



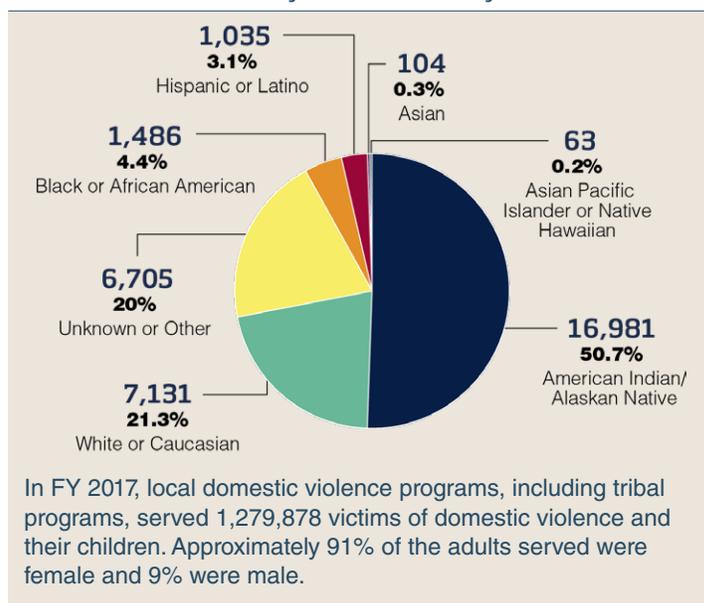
## Provision of Shelter and Supportive Services

All federally recognized tribes are eligible to apply for FVPSA Tribal Formula grants as individual sovereign nations or as consortia of tribes joined together. Typically, the largest number of tribes funded are in Alaska and California (between 45 to 70 tribes), followed by Nevada, Oklahoma, and Washington (13 to 23 tribes). All other states have fewer than ten tribes funded through FVPSA. To meet the need for shelter, tribal programs contract with hotels, utilize safe homes, and access non-native shelters outside of their villages, communities, and reservations.

A large majority of clients served each year access non-residential supportive services only, such as victim advocacy, crisis counseling, safety planning, support groups, information and referrals to other community-based services, legal aid, housing assistance, transportation, and home visits, among other services.

Tribal domestic violence programs conduct a wide variety of education and community outreach activities to the general public to prevent and raise awareness of domestic violence. Examples include conducting culturally specific, age-appropriate trainings on dating violence at high schools and colleges, tabling at public and private events, hosting talking circles, referring to elders for guidance, participating in a Pow Wow, hosting Domestic Violence Awareness Month events in October, and providing training for allied professionals and community members.

Victims Served by Race or Ethnicity in FY 2017



## Training and Technical Assistance Projects

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center ([niwrc.org](http://niwrc.org)) serves as the National Indian Resource Center Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women. NIWRC provides nationally focused training and technical assistance, public awareness, policy, and research development activities. StrongHearts Native Helpline ([strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org)) is the first national helpline staffed by and uniquely designed for Native people experiencing domestic or dating violence. StrongHearts is a culturally relevant, safe, and confidential resource. The Alaska Native Women's Resource Center ([aknwrc.org](http://aknwrc.org)) serves as the State Resource Center to Reduce Tribal Disparities. Its goal is to improve the services available to Alaska Native people experiencing domestic violence statewide, especially those who are in geographically isolated areas.

**Advocacy** is defined as restoring agency and self-determination to individuals experiencing domestic violence, and empowering them with information and emotional support to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. Tribal advocates act as companions, both to individuals and as a voice across multiple service systems. They support people in shelter, answer calls on the crisis line, facilitate support groups for adults and children exposed to domestic violence, accompany victims to court or other appointments, and provide individual one-on-one counseling, among other supportive services. For tribes, trauma-informed and culturally responsive advocacy may also include smudging, sweat lodges, or talking circles, among other cultural practices.