

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-fifth Legislature - Second Regular Session

HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES

Report of Interim Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022
Tohono O'odham Himdag Ki: Cultural Museum -- 11:00 A.M.
Baboquiuari Mountain Rd., Sells, AZ 85634

Convened 11:07 a.m.
Recessed 11:55 a.m.
Reconvened 12:05 p.m.
Adjourned 2:06 p.m.

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Members Present

Representative Jermaine, Chairman
Representative Blackwater-Nygren, Vice-
Chairman
Ms. Antone
Mr. Etnire
Lt. Hechavarria
Ms. Ignacio
Ms. Russell

Members Absent

Ms. Begay-Kroupa
Ms. Nez-Manuel
Ms. Urbina
Ms. Hatathlie-Delmar

Agenda

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Request to Speak

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Committee Attendance

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Presentations

Name

Organization

Attachments

(Handouts)

Howard M. Shanker, Attorney General

TON Prosecutors Office and
Police Department.

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William Rodney Irby, Asst. Chief of
Police

Sean C. Daily, Lieutenant, Police Dept.
Marissa L. Sites, Asst. Attorney General
Hue T. Le, Asst. Attorney General
Kelly Daranyi, Chief Prosecutor
Lisa Manuel, Program. Manager. Child
Welfare Division

Lisa Manuel, Program. Manager. Child Welfare Division	TON Department of Health & Human Services	5
Linda Fayuant, Program Manager, Senior, Behavioral Health Division		
Karen Velasco, Victim/Witness Specialist, Komckud Ki: Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence Prevention Program		
Kayleigh Stanek, Lab & Research Manager, Research on Violent Victimization Lab, ASU	ASU Research on Violent Victimization Lab	6



Angela Hall, Committee Secretary
October 17, 2022

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Traditional Blessing - Michael Juan of Wecij Oidag
3. Opening Traditional Song - Michael Enis of Wa:k
4. Welcome & Purpose
 - Welcome Address – Vice Chairwoman of the Tohono O'odham Nation
Wavalene Saunders
5. Committee Member Introductions
6. Presentations from Tohono O'odham
7. ASU Research on Violent Victimization Lab (ROVV) Update - Dr. Kate Fox & ROVV team
8. Public Testimony/Comments
9. Closing Traditional Song – Mary Sam of Hikiwañ
10. Adjournment

Members:

Representative Jennifer Jermaine, Chair
 Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren, Vice Chair
 Senator Theresa Hatathlie-Delmar
 Monica Antone
 Jolyana Begay-Kroupa
 Paul Etnire

Chris Hechavarria
 April Ignacio
 Debbie Nez-Manuel
 Kim Russell
 Alfred Urbina

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Committee on WATER Bill Number _____
Date 10/14/22 Support Oppose Neutral
Name Lolanna Velasco Need to Speak? Yes No
Representing _____ Are you a registered lobbyist? _____
Complete Address _____
E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____
Comments: _____

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Attachment 2

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Committee on MMEP Bill Number _____
Date 10/14/22 Support Oppose Neutral
Name Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert S. Norris Sr. Need to Speak? Yes No
Representing Person Are you a registered lobbyist? _____
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Comments: _____

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Date 10/14/22 Support Oppose Neutral

Name Roland Paman Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing _____ Are you a registered lobbyist? _____

Complete Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Comments: _____

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Representing 7 Are you a registered lobbyist? No
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E-mail Address N/A Phone Number 858 34
Comments: _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Committee on MMIP Bill Number _____

Date 10/14/22 Support Oppose Neutral

Name Elaine Gregg Need to Speak? Yes No

Representing _____ Are you a registered lobbyist? _____

Complete Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

Comments: _____

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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
 Fifty-fifth Legislature - Second Regular Session
COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE RECORD

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED
 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

COMMITTEE ON _____

CHAIRMAN: Jennifer Jermaine VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren

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MEMBERS:					
Ms. Antone, A	✓				
Ms. Begay-Kroupa, A	—				
Mr. Etnire, P	✓				
Mr. Hechavarriah, C	✓				
Ms Ignacio, A	✓				
Ms Nez-Manuel, D	—				
Ms. Russel, K	✓				
Ms Urbina, A	—				
Ms. Hatathlie-Delmar, T	—				
Blackwater-Nygren J, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Jermaine, J, Co-Chairman	✓				
	√ Present	---	Absent	exc	Excused



