

Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation in Indian Country

To date the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) has delivered training to over 4,348 law enforcement, social services, prosecutors and government leaders through our onsite and online Child Sex Trafficking (CST) courses. Of those 702 participants were tribal law enforcement and child protection officials. In addition to the delivery of these general CST courses in both tribal and non-tribal communities, AATTAP has also conducted training, technical assistance and research specific to the dynamics of child sex trafficking, exploitation and other problems affecting high-risk youth in Indian Country.

Goals for Tribal Training and Technical Assistance

These are the primary goals in bringing CST training and technical assistance resources to Indian Country.

1. Create and expand awareness in tribal communities on the scope and understanding of the problem (challenges, issues to special populations, etc.) of human trafficking and child exploitation.
2. Increase capacity and willingness of tribal officials, thought leaders and other policy influencing community members to develop understanding around the impact of human trafficking.
3. Increase capacity and skill of these same stakeholders in how to recognize trafficking, luring and exploitation activities on the internet and social media, along with other behaviors and indicators of trafficking victims and offenders.
4. Support Tribal communities in the creation and implementation of a comprehensive community approach to include community engagement, interdiction, arrest, recovery and support services for survivors.

The Tribal Database Website

The [Tribal Database Website and Secure Portal at](https://tribaldatabase.org)

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an interactive, multi-dimensional website offering both public and secure areas to provide information, resources, video content and the latest developments for the Tribal child protection work of AATTAP and its partners. Information and resources address a wide array of

protection and prevention topics, including issues related to investigation, intervention and prevention of victimization, exploitation and trafficking in Tribal communities.

Tribal Training: For a list of all available Tribal training opportunities, both scheduled and those available to request for your area, [visit the Training Page at Tribal Database.](#)



AMBER Alert in Indian Country Protecting Children in Tribal Communities



Website Membership: The Tribal Database offers secure accounts for those working in official Tribal leadership and child protection roles. Members can submit and access resources and contact information important for their work. [To learn more or request access, visit the website's database page and look for the 'Request Access' box at the bottom of the page.](#)

History of Past Initiatives:

High Risk Juveniles in Indian Country Project – 22 organizations including 9 tribes collaborating on identification, intervention and prosecution of crimes against children from tribal communities who are exploited, trafficked or abducted in the communities outside their tribal lands.

Attitudes and Experiences of Native American Youth – This project consisted of interviews and meetings with Native American Youth to determine the causative factors, behaviors and experiences that place these youth at risk of victimization. This included runaways, throwaway, youth in placement, technology facilitated crimes and other threats to children in tribal communities.

New Mexico High Risk Youth Project – This project has helped identify patterns of victimization of youth from tribal and rural communities in New Mexico and developed training and technical assistance to address these issues. Over 100 law enforcement, social services and government leaders have received training with the information developed from this project. The concept is now being used in the Pacific Northwest to address similar issues in that region.

ICAC in Indian Country – This project addresses the growing issue of the use of technology to facilitate crimes against children in Indian Country and provides communities access to technology, resources for investigative activities, prevention materials and access to their area ICAC Task Force. Regional training programs are conducted by ICAC and tribal instructors.

Urban Indian Youth Project – Addresses issues related to the exploitation and victimization of Native American youth in urban communities. These children are at increased risk due to a lack of resources and community. This project will culminate in a regional summit co-sponsored by the Seattle Police Department in December, 2014.

NCMEC/AMBER Tribal Leaders Project – Directly addresses issues related to exploitation and technology facilitated crimes in tribal communities. Allows AMBER and NCMEC to partner on directed training, technical assistance and resources for tribes. Provides tribal consultants to NCMEC for cultural awareness and topical issues facing native communities.





Ongoing Initiatives:

Community Engagement Workshops – Facilitated workshops with tribal public safety and community members to educate and engage the entire community in long-term child protection solutions.

Virtual/Electronic Meeting Events (Online Town Hall Meetings) on Child Protection – These events engage those tribal organizations and agencies which have the capacity to participate in this online meeting format. The goal is to send a tribal consultant to an onsite location to assist the tribal event host in facilitating discussions with participating tribal partners via a web platform. Other tribal organizations can then connect to the event for discussion and collaborative planning regarding prevention, identification, interdiction and response to human trafficking issues.

Regional AMBER Alert and Child Protection Partner Meetings – Tribal leaders and child protection partners are encouraged to participate in regional AMBER Alert meetings to collaborate with state and local law enforcement agencies in their area to ensure a collaborative response to human trafficking.

HT-CST Survivor Roundtables – These events, held annually, bring together survivors of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation, including those from Tribal communities, to obtain direct feedback on the responses of law enforcement, child protection officials, prosecutors, the media, and others to their experiences.

Tribal Training Programs on Human Trafficking: Understanding, Prevention, Identification, Response and Recovery

[Community Workshop on Trafficking and Exploitation in Tribal Communities](#)

Explore the different types and dynamics of human trafficking in tribal communities. Recognize the importance of domestic trafficking of children in tribal communities and acquire responses to prevent, interdict and prosecute those who would exploit our children.

[Law Enforcement & Community Response: Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation in Indian Country](#) (online/eLearning)

Provides child protection personnel in Indian Country with information on child sex trafficking and exploitation, and supports community awareness in identifying and reporting these crimes. Outreach, training and law enforcement response are covered to support safe recovery of victims, interdiction of these crimes, and offender prosecution.

Looking for Tribal Training on Additional Topics?

For a list of all available Tribal training opportunities, both scheduled and those available to request for your area:

[Visit the Training Page at Tribal Database Website](#)



[Recognition and Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation at Tribal Casinos](#)

Explore types of human trafficking and the importance of recognizing domestic trafficking of tribal children. Learn about the investigative challenges of trafficking cases, as well as the importance of the victim interview and placement.

[Responding to Child Sex Trafficking in Indian Country](#)

Understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation in Indian Country. Learn the dynamics of trafficking and exploitation to improve skills related to interviewing the victim and interrogating the trafficker. Focus on the survivor’s perspective and changing perceptions regarding trafficking victims.

[Additional CST-HT Training Available From AATTAP](#)

In addition to those CST courses designed specifically for Tribal child protection partners, AATTAP offers additional training which treats various important aspects of law enforcement and community response to the problem of child sex trafficking and exploitation. [Click here for more information on those offerings.](#)

Looking for Downloadable Tribal Resources?

For a wide array of Tribal child protection resources, including those related to CST-HT: [Resource Downloads at the Tribal Database Website](#)

The screenshot shows the Tribal Database website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following tabs: TRIBAL DATABASE, ABOUT US, TRAINING, RESOURCES, PARTNER PROGRAMS, DATABASE, and TRIBAL CONNECTIONS. Below the navigation bar, the main heading reads "SEX TRAFFICKING: AWARENESS, PREVENTION & RESPONSE". Underneath, there are three resource cards:

- 2014 Las Vegas Sex Trafficking Case Study**: This report provides a one-year snapshot of sex trafficking cases developed by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Vice
- 2017 Youth Experiences Survey**: The Youth Experiences Survey (YES) (4-year study) has been given to a complex and difficult population to assess. Homeless runaway young adults (ages 18 to 25) are
- A Human Rights Report**: This resource looks specifically at human trafficking data found within Oregon Natives. The report takes a look at whether federal, state, and local government officials are