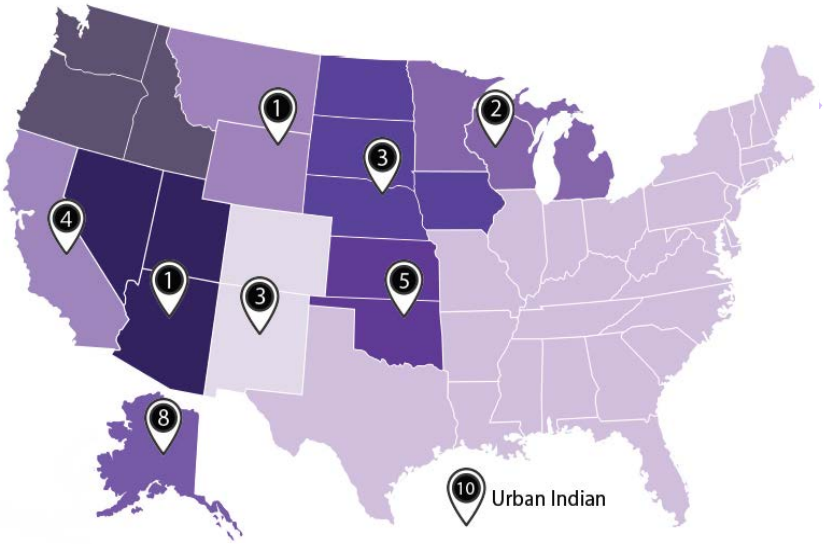
Domestic Violence Prevention

- The Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP) program supports incorporating community-based prevention efforts addressing social, spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of victims through the integration of culturally appropriate practices and trauma-informed services for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribal and Urban communities.
- In May 2022, the IHS Division of Behavioral Health, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services awarded 37 Tribal, Tribal organization, and Urban Indian organization DVP grants totaling $7.4 million, over a 5-year period.
- The 37 DVP grantees will focus on domestic violence prevention treatment and aftercare. DVP grantees will aim to promote prevention efforts addressing domestic and sexual violence, including sexual exploitation/human trafficking, Missing and Murdered AI/AN people, and child maltreatment.
- AI/AN women and men have been victimized at similar rates (84.3 percent for women and 81.6 percent for men). They have experienced similar levels of psychological aggression and physical violence by intimate partners. Women have experienced significantly higher levels of sexual violence and stalking. (National Crime Information Center, 2016)



Awarded Tribal, Tribal organization, and Urban Indian organization DVP Grants by IHS Area.

4 in 5

AI/AN women have experienced violence in their lifetime. (National Institute of Justice 2010).

2 in 5

AI/AN female victims reported being physically injured, and almost half reported needing services. More than a third (38 percent) were unable to receive necessary services. (National Institute of Justice 2016)

5,712 Missing

In 2016, there were 5,712 reports of missing AI/AN women and girls, though the US Department of Justice's federal missing person database only logged 116 cases.
(National Crime Information Center, 2016)

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