Office of the Chief of Police

**Tohono O'odham Nation
Police Department**

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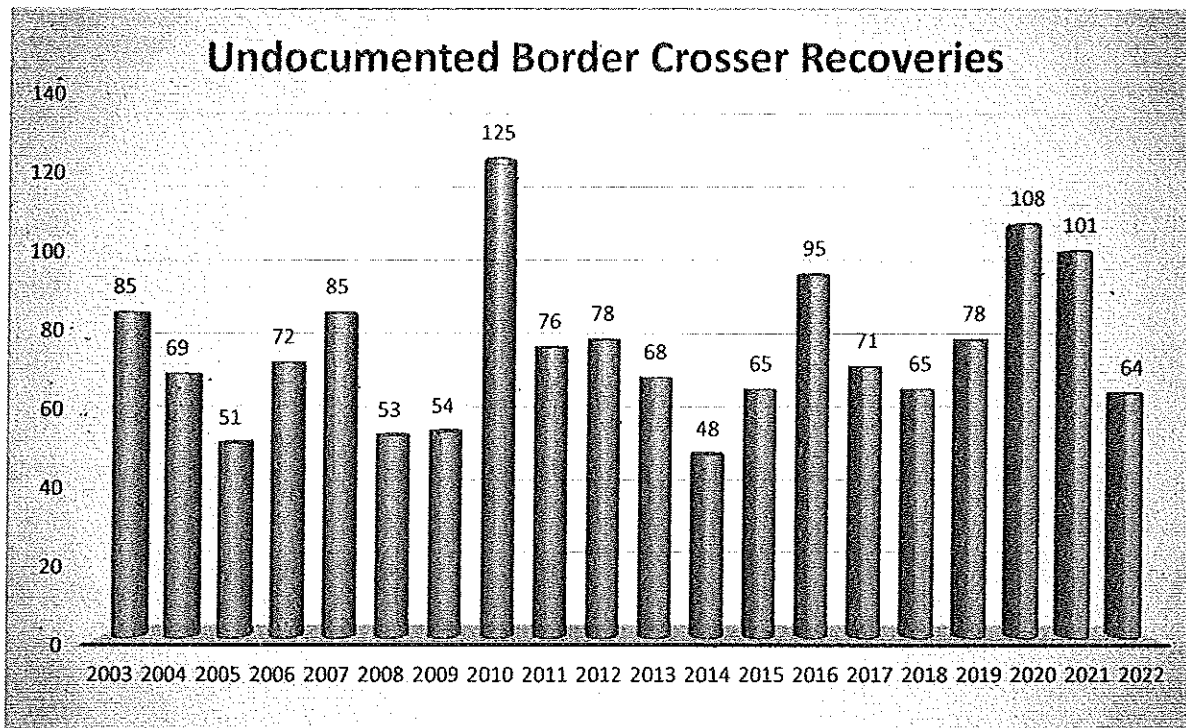
HOUSE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Tohono O'odham Himdag Ki: Cultural Museum

October 14, 2022

- Currently the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department (TOPD) has 12 Missing Adult persons listed within the National Crime Information Center that are current and active. Of those listed 10 are Male and 2 are Female. There are currently 4 cold case files from 2006 and earlier. Of the 12 current cases, in six of those cases, the missing person walked away into the desert and was reported to be under the influence of either alcohol or drugs, and are presumed deceased. 4 listed cases involve missing persons with a history of dementia, illness, or where there is no sign of foul play. The remaining 2 cases, do have a component of foul play.
- In addition to the adult cases, there are 16 missing juvenile cases. All have been documented as either runaway status from group homes or are in and out of CPS custody.
- Also a single cold case file is listed as "unidentified Human remains". There is currently no information on this case as to ethnicity. TOPD has additional cases listed in NCIC that involve cases reported by family members from Mexico or other Latin American countries. These 10 cases are listed not only with us but also with National Missing and Unidentified Person System (NamUs) and will be discussed with the missing migrant information below.

Since the assumption of Law Enforcement Services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Public Law 93-638 Master Contract, the Tohono O'odham Nation's Police Department (TOPD) has statutory responsibility to investigate all deaths that occur on the Tohono O'odham Nation. These death investigations are not limited to the Nation's members but include all deaths of individuals found within the exterior boundaries of the Nation. The investigations are conducted by federally trained TOPD Detectives that meet federal standards for such investigations. All costs, including forensic examinations and laboratory expenses for these investigations are assumed by TOPD.



Of the remains recovered, identification is usually made by either, direct observation (ID of person that can verify deceased), eyewitness identification or through forensic anthropology and DNA. The majority (64%) of these UBC's, are positively identified through the above means. The remaining 36% go unidentified. Some of the reasons for this are the advanced stages of decomposition, or in the case of skeletal remains, there is no known comparison to connect the bones to family. **Of the identified UBC remains, 16% were identified as Female and 84% Male.**

Domestic Violence:

In FY2021 TOPD reported 770 Domestic Violence-related Offenses compared to 736 Domestic Violence-related offenses in FY2020. This was an increase of **9.5%**. This trend continuing in FY2022.

DV Cases with minor injuries are numerous with most being prosecuted by the Tribe.

Federal Declinations are between 30-35%. **This is for all cases.** This is an improvement over the 45% of declinations from several years ago. This is due in part to greater communication between the United States Attorney's Office and the Detectives and Investigators at TOPD. With specialized mandatory training that Detectives and Investigators receive, we continue to see a marked improvement in case referrals and with prosecutions through the United States Attorney's Office.

Law Enforcement Challenges:

Reporting of incidents. In part tracking of these calls.

Reluctance of family and friends to come forward to testify or be witnesses.

The transient nature between rural communities and the urban areas.

