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**Dear NACA Member**

**DECEMBER 10th, 2008 Reconnecting the Circle: Toward Ending Child Sexual Abuse in Indian Country - Palm Springs, CA.**

**Free Training December 10, 2008, Palm Springs, CA. - Reconnecting the Circle: Toward Ending Child Sexual Abuse in Indian Country.**

This one day training will provide opportunities for tribal child advocates to learn how to strengthen or develop coordinated response systems to address child sexual abuse in their communities. We will share the "Pathway to Hope: Healing Child Sexual Abuse" video where Native men and women survivors talk about the impact of childhood sexual abuse and community strategies to address child sexual abuse. This session will also address the foundation of a successful Tribal child advocacy center and how to develop a strong child victim-centered team. From the experience of the speakers, participants will learn the basics of developing MDTs and how a Tribal Child Advocacy Center serves child sexual abuse victims. The overview will include discussion of key factors that create a success team-committed team members, defining roles, understanding scope of activities and resources that are available to participants to continue their work in MDT development in their communities. This training is held prior to the National Indian Nations Conference. See more about the conference in this newsletter.

Training Goals:

- \*Learn how to establish a multi-disciplinary team for Indian Child Advocacy Centers
- \*Building Community Awareness and Education to prevent child sexual abuse
- \*Learn how to access national, regional and local resources for program support

Presenters: Diane Payne, Children's Justice Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute; Corrine Sanchez, Program Director of Brave Voices; and Lisa Thompson, NACA and Director of Wiconi Wawokiya.

*Who Should Attend:*

ICWA workers  
Social Services/mental health staff  
Law Enforcement  
Tribal Leaders  
Prosecutors/judges

Medical professionals  
Multi-disciplinary teams  
Community leaders who want to reduce child abuse in their communities

REGISTRATION DUE BY: December 5, 2008. Registration Form available on NACA website ([www.nativechildalliance.org](http://www.nativechildalliance.org))

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NACA Co-Sponsors 11th National Indian Nations Conference in December

Tribal Law and Policy Institute's conference theme this year is, "Strengthening the Heartbeat of All our Relations." It will be held December 11-13, 2008 on the Agua Caliente Reservation in Palm Springs, CA. Pre-conference institutes will be held on December 10th. NACA is happy to announce it will be one of the co-sponsors of this event. For more information and registration go to conference website at:

[www.ovcinc.org](http://www.ovcinc.org).

### **White House Faith-Based Roundtable**

NACA was honored to be invited to the Compassion In Action Roundtable on "American Indian/Alaska Native Youth Development" held on November 13th. This event highlighted the achievements of two outstanding Native American youth, showcased successful Native youth programming and featured motivational storyteller and author, DJ Vanas who addressed Strengthening Communities and Grassroots Indian Organizations. Opportunities for federal and Native American partnerships were emphasized and how innovative and cultural appropriate programming can encourage hope and inspiration for our most vulnerable population. NACA will share more information on effective youth development efforts in the coming months.

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Allstate Foundation**

The Allstate Foundation provides support to national programs as well as local programs in company communities throughout the United States. Proposals must address needs within one of the following three focus areas: Tolerance, Inclusion, and Diversity, including teaching tolerance and ending discrimination and hate crimes; Safe and Vital Communities, including youth anti-violence, neighborhood revitalization, and teen driving safety; and Economic Empowerment, including financial education and empowerment for domestic violence victims. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Visit the website listed above to review the funding guidelines and access local contact information.

[www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx](http://www.allstate.com/foundation/main.aspx)

### **Regal Foundation**

The Regal Foundation supports a wide range of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Grants are provided to both local charities based in the communities the company theatres serve and to national projects that have a multiplier effect by benefiting local groups across the country. The Foundation is primarily interested in supporting organizations that benefit persons suffering economic, social, physical, or educational hardship or disadvantage, or who are otherwise in need of assistance. Examples of funded programs include food banks, children and youth services, and K-12 education. Requests may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed three times per year. Visit the company's website listed above for application guidelines and forms.

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