

- Children's Advocacy Centers provide a child-focused, multidisciplinary response to child abuse, especially child sexual abuse. Native American children are at increased risk for victimization, but very few CACs exist on tribal lands. While some tribal communities may be served by CACs off the reservation, the average driving distance to a CAC from tribal lands is 62 miles. For over 100 tribal communities, the driving distance is between 100 and 300 miles.
- Services for the survivors of homicide victims are rarely funded but sorely needed, for surviving spouses, children, and other affected family members and partners. Needed services include criminal justice advocacy, assistance in applying for victim compensation, funding to travel to trials that are out of state, legal assistance, financial counseling if the murdered victim was the breadwinner, mental health counseling or other therapy, and similar services.

- Legal assistance for victims

Victims' rights clinics. Victims' rights clinics represent the rights and interests of victims in the criminal case. They ensure that rights will be honored in practice, not just in statute. To date, only a few clinics have been created, though the need has been recognized.

- Civil and family law assistance for victims. Legal services are second only to medical services as the most-requested need of victims. Legal services can help victims with practical matters, including seeking protective orders, custody and child support issues, breaking a lease to regain safety, and so forth. Very few tribes currently operate legal services programs. There are currently 25 Indian legal services programs affiliated with the Legal Services Corporation. These programs have been very successful and report a high demand for services.
- Victim services in tribal prosecutor offices. Every prosecutor's office should have at least one victim assistant, who can link victims to community services, assist them in filing an application for victim compensation, provide notice of events and proceedings, assist victims in exercising their rights to make an impact statement or request restitution, and provide additional support.

Reach out to UTFAV for any support or assistance in applying for these funds!

Upcoming Events

UTFAV Tribal Youth Summit – July 29-31

OVC Tribal Consultation – August 20

Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation – August 21-22

UTFAV Tribal Leadership Summit – October 1-2

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