Having qualified trained detectives and investigators to concentrate on these types of calls. (Staffing)



Presentation to
The Arizona House of Representatives
Ad Hoc Committee on MMIP
October 14, 2022

Howard M. Shanker, Attorney General, Tohono O'odham Nation
William Rodney Irby, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Department, Tohono O'odham Nation
Sean C. Dailey, Lieutenant, Police Department, Tohono O'odham Nation
Marissa L. Sites, Assistant Attorney General, Tohono O'odham Nation
Hue T. Le, Assistant Attorney General, Tohono O'odham Nation
Kelly Daranyi, Chief Prosecutor, Tohono O'odham Nation



Introduction

- ▶ According to the Dep't of the Interior, for decades Native American and Alaska Native communities have struggled with high rates of assault, abduction, and murder of women. Community advocates describe the crisis as a legacy of generations of government policies of forced removal, land seizures and violence inflicted on Native peoples.
- ▶ A 2016 study by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women (84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime, including 56.1 percent who have experienced sexual violence.
- ▶ Native American and Alaska Native rates of murder, rape, and violent crime are all higher than the national averages. When looking at missing and murdered cases, data shows that Native American and Alaska Native women make up a significant portion of missing and murdered individuals.
- ▶ According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the murder rate is ten times higher than the national average for women living on reservations, and the third leading cause of death for Native women. Additionally, this group were significantly more likely to experience a rape in their lifetimes compared to other women.
- ▶ Like other women, American Indian and Alaska Native women are more likely to be killed by their intimate partners compared to other offenders.
- ▶ Often violence against Native women goes unreported and unaddressed because, in part, of: (1) gaps in enforcement/prosecution due to an array of laws creating a complex web of criminal jurisdiction; (2) the rural nature of large parts of Indian country; (3) cultural concerns and stigma associated with domestic and other forms of violence against women.

Source: Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Crisis, U.S. Dep't of the Interior, Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services Headquarters: <https://www.bia.gov/service/mmu/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-people-crisis#:~:text=Statistics%20show%20us%20that%20approximately,the%20Federal%20Government's%20Uniform%20Crime>



Introduction Cont'd

- As discussed in the following slides, the Nation is taking steps to try to address these issues:
 - First, Assistant Chief William Irby and Lieutenant Sean Dailey from the Tohono O'odham Police Department (TOPD) will review data collected by TOPD that relates to MMIP.
 - Then, Assistant Attorneys General Marissa Sites and Hue Le will speak to the steps taken thus far by the Office of the Attorney General in response to the data and, specifically, with regard to the Nation's implementation of the Violence Against Women Act of 2013 and 2022.
 - Finally, recently appointed new Chief Prosecutor, Kelly Daranyi, will speak to her experience as a prosecutor and her goals for the office.



Police Department

- ▶ Data
- ▶ Working with the Office of the Attorney General to establish Mutual Aid Agreements with surrounding municipalities, counties pending implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 and 2022 (VAWA 2013 and 2022).
 - ▶ Specifically requested include ability of such municipalities, counties to detain and prosecute non-Native offenders in light of *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* decision.



Office of the Attorney General

- ▶ Working to implement VAWA 2013 and 2022 to enable the Nation to prosecute non-Native offenders.
 - ▶ On June 13, 2022, presented before Domestic Affairs Committee regarding implementation and received preliminary support.
 - ▶ Connected with implementing tribes.
 - ▶ Joined the Intertribal Technical Assistance Working Group (ITWG).
 - ▶ Attend regular virtual meetings
 - ▶ In August 2022, attended 18th ITWG meeting at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina
 - ▶ Recognized deficiencies in Prosecutor's Office.
- ▶ Addressing deficiencies in Prosecutor's Office.
 - ▶ New Chief Prosecutor, Kelly Daranyi, appointed
 - ▶ Assistant Chief and line attorneys to be hired



Office of the Attorney General Cont'd

- ▶ Actively assisting TOPD in establishing Mutual Aid Agreements pending implementation of VAWA 2013 and 2022 to help facilitate the Nation's response and investigation into MMIP cases and enable state prosecution of cases in light of the *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* decision.
- ▶ Attending monthly Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to review cases referred to the DOJ for prosecution to ensure MMIP cases are being prosecuted federally and, if not, determine whether the Nation or State will pursue.
- ▶ Cooperate with the DOJ and State to ensure appointment of Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSA) and Special Deputy County Attorneys (if possible) so that the Nation's prosecutors may prosecute MMIP cases in Federal and State court.



