

# Southwest Center for Law and Policy

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The Southwest Center for Law and Policy provides **training and technical assistance for tribal law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, community health care professionals, victim advocates, social services, and community members** on the following topics:

- **Domestic Violence**

- Domestic Violence in Indian Country
- Full faith and credit for tribal and state protection orders
- Enforcement of tribal child custody and support orders across jurisdictions
- Effective investigation of domestic violence crimes
- Effective prosecution of domestic violence crimes
- Identifying predominant aggressors
- Intersection of child abuse and domestic violence
- Confidentiality and mandatory reporting for advocates and health care workers
- Evidentiary issues in domestic violence crimes
- Interviewing domestic violence victims, perpetrators, and other witnesses
- Development of domestic violence multi-disciplinary teams
- Federal domestic violence laws
- Working collaboratively across jurisdictions: tribal/state/federal
- Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act
- Federal firearms prohibitions
- Creative tribal court civil remedies for non-Indian and other abusers
- Victim Advocate Litigation Academy: How to litigate tribal court protection orders
- Testifying as an expert witness in tribal, state, and federal court on domestic violence against Native women
- Courtroom Safety
- Civil and criminal jurisdiction in domestic violence cases
- Drafting of tribal domestic violence codes, policies, procedures, protocols, and standardized orders and petitions

- **Sexual assault**

- Sexual Assault in Indian Country
- Intoxication and consent
- Effective investigation of sexual assault crimes
- Effective prosecution of sexual assault crimes
- Confidentiality and mandatory reporting
- Evidentiary issues in sexual assault crimes
- Interviewing victims
- Development of multi-disciplinary teams (SART teams)
- Adam Walsh Act- Sex Offender Registration and Notification
- Sexual assault forensic evidence examinations: SANEs and community health care worker models
- Federal sex crimes
- Confidentiality and mandatory reporting for advocates and health care workers
- Evidentiary issues in sexual assault crimes
- Sexual assault against teens: response and prevention
- Child abduction response and prevention

- **Stalking**

- Stalking in Indian Country
- Effective investigation of stalking crimes
- Effective prosecution of stalking crimes
- Evidentiary issues in stalking crimes
- Interviewing victims
- Federal stalking crimes
- Working collaboratively across jurisdictions: tribal/state/federal
- Intersection of stalking, sexual assault and homicide

- **Elder Abuse**

- Elder Abuse in Indian Country
- Effective investigation of elder abuse crimes
- Effective prosecution of elder abuse crimes
- Evidentiary issues in elder abuse crimes
- Interviewing victims
- Working with Adult Protective Services
- Guardian and Conservator proceedings

- **Abuse of persons with disabilities**

- Abuse of persons with disabilities in Indian Country
- Effective investigation of crimes against persons with disabilities
- Effective prosecution of crimes against persons with disabilities
- Evidentiary issues in crimes against persons with disabilities
- Interviewing victims with disabilities
- Working with Adult Protective Services
- Consent to engage in sexual conduct
- Guardian and Conservator proceedings to protect victims

- **Teen domestic violence and sexual assault**

- Teen intimate partner dating violence
- Sexual assault against teens
- Confidentiality issues with teen victims
- Protection orders for teen victims
- School and community issues to protect teen victims

**Customized training on specific legal and programmatic topics not listed above is available upon request.**

The Southwest Center for Law and Policy can also assist in the **development of tribal civil and criminal codes**, policies, procedures, rules of court, ethical rules, protocols, Memoranda of Understanding, Inter-Governmental Agreements, standardized forms, and standardized orders.

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