

**“EVEN IN THOUGHT,
WOMEN ARE TO BE RESPECTED.”**

-Tillie Black Bear, Sicangu Lakota

Native women are disproportionately affected by violence in the United States and across the world.

For American Indian and Alaska Native women, 4 in 5 (84.3%) have experienced violence in their lifetime. This includes:

- » 56.1% have experienced sexual violence.
- » 55.5% have endured physical intimate partner violence.
- » 48.8% have experienced stalking.
- » 96% of Native female victims of sexual violence experience violence at the hands of a non-Native perpetrator.
- » 21% have experienced inter-racial violence.

The murder rate of Native women is more than 10 times the national average on some reservations.

When Native women are respected as sacred, and their safety is a priority, the safety of Native families and all tribal citizens is positively impacted. Because women are the backbone of Indian nations, by ending violence against Native women, we will be able to address ending violence against all people in our community.

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**NATIONAL
INDIGENOUS**
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) is a Native-led nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children.

NIWRC provides national leadership in ending gender-based violence in tribal communities by lifting up the collective voices of grassroots advocates and offering culturally grounded resources, technical assistance and training, and policy development to strengthen tribal sovereignty.

WHO WE ARE

Our staff and board of directors consist of Native women from throughout the United States with extensive experience and commitment to ending violence against Native women and their children. Our primary goals are to support the sovereignty of Tribes and the development of tribal programs and advocates as they build capacity in serving and advocating for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian victim-survivors of violence in their communities. Through our work, NIWRC offers:

- » Policy development and public awareness campaigns to promote social change.
- » Culturally specific technical assistance and training for those working in the domestic violence field.
- » Specialized webinars and events on emerging issues impacting safety for Native women, including our bi-annual Women are Sacred Conference.
- » Culturally grounded resources and information, including fact sheets, brochures, booklets, curriculums, and more.
- » Referrals to knowledgeable individuals and organizations focused on gender-based violence in Native communities.

RESOURCES

Resource Library

Online clearinghouse of culturally appropriate resources to support tribes, tribal programs and grassroots advocates working on issues of violence against Native women. Resources include webinars, special collections, booklets, fact sheets, research papers, videos, toolkits, reports, training curriculum, among many other supporting documents. niwrc.org/resources



Advocate! Beyond the Shelter Doors

Monthly online newsletter to inform tribal leaders, grassroots advocates, communities, and allies of culturally grounded resources and policy updates in the work to end violence against Native women. mailer.niwrc.org



Restoration of Native Sovereignty and Safety for Native Women Tri-annual publication dedicated to informing tribal leadership and communities of emerging issues impacting the safety of American Indian and Alaska Native women. niwrc.org/restoration-magazine

PROJECTS

VAWA Sovereignty Initiative

A collaborative initiative with Pipestem & Nagle, P. C. focused on defending the constitutionality and functionality of all tribal provisions in the Violence Against Women Act, as well as the inherent authority of Indian Nations to protect Native women.

niwrc.org/vawa-sovereignty-initiative



NativeLove

Youth-focused project focused on ending domestic violence in the Native community by encouraging and empowering Native youth in reclaiming what healthy relationships mean for them. NativeLove encourages Native youth to think about what healthy love really is, so we can create change in our thinking and restore safety to our communities by restoring Indigenous values of love, respect, honor, kindness, family and compassion. nativelove.niwrc.org