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Organized Village of Kake

**Increasing Safety for Alaska Native Women
A Village Engagement Session
Organized Village of Kake
April 10 -11, 2017**

8:30 **Registration**

9:00 **Traditional Opening and Welcome**
Ruth Demmert, Elder, Native Village of Kake

Introductions of Participants

9:15 **Overview of the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center
Domestic Violence Curriculum, Year Two, Follow-Up**

Tami Truett Jerue, Executive Director, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC)
Isabel Mills, Program Coordinator, Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Program, Organized Village of Kake (OVK)

***Overview of Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Native Women:
A National and Village Perspective***

Jacqueline "Jax" Agtuca, AKNWRC, Legal and Policy Consultant
Isabel Mills, Coordinator, Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Program, Organized Village of Kake (OVK)

Videos:

- [Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men, National Institute of Justice, 2016](#)
- [Beginnings of Violence Against Alaska Native Women](#)

10:30 **Break**

10:45 ***How Domestic and Sexual Violence Impacts the Survivor***

Heidi Vantrease, Domestic Violence Advocate, (OVK)

Shirley Moses, Executive Director, Healing Native Hearts Coalition

Video: [Joann Horn, We Want Our Women to be Safe](#)

How Domestic and Sexual Violence Impacts Alaska Native Villages

Isabel Mills, Coordinator, OVK Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Program

Tami Truett Jerue, AKNWRC

Video: [Lessons from the Old Days, by the late Yup'ik Elder Rose Burkowski](#)

The Need for Abuser Accountability

Mike Jackson, Retired, Alaska State Magistrate

Joyce Skaflestad, Hoonah, Domestic Violence Advocate (invited)

Video: [The Teachings, by the late Yup'ik Elder William Trader](#)

12:00 ***Lunch on Your Own***

1:30 ***Review of Morning Discussion***

2:00 ***Facilitated Discussion on Increasing the Response to Domestic and Sexual Violence In OVK and Alaska Native Villages***

The goal of the facilitated discussion session is to provide the time for everyone to share their collective thoughts on how to increase the community response to domestic and sexual violence in OVK. The sessions will also create the opportunity to share changes that have occurred since the first AKNWRC session in 2015. The facilitated discussion is organized into the following three topics.

Increasing Support to Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Facilitators: Heidi Vantrease and Shirley Moses

Increasing Accountability of Abusers to the Village

Facilitators: Joyce Skaflestad and Mike Jackson

Increasing the Response of the Village

Facilitators: Isabel Mills and Rose Quilt, NIWRC

3:00 ***Break***

3:15 ***VAWA Annual Consultation: 2016 and 2017***

4:45 ***Completion and Collection of the Evaluation Forms***

5:00 ***Adjourn***

5:30 ***Community Dinner at Our Grandparents House***

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Day Two, April 11, 2017**

8:30 *Registration and Distribution of the Resource Materials*

9:00 *Welcome and Overview of Agenda for the Day*

Isabel Mills, Coordinator, Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Program, OVK

9:15 *Overview of the Violence Against Women Act, Family Violence Prevention Services Act, and Victim of Crimes Act*

Jacqueline “Jax” Agtuca, AKNWRC, Law and Policy Consultant

Tami Truett Jerue, AKNWRC

Participants will be provided an overview of the three federal programs dedicated to addressing victims of domestic and sexual violence. Tribal leaders and advocates for the safety of Native women have worked for over three decades to end domestic violence. As a result of their efforts the laws of the United States and Indian tribes have improved yet much remains to be done.

Facilitated Discussion

10:00 *Overview of Legal Options to Stop Domestic Violence*

Joyce Skaflestad, Hoonah, Domestic Violence Advocate (invited)

Tami Truett Jerue, AKNWRC

Jacqueline “Jax” Agtuca, AKNWRC, Law and Policy Consultant

Victims of domestic have legal options available to stop the violence. However many times the only person standing between a Native woman and an abuser is a family member or someone else from the village. Understanding the laws created to stop domestic and sexual violence is important to protecting women and the village from the violence of abusers. This session will review the criminal response to domestic violence at the federal, state and village levels.

11:15 *Break*

11:30 *Services to Respond to Domestic and Sexual Violence*

The OVK Domestic Violence Program and other first responders provide services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. This session will share and provide an update about these partnerships to provide services and support victims.

12:30 *Lunch on Your Own*

1:45 ***Facilitated Discussions to Identify Ways to Increase Safety and Stop Domestic Violence***

This session will provide through facilitated discussion a forum to identify priority issues for the community and OVK to increase the response to domestic and sexual violence, and other forms of violence against Alaska Native Women such as sex trafficking. The issues, concerns and recommendations, identified can be summarized as targeted goals to share locally, regionally and nationally.

3:15 ***Break***

3:30 ***Review of the Highlights of the Day and Next Steps***

3:45 ***Completion and Collection of the Evaluation Forms***

4:00 ***Traditional Closing***

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