Prosecutor's Office

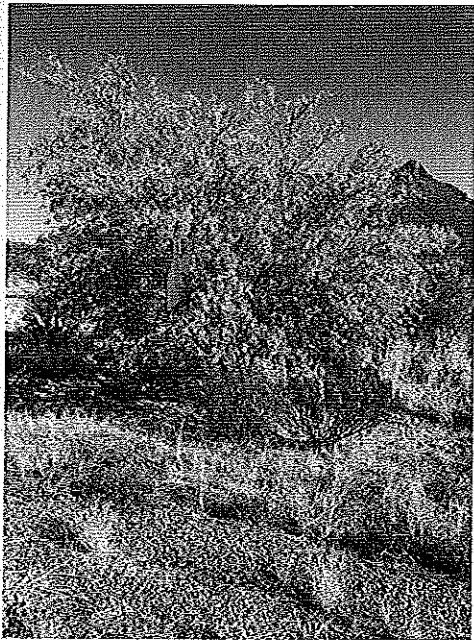
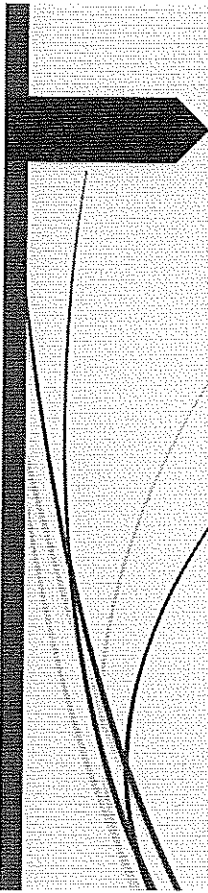
➤ Goals

- Pursue justice by holding offenders accountable and protecting and empowering victims
- Fully staff office
 - Hire experienced prosecutors
 - Fill staff vacancies
 - Train existing staff to take on paralegal duties
- Seek appointment as a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) and Special Deputy County Attorney (if possible)
- Address the backlog of cases that are waiting to be charged
- Work with Office of the Attorney General in implementation of VAWA 2013 and 2022
- Seek enhanced sentencing under Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (TLOA) where appropriate



Prosecutor's Office Cont'd

- Intimate partner violence will be a priority
 - Attend monthly meetings, including MDT meetings, with the DOJ and FBI to review cases. Review all declinations to see if we can prosecute in our Court.
 - Check criminal history – is the defendant's behavior escalating?
 - Strangulations will be treated differently (750% more likely to result in homicide).
 - Work with TOPD to strengthen cases and get better results in court.
 - 911 calls
 - Recorded interviews
 - Medical exams
 - Victim services
 - Build rapport with victims
 - Personally serve domestic violence victims to increase cooperation
 - Assist with transportation issues



Questions or Concerns?

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TON Department of Health & Human Services

Arizona State hearing on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Jolito Oodham Nation

October 14, 2022





Agenda

Division of Child Welfare & Family Preservation

Division of Behavioral Health - Outpatient Services

Komckud Ki: Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Program

Disclaimer: To maintain confidentiality data presented consists of only numbers. No identifying information will be discussed.

Department of Health & Human Services

Mission Statement

- Guided by O'odham Himdag: To provide comprehensive services in order to achieve an improved state of physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing.

Vision Statement

- To provide a continuum of quality services to enhance the health and social conditions of the Tohono O'odham.

Child Welfare Division



Program Overview

Child Welfare recognizes as a core value that children remain in their own homes and relatives, as long as they are safe and adequately cared for by a parent or specified relative.

To provide maximum safety and protection for a child who is currently being abused, neglected, or abandoned; and to ensure the safety, protection, and physical and emotional well-being of a child who is at risk of such harm.

Child Welfare & Family Preservation

Services Provided:

- Tribal CPS
 - Program Supervisor: Nancy Ibarra
 - Tribal Investigators
 - Tribal Case Managers
- ICWA Unit
 - ICWA Supervisor: Dorcas Segundo
 - ICWA Case Managers
- Family Preservation
 - FPP Supervisor: Bernadine Ramon
 - Family Coordinators
- Case Management
- Child Protective Services
- Family Preservation Services
- Children's Group home care
- Foster care recruitment and licensing
- Family Preservation
 - Case Management
 - Classes (Healthy Relationships, Motherhood and Fatherhood is Sacred, Living Skills, and Positive Indian Parenting)

FY 2022 Statistics

	Parent killed by another person	Parent(s) MIA for more than 2 years	Without one or both parent
# of children	6	20	45

Barriers and Solutions

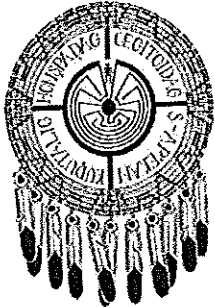
Barriers

- Historical Trauma
- Lack of Tribal Foster Families
- Limited funding
- Limited resources
- Lack of Data Infrastructure
- Lack of Data Sharing

Solutions

- Family Preservation services
- Referrals to support services
- Increase funding to recruit & support Tribal Foster Families
- Increase Tribal and Federal funding

Behavioral Health
Division Outpatient
Services



Program Overview

Mission:

- The Tohono O’odham Nation Behavioral Health Division’s mission is to provide a safe haven of caring and confidential behavioral health treatment for Tohono O’odham members and other eligible Native Americans who seek support in their healing journey.

