



Native Survivor Support Project

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
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Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center in Minneapolis, MN created a series of Survivor Support Project activities to contribute to greater understanding of the Native sexual violence survivor experience and best practices for providing culturally appropriate prevention services, with emphasis on the impact of historical trauma on the Native community. Activities included community education events, educational programming to urban American Indian parents and caregivers, and conducting, publishing and distributing a community needs assessment specific to sexual exploitation experiences of Native boys, young men, and Two-Spirited/Native LGBTQ youth.

Communities

Adults	Tribal
Boys	LGBTQ2I
Communities of color	Men
Girls	Non-binary
Grandparents	Parents/Foster Parents
Indigenous/Native/	Survivors
	Women

Products

Research: Two-spirit needs assessment

System:

State

Level:

National



Enhance Partnerships

Partnered with the Urban Indian Health Institute to conduct the Two Spirit Needs Assessment.



Provide Resources

Hosted 2 community education events. Fall Feast November 2016: "Our Children Are Sacred" theme included teachings on the sacred nature of children and their right to be safe. A Family Empowerment Workshop featured empowerment self-defense instructor Diane Long for adult and child residents of MIWRC's 13 onsite Section 8 rental units and extended family members participating in the ICWA Kinship program.



Educate & Train

Delivered educational programming to urban American Indian families as well as expanded their existing parent group work,



Measure Impact

MIWRC and the Urban Indian Health Institute conducted a needs assessment of Two Spirit community members. Please contact MIWRC directly for information about this assessment and findings.



Build Champions

Funding supported MIWRC's Life Skills Parenting and Learning Center staff to receive additional sexual abuse prevention training with Cornerstone and the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center. This professional development enabled staff to integrate this knowledge into the existing Life Skills Parenting program that supports American Indian parents/caregivers develop the skills and knowledge needed to talk with children about healthy sexuality and sexual abuse prevention/intervention.

What's next:

MIWRC efforts contribute to greater understanding of the Native sexual violence survivor experience and best practices for providing culturally appropriate prevention services with emphasis on the impact of historical trauma on the Native community.

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