

## **Tribal Outreach and Engagement Strategies**

- Contact Tribes, tribal social service agencies, and tribal courts that may be in your county  
Let them know what services your self-help center provides  
Ask them what you can do for them  
Resources: See maps for Tribes in your area and Statewide Directory of Native Services:  
<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/programs/description/tribalservices/>
- With tribal input, develop or adapt brochures  
Resources: tribal resources in your area, other tribal brochures, and DV brochure templates: <http://www.red-wind.net/>
- Partner with tribal communities to hold informational presentations or clinic hours on tribal lands  
Resources: Alpine Superior Court, Butte Superior Court, Imperial Superior Court, Inyo Superior Court
- Hire Native attorney or community liaison to provide outreach
- Collaborate with the tribal court, if there is one in your area, and share resources  
Resource: California Tribal Court / State Court Forum, local tribal courts  
<http://www.courts.ca.gov/3065.htm>
- Establish or participate in a local tribal/state court or local agency collaboratives; invite tribal representatives to join existing collaboratives  
Resources: Imperial Superior Court, Inyo Superior Court, Lake County Roundtable, Los Angeles County Community Coalition, and Riverside County Tribal Alliance for Indian Children and Families
- Establish protocols, such as:
  - ❖ reciprocal enforcement of tribal court and state court protective orders
  - ❖ formalization of service protocols, including those for referrals and services
  - ❖ development of safety protocols for Native victims of domestic violenceResources: Inter Tribal Council of California: <http://www.itccinc.org/familyviolence.asp>  
Mending the Sacred Hoop's manual, Addressing Domestic Violence in Indian Country, <http://www.msh-ta.org/Resources/Addressing%20Violence%20in%20Indian%20Country.pdf>

### **Advocacy Tips**

- Be mindful of the traditions and cultural norms of tribes in your area.
- Know that Native persons may be reluctant to claim Native heritage.
- Know that “[t]o a sexual predator, the failure to prosecute sex crimes against American Indian women is an invitation to prey with impunity.” Dr. David Lisak, Clinical Psychologist & Sex Offender Expert
- Hold the perpetrator accountable, even if he or she is a highly respected member of the community
- Understand Full Faith and Credit— be familiar with the full faith and credit provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (18 U.S.C. §§ 2265, 2266)

### **Finding Solutions/Resources/Discussion**

- Tap into the extraordinary resources of Native people and their communities
- Tap into other self-help centers working with the Tribes and tribal communities
- Tap into the California Tribal Court / State Court Forum
- Tap into the workshop faculty's wealth of knowledge and expertise:

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