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WI MMIW TaskForce

- **END THE ABDUCTION, HOMICIDE, VIOLENCE AND TRAFFICKING OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN WISCONSIN**
- **EXAMINE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND RELATIVES (MMIW/R)**
- **ANALYZE THE RESPONSE FROM SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**
- **EXAMINE THE ROLES OF FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND TRIBAL JURISDICTIONS**
- **IMPROVE AND IMPLEMENT ROBUST DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING METHODS**

ORIGINS OF VIOLENCE



PRE-CONTACT (PRE-1492)

- ESTIMATED 100 MILLION INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN "CONTINENTAL 48"
- ADVANCED CIVILIZATION WITH ESTABLISHED TRADE ROUTES IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

POINT OF CONTACT

- DISEASE, ENSLAVEMENT, PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE = TRAUMA, LOSS AND GRIEF
- MANIFEST DESTINY, WESTWARD EXPANSION, AND RESERVATIONS
- INDIAN REMOVAL ACT OF 1830- AT GUNPOINT, BABIES KILLED, PEOPLE STARVED, ELDERS KILLED= TLG
- LAND DISPOSSESSION OR CESSION= LOSS OF 1.25 BILLION ACRES IN "CONTINENTAL 48"= TLG

STOLEN CHILDREN THROUGH: ASSIMILATION, ACCULTURATION, LOSS OF LANGUAGE, KINSHIP, STORIES, VALUES, ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS= TLG FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- BOARDING SCHOOLS- BOTH GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS, OVER 60,000 CHILDREN SUBJECTED TO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (WHICH WAS NOT A TRADITIONAL CHILD-REARING METHOD FOR NATIVE PEOPLE). LAST BOARDING SCHOOLS CLOSED IN US ~1970, IN CANADA 1996.
- CHILD "PROTECTION" SYSTEMS. WHERE ~1/3 OF CHILDREN IN SD WERE REMOVED AND PLACED IN NON-NATIVE HOMES. ICWA PASSED IN 1978. **WICWA PASSED IN 2009.**

HISTORIC RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, EXCLUSION, AND MARGINALIZATION

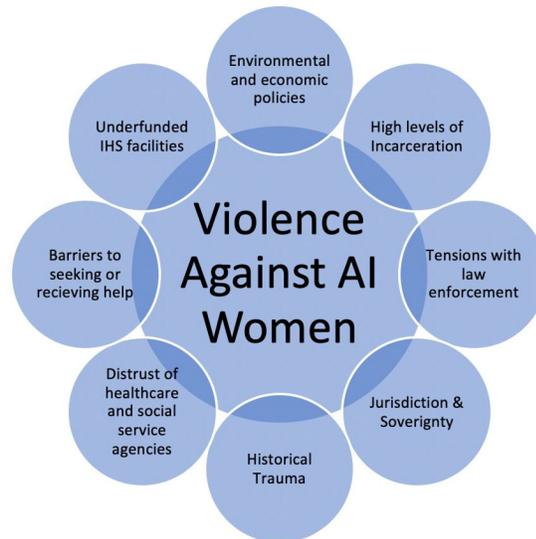
PREJUDICE AND STEREOTYPES, SYSTEMIC-, INSTITUTIONAL-, AND MICRO-AGGRESSIONS

SUPREME COURT & WTJA

- **SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON, EUGENE WHITEFISH, WICWA, BOARDING SCHOOLS**
- **PL280**
- **CURRENT EVENTS**

VIOLENCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

- **ACCORDING TO A [STUDY](#) FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE, SOME 84 PERCENT OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE IN THEIR LIFETIME.**
- **WHILE 35 PERCENT OF WOMEN (AND 33 PERCENT OF MEN) EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE AT THE HANDS OF A NATIVE AMERICAN PERPETRATOR, A WHOPPING 97 PERCENT OF WOMEN (AND 90 PERCENT OF MEN) EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY NON-NATIVE INDIVIDUALS.**





SEXUAL ASSAULT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

- AMERICAN INDIAN HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF RAPE BY ETHNIC GROUPS OUTSIDE OF THEIR RACE.
- 1/3 AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN WILL EXPERIENCE SEXUAL ABUSE IN THEIR LIFETIME.
- IN 2003, ONLY 54 CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN WERE PROSECUTED BY THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY LESLIE HAGEN, DECEMBER 10, 2004).
- IN 2017, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DECLINED TO PROSECUTE MORE THAN A THIRD OF CASES REFERRED TO THEM IN INDIAN COUNTRY. THAT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT.