Services provided:

- Intake and Assessment
- Case Management
- Outpatient Treatment
- Relapse Prevention
- Crisis Follow-Up
- Aftercare
- Day Treatment for Seriously Mental Ill
- Family Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Traditional Healing
- Acudetox
- Referral to Residential Treatment
- Psychiatry

Currently Enrolled Clients

Diagnosis	PTSD	Grief	Bereavement	Trauma	TOTAL
# of clients	151	14	75	32	272

Barriers and Solutions

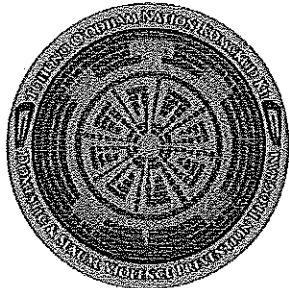
Barriers

- Trauma
- Limited staffing
- Geographic location
- Limited resources & funding
- Lack of Data Infrastructure
- Lack of Data Sharing

Solutions

- Trauma Informed services & crisis response
- Community education on mental health
- Hiring of Behavioral Health Professionals
- Increase collaboration & sharing of information
- Tribal wide data infrastructure

Komckud Ki: Domestic
& Sexual Violence
Prevention Program



Program Overview

Brief History:

- Established in 2005
- Grant Funded
- Community-Based Advocacy
- Three (3) staff
- Empowerment and Trauma Informed Advocacy

Support services provided to victim/survivors of:

- Domestic Violence
- Family Violence
- Teen Dating Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Stalking
- Sex Trafficking

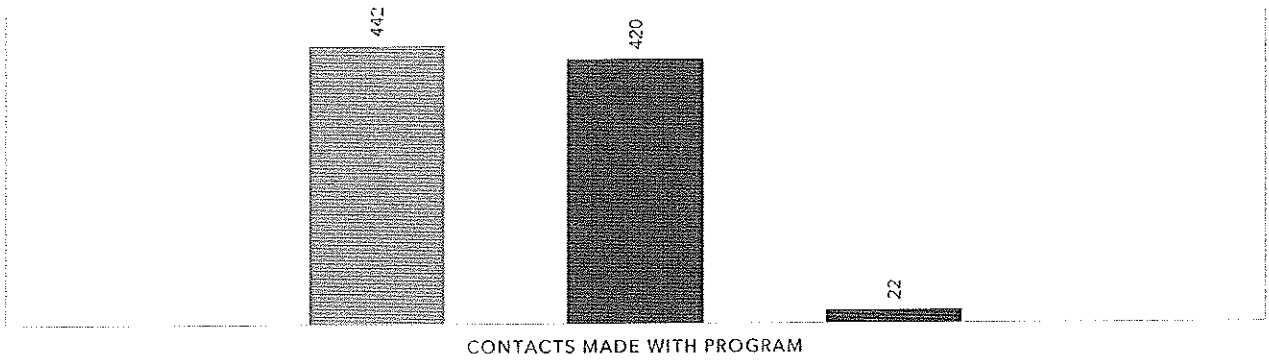
Services:

- Education/Outreach
- Personal Advocacy
- 24/7 Crisis Intervention/Hotline
- Safety Planning
- Court Accompaniment
- Order of Protection/Restraining Order
- Referrals
- Safe Home Services/Shelter Referrals
- Transportation

