

3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the human remains and funerary objects and the Spokane Tribe of Indians.

This notice has been sent to the Spokane Tribe of Indians. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains and funerary objects should contact Mr. Glenn Mason, Director, Cheney Cowles Museum, 2316 W. First Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204, telephone (509) 456-4931 ext. 104 before March 28, 1996 Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: February 21, 1996

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

Voluntary Foreign Aid Advisory Committee; Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: March 12, 1996 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Location: State Department, Loy Henderson Auditorium, 23rd Street Entrance

The purposes of the meeting are: to review the impact of the budget cuts on the USAID/PVO partnership, to discuss the findings and recommendations of the USAID agency-wide study on women and development, and to consult with representatives of multilateral development banks on their policies and procedures for working with the nongovernmental sector.

The meeting is free and open to the public. However, notification by March 8, 1996, through the advisory committee headquarters is required. Persons wishing to attend the meeting must call Lisa J. Douglas (703) 351-0243 or Susan Saragi (703) 351-0244 or FAX (703) 351-0228/0212. Persons attending must include their name, organization, birthdate and social security number for security purposes.

Dated: February 15, 1996

John P. Grant,

Director, Office of Private and Voluntary Cooperation, Bureau for Humanitarian Response.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Discretionary Grant Program Awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime for Fiscal Year 1996

AGENCY: Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).

ACTION: Public announcement of availability of the funds under the Discretionary Grant Program authorized by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984 codified at 42 U.S.C. § 10601, *et seq.*

SUMMARY: OVC is publishing this notice to announce the availability of discretionary funding for a training and technical assistance project to improve services to child and adult victims of sexual assault and abuse.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is March 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Mail applications to OVC, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20531. Hand delivered applications must be taken to OVC, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Smith, Program Specialist, (202) 616-1860.

I. Introduction

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is a component of the Office of Justice Programs within the U.S. Department of Justice. It serves as the chief advocate within the Department for all crime victim issues. In addition to ensuring that the criminal justice system addresses the victim's legitimate rights and interests, OVC's program activities include providing victim assistance and compensation grants to the states; training and technical assistance; and emergency services to victims of federal crimes. See 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 10601-10605.

II. Program Description

Promising Strategies and Practices for Evidentiary Medical Examinations, Including the Use of Nurse Examiners and Special Settings (Cooperative Agreement).

Award Amount: \$50,000.

Purpose: To encourage the participation of child and adult victims of sexual assault and abuse in the criminal justice process by promoting victim-sensitive practices and settings for the collection of medical evidence.

Background: In many places, adult and child victims of sexual assault and abuse who arrive at hospital emergency rooms often have to contend with a lack of privacy, long waits for doctors who are busy attending to other medical emergencies, a lack of emotional support throughout the forensic examination process, and an impersonal, chaotic environment. These conditions not only compound the trauma experienced by victims, but discourage many victims from coming forward to report the crime or to obtain necessary assistance and medical services. In addition, evidence that is poorly collected and improperly preserved undermines efforts to successfully prosecute and convict sex offenders.

To address these issues, some jurisdictions have developed sexual assault nurse examiner programs, in which nurses who are specially trained to address the medical and emotional needs of victims perform the examinations in a setting especially designed for victims. The intent of these programs is to free doctors to attend to other medical emergencies; to use consistent forensic examination practices to ensure that appropriate steps are followed in collecting, handling, and storing evidence; and, most importantly, to assist child and adult victims in a compassionate and sensitive manner. Various communities have also found that examination rooms designed for victims seem to increase their willingness to participate in the criminal justice process. In addition, they have found that the use of trained nurse examiners can reduce costs and enhance the provision of services. These innovative measures not only reduce trauma to victims; they also result in credible evidence, the basis for successfully prosecuting and convicting sex offenders.

Goals

- To promote the use of sexual assault nurse examiner programs and special settings for evidentiary medical examinations of child and adult victim of sexual assault and abuse.
- To define standards for consistent, compassionate and quality practices in conducting evidentiary medical examinations of child and adult victims of sexual assault and abuse.