CONTEMPORARY OPPRESSION

- INDIAN RELOCATION ACT (1956)
- OLIPHANT VS. SUQUAMISH (1978)- NO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION FOR NON-NATIVES COMMITTING CRIME ON TRUST LANDS (MMIP)
- PUBLIC LAW 280 (1953)
- BOARDING SCHOOLS & FOSTER CARE SYSTEMS (INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT-1978)
- FORCED STERILIZATION (1970'S)
- ECONOMIC POLICIES AND CHALLENGES FOR RESERVATIONS
- FOSSIL FUEL EXTRACTION AND SAND MINING (SAND FILTERS WATER)
- LACK OF FUNDING FOR INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
- IMPLICIT BIASES AND WHITE PRIVILEGE (COLORISM)
- LATERAL VIOLENCE & OPPRESSION
- BLOOD QUANTUM
- POOR COMPLIANCE WITH STATE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION SURROUNDING TRIBES OF WISCONSIN



HISTORY OF TASKFORCE CREATION

THE CREATION OF THE MMIW WI TASK FORCE WAS THE AUTHORIZING OF AB 548 BY RENEE GRALEWICZ AND LISA HURST. IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER LEARNING ABOUT THE MMIW MOVEMENT AND THE DISPROPORTIONATE RATES OF VIOLENCE THAT INDIGENOUS WOMEN FACE, THAT THESE TWO INDIGENOUS WOMEN BEGAN THE POLICY WORK TO DEMANDS CHANGES FROM LEGISLATION TO NOT ONLY REDUCE BUT ELIMINATE THIS VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS WOMEN. COUNCIL WAS SOUGHT IN DEVELOPING THIS BILL, SUCH AS PAM JOHNSON FROM AIAA (AMERICAN INDIANS AGAINST ABUSE) WHOM WAS KEY IN PROVIDING EDITS AND REVISIONS TO THE DRAFTS. RENEE ALSO PARTNERED WITH WCASA (WI COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT) LAWYER IAN HENDERSON WHO HELPED PROVIDE CONSULTATION, LOBBYING WORK, AND HOW-TO BEST GAIN ATTENTION FOR THIS IMPORTANT BILL. THEY REACHED OUT TO REPRESENTATIVE AMANDA STUCK, WHO SOON THEN SPONSORED AB 548.



WHY IT MATTERS

- WE SEEK CLOSURE TO FAMILIES OF THOSE MISSING AND MURDERED.
- WE WORK TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO CARE FOR VICTIM-SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES - TO UNDERSTAND BARRIERS, WE MUST UNDERSTAND SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION.
- INDIGENOUS PEOPLE EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE ARE THE EXPERTS IN WHAT THEY NEED IN TERMS OF INTERVENTIONS. IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DOJ, WE HAVE DEVELOPED SUBCOMMITTEES COMPRISED OF INDIGENOUS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND ALLIES.
- WE ADVOCATE FOR SURVIVOR-LED PREVENTION AND INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVE SERVICE FOR VICTIMS, SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES

HAPPENING TODAY

Remains of more than 1,000 Indigenous children found at former residential schools in Canada
 By [Mindy Weisberger](#) published July 13, 2021
 State-run boarding schools for Indigenous children operated in Canada between 1863 and 1998.

New Mexico

'Nobody saw me': why are so many Native American women and girls trafficked?

Nearly a quarter of New Mexico's trafficking victims are Native American – and women and girls are the least protected as the state struggles to address the problem



IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THIS IS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES

URGENT MISSING

Katelyn L. Kelly



The Menominee Tribal Police is asking the community for assistance in locating 22 year old Katelyn L. Kelly. Katelyn was last seen on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at around 10:00- 10:30 pm, near County road VV east and Onanekwat road A.K.A. trailer courts. Katelyn was last seen wearing blue jeans shorts, black halter top and grey t-shirt with black sandals.

She is 5'2", approximately 140 lbs, mid-length dark brown hair, brown eyes, piercing on cheek bone, unknown tattoo on right leg, tattoo on back of her neck that says "Kodiak", clothing last seen in: jean shorts, black swimsuit, grey top, and sandals.



It's time to speak up and help this young woman, if you know something call the number below. The time to protect our Indigenous women is now!

If you have any information regarding Katelyn please contact Menominee Tribal Detectives at (715) 799-5805. Calls can remain anonymous.

HOW YOU WE HELP!



EDUCATION IS KEY

STUDY THE ISSUES THAT SURROUND MURDER AND MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN

- LACK OF DATA COLLECTION
- LACK OF LAWS THAT REQUIRE ACTION
- JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES
- RACIAL INJUSTICE THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY IMPACTED INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES
- LACK OF POSITIVE OR HELPFUL MEDIA FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE/COMMUNITIES
- LACK OF RESOURCES

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