Ending the Cycles of Sexual Violence Against Native Women and Children

Sexual violence is defined as a sexual act committed against someone without that person’s freely given consent.

In New Mexico Today:

1 in 2 Native women and girls are victims of some form of sexual violence
72% of all forms of sexual violence against Native Americans is penetration (rape)

1 in 4 Native men and boys are victims of some form of sexual violence
77% of Native survivors that sought services last year were victims of incest penetration (rape)

83% of sexual violence against Native children in New Mexico are perpetuated by a family member, according to reporting by SANE providers

22% of Native victims had more than one offender rape them during the most recent assault (group rape or multiple perpetrator rape during the incident)

3 out of 4 of the sexual assaults against Native Americans were perpetrated in a residence either at the home of the survivor or at the offender’s home

44% of male Native victims who sought services were children compared to 28% of total female Native victims

60% - 63% of Native adolescent and child victims suffered vaginal injuries as a result of their rape

Offender Relationship Category to Victim

- 22% Uncle
- 21% Cousin
- 14% Father
- 9% Step-Father
- 7% Grandfather
- 7% Brother
- 20% Other relative

Average Age of Offenders

35
Average age of offender of sexual violence against Native men and boys

31
Average age of offender of sexual violence against Native women and girls

CSVANW Recommendations

- Support programming that defers to cultural knowledge and practices rooted in early intervention and prevention through outreach and education.
- Support age-appropriate education in schools and training for community workers, school counselors, teachers and staff to identify services and support for children.
- Support community education and outreach to increase knowledge about healthy sexual development, healthy sexual relationships and healthy boundaries.

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