

Free Legal Services for Native American Victims of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes

Northwest Justice Project's Coordinated Legal Education Assistance and Referral program (CLEAR) has new services available for Native American crime victims through the **CLEAR-CV-Native American Program**.

An NJP attorney is available to provide advice, brief services and referrals in civil (non-criminal) legal matters stemming from the client's experience as a crime victim.

Examples of legal problems include:

- **Family Law** matters such as divorce, custody and protection orders involving domestic violence or sexual assault, especially when the case is in tribal court or the client believes it should be in tribal court; or when tribal court orders are not enforced.
- **Health** matters including denial of health care services or assistance in obtaining mental health services to deal with victimization
- **Housing** problems such as evictions or needing to break a lease due to a crime in the home
- **Economic security** issues such as medical bills, utility access and other consumer problems caused by an assault, abuse, or fraud.
- **Other** legal problems resulting from being a victim of crime

If you are a Native American crime victim seeking legal assistance, ask a tribal service provider or a staff member of an organization that serves Native Americans for a referral. Social services staff or tribal advocates refer clients to the CLEAR-CV-Native American program by sending a referral form.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Yogi at jennifery@nwjustice.org or (206) 464-1519 ext. 0921

What is Northwest Justice Project?

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is a statewide non-profit organization with 13 offices in Washington State that provides free civil legal services to low-income people. NJP's mission is to secure justice through high quality legal advocacy that promotes the long-term well-being of low-income individuals, families, and communities.

