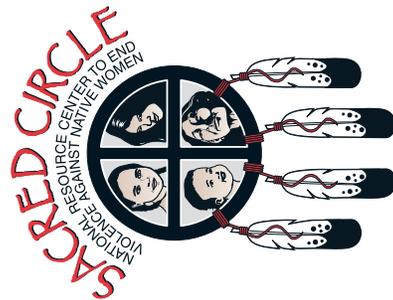




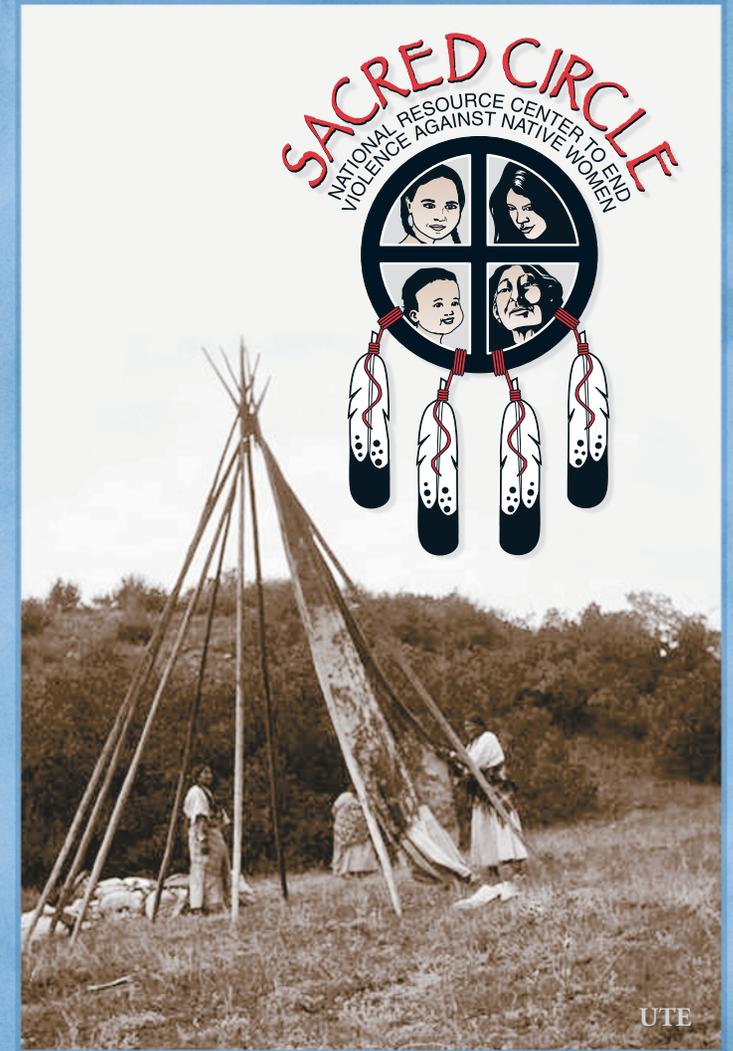
*Rooted in the Plains,
the mission of
Sacred Circle,
National Resource
Center to End
Violence Against
Native Women,
a project of
Cangleska, Inc.,
is to change
individual and
institutional beliefs
that justify the
oppression of
ALL Native women.*

*The work to
transform tribal
families and
communities into a
circle of balance and
harmony requires
individual growth
and systemic
responsibility.*



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**Sacred Circle is Dedicated to
Actions that Promote the
Sovereignty and Safety
of Women.**



*Violence Against Native Women
is Not Traditional*

ABOUT SACRED CIRCLE



Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women was established in 1998 as the fifth member of the domestic violence resource center network originally created in 1993 by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Located in Rapid City, South Dakota, Sacred Circle provides technical assistance, policy development, training, materials and resource information regarding violence against Native women and to develop tribal strategies and responses to end the violence.

Sacred Circle is a project of Cangleska, Inc. a private, non-profit, tribally chartered organization on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Located within the boundaries of the Oglala Lakota Nation, Cangleska, Inc. is a nationally recognized organization, providing domestic violence and sexual assault prevention/intervention services and facilitates the coordinated response to domestic violence and sexual assault for the Oglala Lakota Nation.



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SACRED CIRCLE PROVIDES RESOURCES TO:



Increase Indian Nations' capacity to provide direct services and advocacy to women and their children victimized by battering and sexual assault through technical assistance, model programming, training and information consistent with indigenous worldview.



Enhance the infrastructure of the tribal justice system's capacity to provide for victim safety and batterer accountability through analysis and development of statutes, policies, procedures and protocols.



Expand tribal law enforcement's capacity to respond to domestic violence by providing specific training, information and model policy, procedure and protocols.



Provide tribal service providers with training and programming regarding the development and facilitation of batterer's programs.



Increase community awareness and grassroots support to stop violence against Native women.



Enhance tribes' and tribal organizations' creation of coordinated community response efforts, including advocacy and shelter programs, criminal justice, law enforcement and other related systems.



Enhance the potential for change and continuity by strengthening the infrastructure of tribal organizations responding to violence against women.



Analyze national policies and practices that impact violence against women initiatives in tribal communities.

American Indian Women were victimized by an intimate partner at rates higher than those for all other females. 23.2 per 1000 versus 8.1 per 1000 Caucasian.
OJ Violent Victimization and Race '98

The rate of violent victimization of Native Americans is about 2 times that experienced by blacks, 2.5 times that sustained by white, and 4.5 times that experienced by Asians.
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The stalking rate is so high against Native American and Alaska Native women that 17% will be stalked during their lifetimes. Domestic
Violence Report, (3/'88)

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**Materials & Training
Technical Assistance
Consultation
Information**

Tribes and tribal organizations are invited to contact Sacred Circle about their specific needs.

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****Please note: Sacred Circle does not provide crisis intervention or direct services to victims. Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or local shelter for those services.**