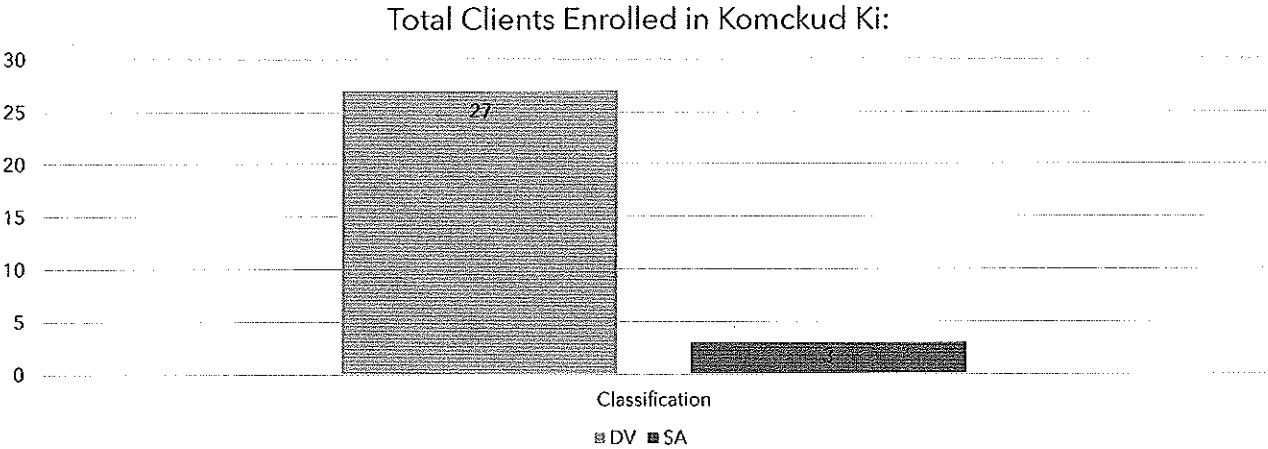
FY 2022 Statistics

CONTACTS MADE WITH PROGRAM

■ TOTAL ■ Crisis Call ■ LAP



FY 2022 Statistics



FY 2022 Education/Outreach

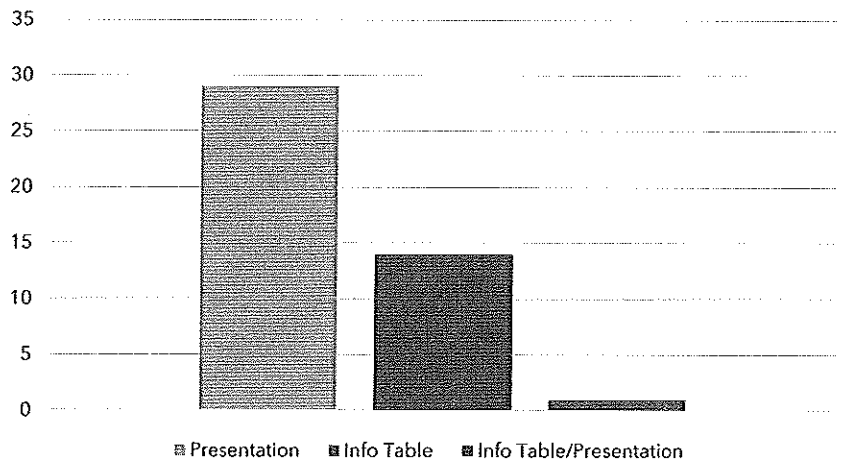
	Adult (18<)	Teen (17-13)	Child (12>)	TOTAL
Quarter 1 (Oct - Dec)	235	0	0	235
Quarter 2 (Jan - Mar)	73	2	0	75
Quarter 3* (Apr - Jun)	193	26	6	475
Quarter 4 (Jul - Sept)	105	44	40	189
TOTAL	606	72	46	974

*May 2022 - BMHS event there was 210 participants but no breakdown of age group

Education/Outreach Format

- **Presentation**
 - Bullying
 - DV Dynamics & How to Support
 - DV/FV Effects on Children
 - Healthy Relationships
 - Human Trafficking
 - Sexual Violence
 - Stalking
 - Teen Dating Violence
 - Program Services
- **Info Table**
 - BMHS Teen Awareness
 - Sells District MMIP Event*
 - COVID & Flu Vaccine Events
 - Sells District Back to School Bash

FY 2022



Barriers & Solutions

Barriers

- Grant funded program
- Minimal resources and staff
- Topics Sensitivity
- Limited Marketing/Awareness
- Limited buy-in from community, programs, leadership
- Tribal Codes and accountability
- Limited trauma informed practices
- Limited Data Infrastructure
- Limited Data Sharing

Solutions

- Advocacy & Safety Planning
- Safe Housing
- Crisis Intervention
- Housing Resources
- Tribal or Other Sustainable Funding
- Increased Awareness
- Use of social media and other outreach methods
- Enhance & enforcing Tribal Codes and accountability

Contact Information



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10/14/2022



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Behavioral
Health Division

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Komckud Ki: Domestic
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Shannon Jose, Program Manager
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Karen Velasco, Family Resource
Coordinator
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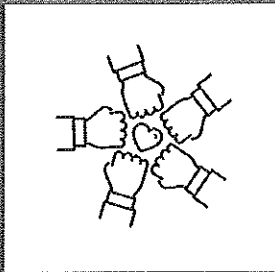
The ASU Research on Violent Victimization Lab's Commitment to Reducing MMIP in Collaboration with the Arizona Study Committee

Research on Violent Victimization Lab
a unit of the
ASU School of Criminology
and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University

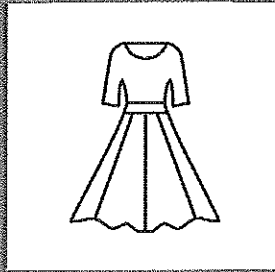
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Who We Are

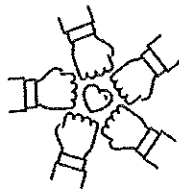


Past MMIWG
Research



Current
& Future MMIP
Work





Who We Are

The ROVV Lab's mission is to gather knowledge to develop solutions that promote safety and wellbeing among Indigenous peoples



Dr. Kate Fox
Lab Director



Christopher Sharp
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Associate Director



Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya
Hopi Tribe
Community Engagement
Director



Leo Mukosi S.J.D.
Zezuru Tribe
Post-Doctoral
Researcher



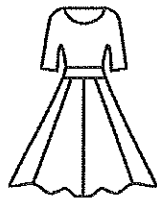
Kayleigh Stanek
Lab & Research
Projects Manager



Cassie Harvey
Diné & Zuni Tribes
Data Analyst & Public
Relations Manager



Katonya Begay
Diné Tribe
Communications
Coordinator



Our Past MMIWG Research

**Our 2019-2020
collaboration
with the HB2570
MMIWG Study
Committee**

**Reducing
Missing and
Murdered
Indigenous
Women and
Girls**

Arizona's Statewide Study in Partnership with
the HB2570 Legislative Study Committee

November 2020

The cover features a black and white photograph of a woman in traditional Indigenous dress standing in a field of flowers. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

We gathered data on MMIWG

Missing persons data:

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)

