



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**Notice of Task Force on Research on Violence Against American
Indian and Alaska Native Women Meeting**

AGENCY: Office on Violence Against Women, United States
Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S.
Department of Justice has scheduled a meeting of the Task Force
on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska
Native Women (hereinafter "the Task Force").

DATES: The meeting will take place on September 30, 2025, from
1:00pm to 4:00pm (Eastern Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be convened virtually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Visit the OVW website at
<https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force> or contact
Rebekah Jones, Acting Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division,
Office on Violence Against Women, United States Department of
Justice, at 202-532-3287 or ovw.tribalaffairs@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is required
under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005),
as amended, required the Attorney General to establish a task
force to assist the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in

developing and implementing a program of research on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women, to include studies on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, murder, and sex trafficking experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native women living in Indian country and Alaska. NIJ's program of research has supported studies on these crimes against American Indian and Alaska Native women and responses to these serious crimes. The Attorney General, acting through the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, established the Task Force on March 31, 2008, and the charter has been renewed every two years since then.

More information on the Task Force may be found at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force> and about the NIJ program of research at: <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/tribal-crime-and-justice>.

This meeting will include an introduction of new Task Force members, an update on NIJ's research program, and facilitated Task Force discussion and recommendations addressing violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women. The meeting will take place on September 30, 2025, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Time will be reserved for public comment from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. See the section below for information on reserving time for public comment.

Access: The meeting will be available online via a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to participate must register in advance of the meeting online, no

later than September 25, 2025. Details about registration can be found on the OVW website: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/section-904-task-force>. Should issues arise with online or email registration, the public should contact Rebekah Jones, Acting Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202-532-3287 or ovw.tribalaffairs@usdoj.gov.

Written Comments: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments by September 25, 2025, to Rebekah Jones, Acting Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202-532-3287 or ovw.tribalaffairs@usdoj.gov.

Public Comment: Persons interested in participating during the public comment period of the meeting are requested to reserve time on the agenda by contacting Rebekah Jones, Acting Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202-532-3287 or ovw.tribalaffairs@usdoj.gov. Requests must include the participant's name, the organization represented, if appropriate, and a brief description of the subject of the comments. Each participant will be permitted approximately 3 to 5 minutes to present comments, depending on the number of individuals reserving time on the agenda. Participants are also encouraged to submit written copies of their comments at the meeting. Comments that are submitted to Rebekah Jones, Acting Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs Division, Office on Violence Against Women, at 202-532-3287

or ovw.tribalaffairs@usdoj.gov on or before September 25, 2025, will be circulated to Task Force members prior to the meeting. Given the expected number of individuals interested in presenting comments at the meeting, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

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