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MMIW/P Resource Guide



<https://namus.nij.ojp.gov/>

resolution

Consult on cases and support criminal justice efforts to drive

Free forensic services & family DNA kits

Unidentified Persons National Data Base for Missing &

Provides: NamUs

<https://www.missingkids.org/home>



Provides: Family & Survivor Supports Case Assistance to Local Law Enforcement

NCMEC NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

RESOURCES FOR HELP

WI Clearinghouse for Missing Persons & Exploited Children and Adults

Provides: Actively assists law enforcement officers, victims and victim families in search, recovery and reunification in cases involving abducted, missing and/or exploited children and adults

<https://www.missingpersons.doj.wi.gov/>



DEPARTED RELATIVES AS A CRIME VICTIM, OR FAMILY MEMBER OF A HOMICIDE VICTIM YOU HAVE CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS

To a speedy disposition of the case in order to minimize the length of time a victim must endure the stress of their responsibilities in connection with the case.

To apply for financial assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Crime Victim Compensation Program, in certain cases. Assistance is available in violent crimes and does not cover property losses. To obtain more information about the Crime Victim Compensation, call 1-800-446-6564

To have, upon request, the opportunity at sentencing to make an oral statement or a written statement to be read in court, relevant to sentencing

To be informed of your rights and how to exercise those rights

To speak with (confer) the prosecutor representative upon your request, about the possible outcome of the case, potential plea agreements and sentencing options

Full list of Crime Victims Rights: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/victim-rights/your-statutory-rights-victim> or scan QR code



STORY MAPS FOR HEALING & JUSTICE

A Waking Women Healing Institute Special Project dedicated to uplifting MMIW/P Family Voices

Kaysara Stops Pretty Places A Story of Healing & Resistance

"Kaysara Stops Pretty Places, member of the Crow Nation was described by many as athletic, kindhearted, compassionate, and at 18 years old her life was just beginning to form. She was the type to be the first one to help her friends if they needed anything. She was strong, she was a fighter, and her life mattered. This story is a small part of her life; and follows her family's three year journey to seek justice for Kaysara. It is a documentation of how many burdens families of MMIW (Missing Murdered Indigenous Women) carry, as they are forced to become private investigators, community organizers, lawyers, and more. It is a documentation of the lack of response from the criminal justice systems and their many failures to provide culturally founded and compassionate care. This story is just one of thousands across Turtle Island (US), that hold these same patterns of pain and lack of attention to murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls."

Scan QR code to visit her full Story Map <https://arcg.is/1G18aa>



MMU Missing Murdered Unit



State Special Operations Bureau



WI STOW Search & Rescue



COORDINATED & QUICK RESPONSES MATTER

Along with physical canvassing Law Enforcement may utilize computer forensics, cell phone information, and alert systems. It is ok to advocate for quick responses and encourage that additional resources to aide in response & investigation be utilized. Below are a few resources at the local, state, and federal levels available to Law Enforcement:

DCI- CART Teams Child Abduction Response Teams Trained Search & Rescue Teams Additional Jurisdictions

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WHEN OUR RELATIVES GO MISSING

MISSING SIMPLY MEANS LOCATION UNKNOWN, THERE IS NO WAITING PERIOD TO FILE A REPORT

File Missing Persons Report as soon as you confirm your missing relative's location is unknown. You know your relative best, trust your instincts.

Where to File Missing Persons

Nearest Police District
Officers at the district will take the report and should not send people to other districts to file, if, for example, the missing person lived somewhere else in the city

When reporting to Law Enforcement:

- Gather most recent photos of your relative
- Try to obtain relatives last known location
- Identify what they were wearing & note identifying markings/tattoos, etc.
- If missing relative is a child ensure Law Enforcement enters them into NCIC-National Crime Information Center
- Obtain the name and contact number of the officer assigned to your case
- Indicate to law enforcement any mental health, alcohol & other drug issues your relative is/was experiencing, and if you believe them to be in immediate danger
- Remember to take care of yourself mind, body, & spirit during this time move your body, drink water, eat as able

95%

*of MMIW cases in UIHI study were never covered in media

Historical policy such as the Doctrine of Discovery, Indian Relocation Act, and Boarding School Era are documentation of institutional racism that laid the foundation for the current epidemic of MMIW (Missing Murdered Indigenous Women) and sexual violence we see today. The intentional erosion (from US institutions) of our tribal nations ability to self-govern, prosecute major crimes within our boundaries, jurisdictional confusion, and lack of visibility; have left our Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit (LGBTQ) targets of violence.

The results, our indigenous relatives are human trafficked and murdered at disproportionate rates, rarely see justice within the court systems, and are not provided the media attention to bring awareness to these horrific acts of violence. The MMIW/P movement & Waking Women Healing Institute aims to address these issues. We hope this quick guide offers our relatives access to information & resources in their most difficult times. Please remember to take care of your mind, body, and spirit, it is ok to rest and remember the power of the collective strengths within our communities.

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*Murder is the third leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska women

71%

*of American Indian/Alaska Natives live in urban areas

MMIW/P RESOURCE MAP

Below is a static map of MMIW/P resources available across Turtle Island. The digital map was co-developed with MIT Students & Waking Women Healing Institute to quickly locate agencies, non-profits, grassroots, and organizations that provide direct services to families of MMIW/P & Survivors of Violence. The hope is to improve responses to, and increase access to supports for those experiencing violence and cases of MMIW/P. When users scan the QR code or visit the link (below) they can explore & navigate the digital map. By clicking on each dot a tab opens that shares location, contact details, and services provided for each entity. We invite you to explore the MMIW/P Resource Map.

<https://wwhi-map.dataplusfeminism.mit.edu/>