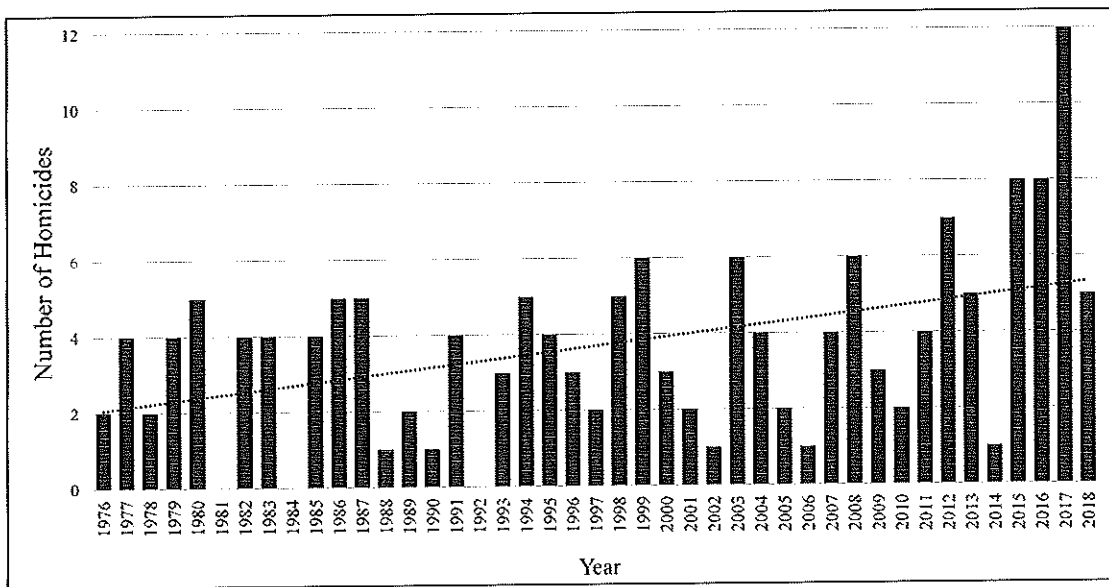
In 2020, 12 Indigenous females had active open missing person cases

Homicide data:

- FBI Uniform Crime Report
- Over 40 years (1976-2018), 160 murders of Indigenous females

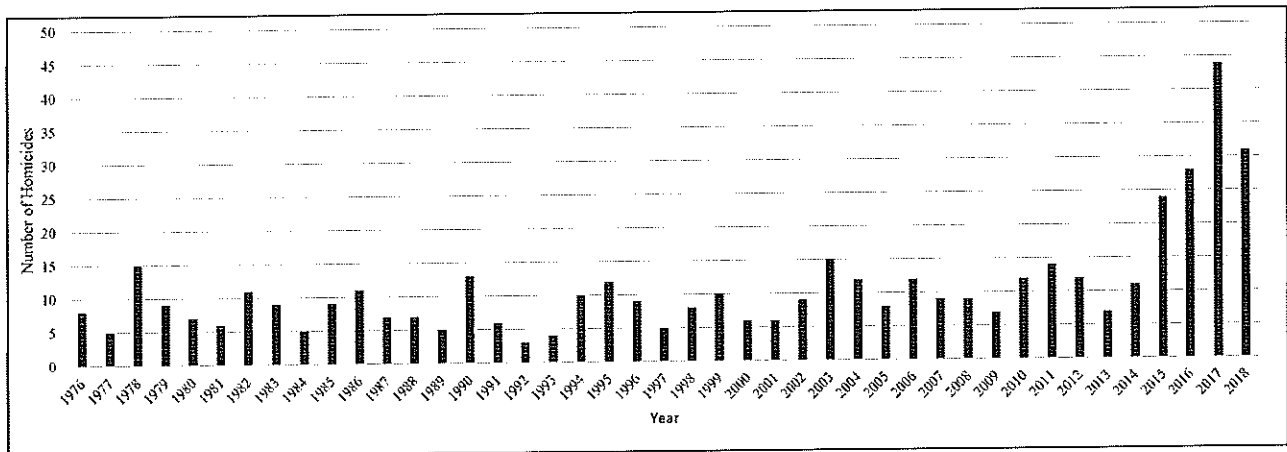
These are reported missing & murdered cases – many more are unreported

Murders of Arizona Indigenous females have been increasing for the past 40 years



FBI UCR: 160 MMIWG (1976-2018)

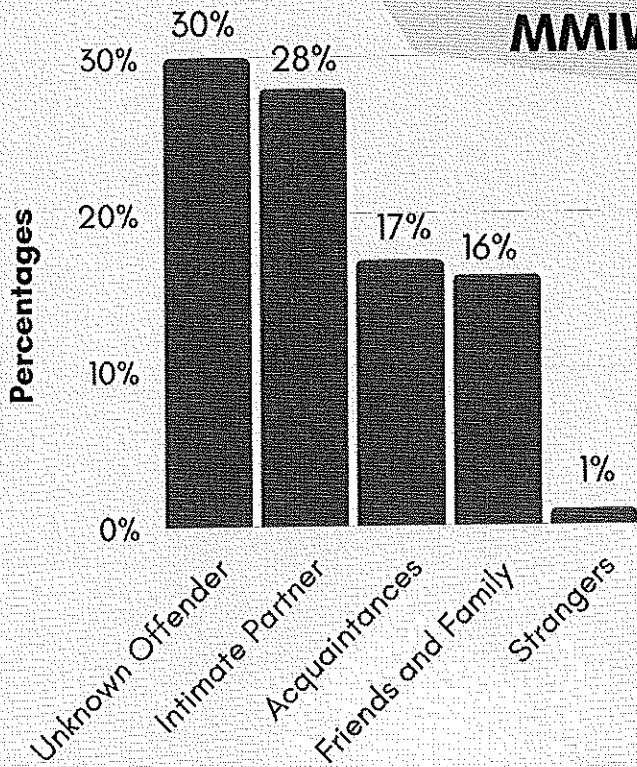
Indigenous males are murdered too, at high rates, and especially in the past few years



