assault (SA), and dating violence; outreach to the local tribal service area; accompaniment and/or advocacy services; and emergency food, clothing, and shelter for Native American women victims of DV and/or SA and their children.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2014/15	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY12	\$ 135,897
	VAWA FFY14	\$ 752,154
FY 2015/16	VAWA FFY15	\$ 752,154
FY 2016/17	Unknown	

2014/15 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

- 38 Trainings, with an emphasis on cultural competency, were presented to agencies and other regional service providers with 476 attendees.
- 33 Outreach programs regarding DV and SA, as well as available services, were offered to local community and appropriate agencies reaching 2,250.
- 224 Native American women who were victims of DV and/or SA received accompaniment and advocacy services.
- 132 Native American women who were victims of DV and/or SA received emergency food and/or clothing.
- 80 Native American DV victims and their children received emergency shelter services.
- 19 Native American women participated in a beading group that addressed the issues of DV and/or SA.

2015/16 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2016/17 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Applicable