

NACA Participates in US Department of Justice's National Symposium on Child Protection In Indian Country.

We were honored to provide the Opening Plenary for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) first National Symposium on Child Protection In Indian Country that was held March 9-11, 2010 at the Santa Ana Pueblo in New Mexico. This event brought together over 60 tribes to discuss the effects of domestic violence on children, how to create effective child protection teams and multi-disciplinary approaches to child abuse and neglect. NACA asked the participants to make a personal pledge to stop child sexual abuse in their communities. We also challenged the 300 attendees to become proactive in reducing the incidents of child sexual abuse throughout Indian Country by 250,000 over the next 24-months. NACA's mission is to end child abuse in Indian Country.

The keynote speaker, Larry Echo Hawk, the U.S. Interior Department's assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, said, "We will not arrest ourselves out of this problem." We need to create healthy families that will raise children that will not be diverted into avenues of crime."

Are You Interested in Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) Training?

NACA invites you to contact us if your community wants to establish an MDT to support victims of child physical/sexual abuse. We anticipate hosting MDT training and selecting communities for on-site, customized trainings for 3-4 tribal communities. Please contact, Linda Logan, Executive Director if you want to receive more information about these free training opportunities. Email: Linda@nativechildalliance.org.

Register for NICWA's 28th Annual Conference

NICWA's 28th Annual Protecting Our Children's conference theme this year is "From Opportunity to Reality: Honoring Our Dream." It will be held from April 11-14th in Portland OR. NACA will host a screening of *Lost Sparrow* with documentary film maker Chris Billing at this conference. To register for this conference go to: www.nicwa.org.

Resources

National Child Traumatic Stress Network

NCTSN has released several resources for addressing physical abuse, including:

- Child Physical Abuse Fact Sheet
- Physical Punishment: What Parents Should Know fact sheet
- Raising Well-Behaved Kids: What Parents Should Know tips sheet.
- FAQ about Child Physical Abuse

- Physical Abuse Reading List
- Interventions for Children Who Have Been Have Been Physically Abused fact sheet on empirically supported interventions.

These materials may be found on the Physical Abuse page of www.NCTSN.org. These may be downloaded, copied, and distributed.

Grant writing assistance available For Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation NACA will provide grant writing assistance for any tribe that wants to include Multidisciplinary Team and/or Child Advocacy Center program development in the US Department of Justice CTAS Application that is due on May 13, 2010. PLEASE CALL US IMMEDIATELY AND ASK FOR LINDA LOGAN FOR MORE INFORMATION. 216-373-6862

FYI

Senate Indian Affairs Committee (Chairman Dorgan, D-N.D.) will hold a hearing titled *"The Preventable Epidemic: Youth Suicides and the Urgent Need for Mental Health Care Resources in Indian Country."*

Contact: Allison Binney - Democratic Staff Director and Chief Counsel at 202-224-2251

Date: Thursday, March 25, 2:15 p.m.

Place: 628 Dirksen Bldg., Washington DC

Funding

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is now accepting applications under the "Victim Assistance Professional Development Fellowship Program." This announcement includes a Tribal Fellowship

This is an opportunity for individuals to gain valuable experience working on victim assistance issues at the federal level while supporting OVC in accomplishing its mission. This competitive program will award up to \$135,000 each for up to six fellowships to support outreach activities in six categories: victim assistance and compensation; tribal communities; underserved crime victims; evidence-based training and technical assistance; federal and military victim assistance; and financial fraud and non-violent crime.

Applications must be submitted by April 27, 2010, through OJP's online Grants Management System at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants are encouraged to begin the application process well in advance of the deadline.

Individuals, not organizations, are invited to apply for this program. For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact Meg Morrow, Attorney-Advisor, at 202-305-2

Several funding announcements have been released through the Department of Justice, please visit their website at: www.tribaljusticeandsafety.gov.

Grant for Videoconference Equipment

The USDA released a grant announcement for videoconference equipment for either rural areas or areas that would provide services to rural areas that includes telemedicine. This is a matching grant that requires a 15% match. For more information go to: The DLT Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>