This highlights the importance of expanding to MMIP

FBI UCR: 474 Indigenous males (1976-2018)

Who commits MMIWG?



Indigenous females are killed by unknown attackers, intimate partners, acquaintances, and friends and family

At what age does MMIWG happen?



Infant



Elder

Indigenous women and girls of all ages are missing and murdered, ranging from infants to elders

Women ages 20-40 were murdered more often than those who were younger & older



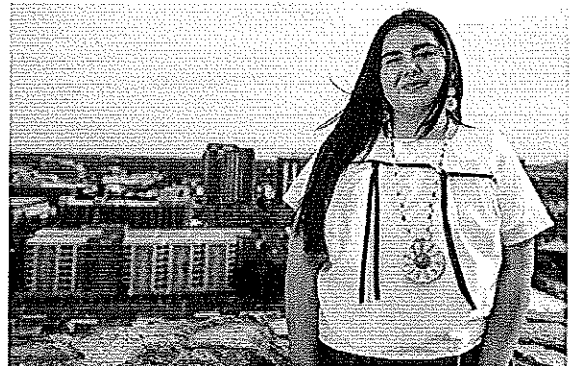
Our Current & Future MMIP Work

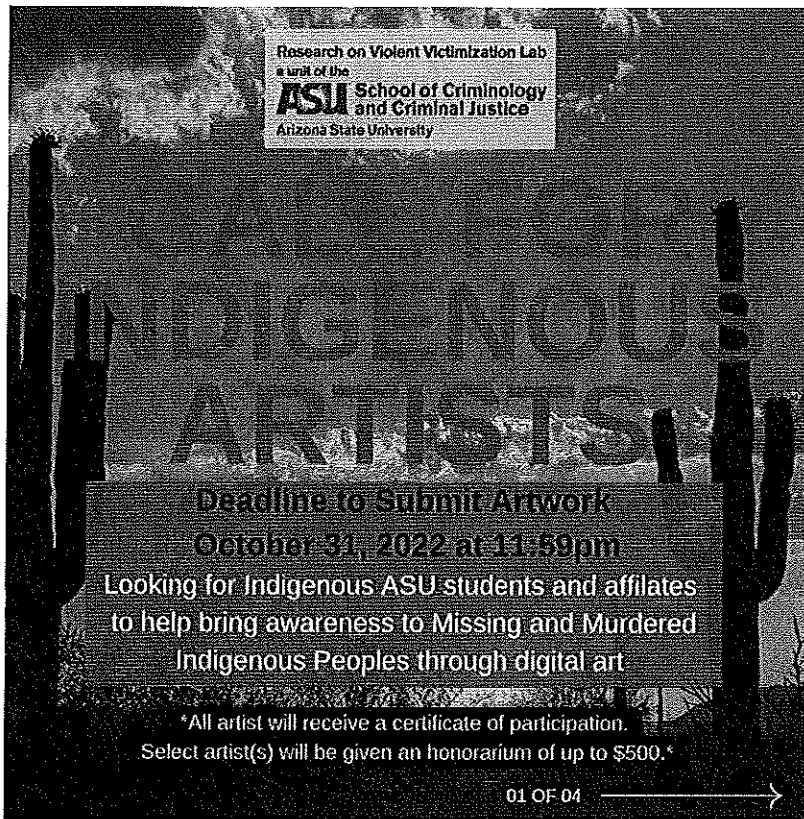
We are looking at MMIP at ASU

Transitioning to college is a major life event. Yet not much is known about the MMIP experiences of Indigenous college students.

The goals of this work is

- to elevate ASU Indigenous students' voices
- 128 survey participants
- 11 student 1:1 interviews
- 40 interviews with staff/faculty who work with Indigenous students





We invite
Indigenous ASU
affiliates to bring
awareness to
MMIP through
digital art

Future MMIP work in partnership with the MMIP Study Committee

Our goal is to address MMIP in Arizona by partnering with families impacted by MMIP and organizations that serve Tribal Nations and Indigenous peoples to educate, train, and document violence against Indigenous peoples in culturally-appropriate ways that benefit Indigenous families and the people of Arizona.

We will listen and learn from your expertise

Listening & taking action to address MMIP

Story telling: We will listen to the experiences of families and survivors impacted by MMIP

Gathering grounds: We plan to host a summit to address and take action on changes needed to address MMIP

Thank you!

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