

10th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime

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Palm Springs, California

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The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) invite you to participate in the 10th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime which will be held December 7-9, 2006 on the Agua Caliente Reservation in Palm Springs, California. Plenary sessions and more than 60 conference workshop presentations will demonstrate methods and strategies for improving safety, as well as promoting justice and healing for crime victims through cooperation and collaboration between Tribal, Federal, State, and private agencies in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This conference is being coordinated by TLPI under grant #2005-VR-GX-k001 from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.


Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

(www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc)


 The U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) was established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) to serve as the federal government's chief advocate for America's crime victims.

Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI)

(www.tribal-institute.org)

 The Tribal Law & Policy Institute is an Indian owned and operated, non-profit corporation organized to design and deliver education, research, training and technical assistance programs which promote the improvement of justice in Indian Country and the health, well-being and culture of Native peoples.

Questions?

 If you have any questions, contact the Tribal Law and Policy Institute at our California office:

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Conference Website:

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Who Should Attend?

 Anyone interested in weaving a network of safety, justice, and healing for victims of crime in Indian Country including:

Tribal Service Providers including

- Child Advocates
- Child Protection Case Workers
- Social Services
- Elder Services
- Victim Advocates
- Medical Personnel
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors & Judges
- Probation/Corrections
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Traditional Healers

Community Members including

- Tribal Leaders
- Victims/Survivors of Crime
- Tribal Elders & Youth
- Tribal College Faculty & Students

Federal and State Service Providers in Indian Country



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CONFERENCE GOALS

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- Putting Victims/Survivors First
 - Weaving Traditional Ways and Values into our Response to Victimization
 - Weaving the Wisdom of the Past into Hope for All Generations
 - Promoting Safety, Justice, and Healing for Victims/Survivors
 - Promoting Respect, Cooperation, and Relationship Building
 - Building and Strengthening Skills
 - Sharing Sustainable Strategies
 - Honoring Victims/Survivors and Helpers

REGISTRATION

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- **Registration fee - \$150.00**
 - **Early Bird rate - \$100.00**

Registration and payment for Early Bird rate must be received online or postmarked by **October 2, 2006**.

The registration fee covers all scheduled events, including the banquet, luncheon, and conference resource material in CD format.

To register, complete the online form at:

www.tribal-institute.org/ovc

If you are *unable* to complete the online registration, complete the enclosed registration form. The registration form can also be downloaded from the conference website.


Registration Closes **November 13, 2006**.

Cancellations must be in writing and received by **November 13, 2006**. Cancellations will be refunded less a \$25.00 administrative charge. No refunds will be made after **November 13, 2006**.

Registration fees are transferable at no charge with the receipt of a substitute registration form. Transfer requests must be received by **November 27, 2006**.

All payments must be submitted at the time of registration. Registration forms without payment will not be processed until payment has been made. Please do not send cash. Credit card payments can only be accepted with online registration. Make checks payable to the Tribal Law & Policy Institute.

SCHOLARSHIPS



A limited number of scholarships are available to service providers and victims of crime who require financial assistance. To submit a scholarship application, complete the online application at:

www.tribal-institute.org/ovc

If you are *unable* to submit the online application, complete the enclosed scholarship form and return with application materials to the Tribal Law and Policy Institute. The scholarship application deadline is **September 15, 2006**. Scholarships are not guaranteed. Recipients will be notified by **October 6, 2006**. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

Statement of Need

Please submit with your application a separate Statement of Need (3500 characters max or one (1) single sided, letter size page). Your statement should explain:

- Why you need this scholarship
- Your experience working with, or interest in working with victims of crime in Indian Country
- How you will utilize the information from the conference in your own community or career

Priority given to:


- Victims of Crime
- Tribal Child Protection Teams
- Tribal Child Protection Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- Service Providers
- Tribal Law Enforcement
- Tribal Court Personnel
- Tribal Youth
- Tribal Elders

Please indicate in your Statement of Need which, if any, of these categories are applicable.

OVC Grantee Funding


If your Tribe is a current OVC Grantee, explain on a separate page why your OVC grant cannot fund your travel expenses.

CONTINUING EDUCATION



Detailed information concerning continuing education credits can be found on the reverse side of both the registration and scholarship application forms.

LOCATION

 The 10th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime will be held on the Agua Caliente reservation in Palm Springs California. The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has occupied the area for over a thousand years. The Agua Caliente Band is one of 10 Tribes in the greater Palm Springs area. There are 33 Tribes in the region. The center of Palm Springs is the "Se-Khi" (Boiling Water), hot mineral springs from which Palm Springs derives its name. The desert climate is warm and dry with average December daytime highs in the seventies and average nighttime lows in the mid-forties.

The conference will be held at the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel with additional sleeping rooms available at the Agua Caliente Tribe's Spa Hotel. Both hotels as well as the Agua Caliente Tribal Headquarters, are within a five minute drive from the Palm Springs International Airport and offer complimentary airport transportation.

Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel

Wyndham Palm Springs
888 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, California 92262

Rate: \$89.00 per night plus a \$5.00 resort fee
Reservations: 800.996.3426 or 760.322.6000
Reservation Deadline: November 13, 2006

The Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel is a full service conference hotel in downtown Palm Springs.


Agua Caliente Spa Hotel

Agua Caliente Spa Hotel
100 North Indian Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, California 92262


Rate: \$99.00 per night
Reservations: 800.615.7805 or 760.325.1461
Reservation Deadline: November 13, 2006

Facilities at the Agua Caliente Spa Hotel include a full body spa, sauna, and a complete health club.

VENDORS/EXHIBITORS

 Individuals and organizations are cordially invited to apply for product/materials/service exhibit space. To request an application contact TLPI at 323.650.5467 or conference@tribal-institute.org. Be prompt in requesting applications as not all requests can be accommodated. Applications will be considered on a first come basis. Vendor information can also be found at www.tribal-institute.org/ovc

PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

 Full day Pre-Conference Institutes will be held on Wednesday December 6, 2006. These Pre-Conference Institutes are designed to allow more in-depth examination of critical issues. While these Pre-Conference Institutes are free of charge, you must pre-register and there are enrollment limitations.

The initial listing of Pre-Conference Institutes includes:

- Healing Through Art
- Grant Writing and Sustainability
- Meth in Indian Country
- Investigating Child Sexual Abuse (multidisciplinary)
- Victimization Skills for Law Enforcement
- Team Building: Advocates & Law Enforcement
- Introduction to Victim Advocacy
- Medical Forensics in Sexual Assault cases
- VAWA III: Domestic Violence Prosecution(AM)
- Indian Country Sex Offender Registry Law(PM)

For more specific information about these and other Pre-Conference Institutes, please refer to the conference website:

www.tribal-institute.org/ovc

If you are unable to view the conference website, contact the Tribal Law and Policy Institute.

SCHEDULE



Wednesday December 6, 2006

Pre-Conference Institutes 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday December 7, 2006

Plenary Opening Session 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Workshops A & B 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Conference Banquet 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Friday December 8, 2006

Workshops C & D 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Conference Luncheon 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Workshops E & F 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturday December 9, 2006

Plenary Closing Session 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM