

Membership

The Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault currently offers membership to tribal domestic violence and sexual assault programs, allied departments, and individuals looking to support our mission and vision. To become a member, or to find out more about the important work we are doing in Indian Country visit our website WomenSpirit.net.

**If you are the victim of a crime and need help accessing services please contact the Indigenous Crime Victims Referral and Resource Center:
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Envisioning a nation where Native women are treated with honor and respect, where she is protected under the law and her personal sovereignty is never compromised



Our Story

The Washington State Native American Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault was founded in 2002, for Native women victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault. Since then, the coalition has grown to include issues affecting men, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, elders and other vulnerable populations. We continue to work with the 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington state to build victim centered, trauma informed and indigenous community driven service programs that serve victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

WomenSpirit Coalition believes that the greatest threat to tribal sovereignty is the pervasive and continuing epidemic of violence against indigenous women. Together, we can build strong nations that honor our traditional values and creates healthy families and communities.

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote tribal sovereignty by eliminating violence against Native women and promoting the well being of Native families and communities.

How WSC Can Help

WomenSpirit Coalition works directly with tribal DV/SA programs and other affiliated departments to provide community-driven technical assistance, training and consultation. Whether you are in the beginning stages of program development or are a well established service provider, WomenSpirit works with you to promote capacity building and sustainability.

Violence Against Indigenous Women

According to the National Institute of Justice* statistics, Indigenous women are more than twice as likely to be assaulted in their lifetime, when compared to other racial and ethnic groups. This same study finds that men and individuals that identify as members of the LGBTQ2S+ community also face higher rates of interpersonal violence, as well as other types of assault crimes. This type of violence is pervasive and effects communities and families on every level. More work is needed to bring awareness to this epidemic and to develop tribal community-centered approaches to intervention and response.

** Violence Against American Indian and Alaskan Native Women and Men: 2010 Findings from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey*

Training & Services Offered

WSC works with each tribal program to provide evidence based, individualized training that is customized to fit the unique needs and challenges, while celebrating the strengths of your community. Please contact us for more information about how we can best serve victims and survivors for your program.

POSSIBLE TOPICS INCLUDE

- Introduction to DV/SA/Sex Trafficking/ Dating Violence/Stalking
- A Difficult Journey Simulation
- Program Development and Best Practices
- Coordinated Community Responses
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Staff Development and Team Building
- Shelter and Transitional Housing
- Criminal Justice Responses
- Curriculum Development