Sex Trafficking

Targeted Resources for Tribal Child Welfare, December 2015

The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, Public Law (P.L. 113-183) was signed into law on September 29, 2014. The law amends the Title IV-E foster care program to address trafficking, limits another planned permanency living arrangement (APPLA) as a plan for youth, and reauthorizes and amends Family Connections Grants and the Adoption Incentives Program.

Human Trafficking and Indigenous Populations

Michelle Suave with the Administration for Native Americans wrote a brief 2014 article highlighting the risks of trafficking for indigenous populations and the primary strategies and goals of the U.S. HHS & ACF to address trafficking and improve outcomes for victims.

Creating a Human Trafficking Strategic Plan to Protect and Heal Native Children & Youth

Developed in May 2015 by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, this worksheet offers a template of several detailed questions that tribal communities can consider when working toward the development of a trafficking plan.

New Language, Old Problem: Sex Trafficking of American Indian Women and Children

This 2011 article, written by Sandi Pierce and Suzanne Koepplinger of the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, discusses the existing sex trafficking research of Native women and girls, their unique vulnerability, gaps in existing support services and legal protections, and the implications that all of this has for professionals.

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Trafficking in Native Communities

Within the 2015 Synergy Newsletter of the Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody is an article on Trafficking in Native Communities. The author provides a review of the existing research and data, and offers recommendations for communities, courts, and legislatures.

Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota

The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and the Prostitution Research & Education detail findings from a study involving 105 Native women. This 2011 article includes recommendations on how to improve outcomes for Native women.

Tribal and Trafficking Webinar Series

The Missing and Exploited Children's Program offers a robust webinar series focusing on trafficking in tribal communities. Webinars from 2014 to present and materials are available.

Relocation Revisited: Sex Trafficking of Native Women in the United States

This 2010 article details the historical and legal context of sex trafficking from its origin among the colonial predecessors of the US and documents the commercial trafficking of Native women over several centuries.

Learn More:

Sex Trafficking Resources for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions
The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault
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