



Department of Health and Human Services/ Administration for Children and Families/
Administration on Children, Youth and Families/Family and Youth Services Bureau

FVPSA Tribal Program

There are approximately 60 Tribally-owned shelters in the US. Not all of the shelters are FVPSA funded. Tribal Domestic Violence programs may provide:

- victim advocacy- supportive counseling and advocacy with medical, legal, housing, mental health, law enforcement and court systems
- outreach and prevention presentations
- public awareness campaigns
- counseling related to domestic violence
- transportation
- legal advocacy in civil and criminal matters
- childrens' counseling and support services.

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations are formula grants funded through a 10% set aside in the FVPSA appropriation. These grants are primarily for the provision of immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. In addition, funds may also be used in establishing, maintaining, and expanding programs and projects to prevent domestic violence.

Funding is available to all Native American Tribes and Tribal Organizations that meet the definition of "Indian Tribe" or "Tribal Organization" at 25 U.S.C. 450b and are able to demonstrate their capacity to carry out domestic violence prevention and services programs.

Funding in Fiscal Year 2010

The size of awards is dependent upon the Tribal census and the number of Tribes applying. The breakout for FY10 is as follows:

Total Funding	\$12,952,016
Range of Awards	\$26,232 - \$2,295,289
Number of Tribes Funded	203
Number of Grants	137
Grants = \$26,232	77
Grants \$45,906-\$98,370	39
Grants \$104,928 - \$682,032	19
Grants Over \$1,000,000	2

*Tribal domestic violence programs face many obstacles including:
Isolated locations
Limited resources
Sparse funding.*

Survivors need and want from shelters:

- *Personal safety*
- *Support*
- *Help with economic issues*
- *Child-related needs.*

Shelters have a positive impact on victims and their families, such as:

- *Increased access to safety*
- *Increased confidence of survivors*
- *Improvements for children exposed.*

According to the 2009 "Meeting Survivors' Needs: A Multi-State Study of Domestic Violence Shelter Experience"

Victims Served in 2009

Of the approximately 75% of Tribal Domestic Violence Programs reporting, these programs:

- Provided residential shelter services to 4,802 adult women, 224 adult men and 4,567 children.
- Served 9,474 women, 1,203 men and 5,913 children with non-residential services.
- Provided 193,698 shelter nights for victims and their dependents. There were 809 unmet requests for shelter due to lack of bed space.
- Answered 53,290 crisis or hotline calls.
- Provided 1,585 community presentations to general audiences of about 50,861 and 2,221 presentations reaching approximately 44,651 youth.

Sacred Circle: National Resource Center to End Domestic Violence Against Native Women

Sacred Circle, located in Rapid City, South Dakota, was established in 1998 as the fifth member of the domestic violence resource center network created in 1993 by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Sacred Circle provides technical assistance, policy development, training, materials, and resource information regarding violence against Native women, and assists in developing tribal strategies and responses to end the violence. Sacred Circle is a project of Cangleska, Inc. a private non-profit, tribally chartered organization on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Visit their website at <http://www.sacred-circle.com/> for more information.

Marylouise Kelley, FVPSA Director

Phone: 202-401-5756

E-mail: Marylouise.kelley@acf.hhs.gov

Shena Williams, Program Specialist

Phone: 202-205-5932

E-mail: Shena.Williams@acf.hhs.gov

Rebecca K. Odor, Program Specialist

Phone: 202-405-7746

E-mail: Rebecca.Odor@acf.hhs.gov

Family Violence Division

Family & Youth Services Bureau

Administration for Children & Families

1250 Maryland Ave, SW

Portals Building, 8th Floor

Washington DC 20024

Fax: 202-401-7038