

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: Litigating 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 SAFESTARs
- Federal sex crimes
- Confidentiality and mandatory reporting for advocates and health care workers
- Evidentiary issues in sexual assault crimes
- Sexual assault against elders and vulnerable adults: response and prevention
- Child abduction response and prevention
- Sexual Assault Code Development

- **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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