



## The Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018

The Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018 amends the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act (Public Law 108-21), to reauthorize the AMBER Alert grant program. Since passage of the law, the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) provides guidance and coordination between tribes and states to access and integrate with State AMBER Alert plans as part of the 2018 Act. More information on this law can be found on the congress.gov website here: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/772>.



### Ongoing Implementation Initiatives:

**Implementing AMBER Alert in Indian Country** – Develop strategies for implementing AMBER Alert plans within Indian Country through targeted collaboration with designated representatives from Tribal communities and the State AMBER Alert program prior to the occurrence of a child abduction.

**National AMBER Alert in Indian Country Symposium Events** - National AMBER Alert in Indian Country Symposium events bring together designated tribal leaders, public safety and emergency management personnel, and AMBER Alert Coordinators to improve the process of integration between state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans with federally recognized tribes from across the nation.

**AMBER Alert in Indian Country Regional Meetings** – Tribal leaders and child protection partners are encouraged to participate in regional AMBER Alert Consultations with state and local law enforcement agencies to collaborate and develop strategies for the response and investigation of those who go missing, are abducted or exploited in tribal communities.

### Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation in Indian Country

AATTAP has delivered training to more than 5,600 law enforcement, social services personnel, prosecutors and government leaders through onsite and online Child Sex Trafficking (CST) courses. Of those, more than 930 participants represented tribal law enforcement and child protection roles. In addition to delivery of CST courses in both tribal and non-tribal communities, AATTAP has conducted training, technical assistance and analyses specific to the dynamics of child sex trafficking, exploitation and other problems affecting high-risk youth in Indian Country.



## Goals for Training and Technical Assistance in Combatting Child Sex Trafficking in Indian Country

**Create and expand awareness** in tribal communities on the scope and understanding of the problem (challenges, issues to special populations, etc.) of human trafficking and child exploitation.

**Increase willingness and capacity** of tribal officials, thought leaders and other policy influencing community members to develop understanding around the impact of human trafficking.

**Increase capability and skill** of these same stakeholders in how to recognize trafficking, luring and exploitation activities on the internet and social media, along with other behaviors and indicators of trafficking victims and offenders.

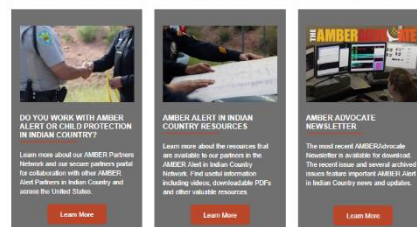
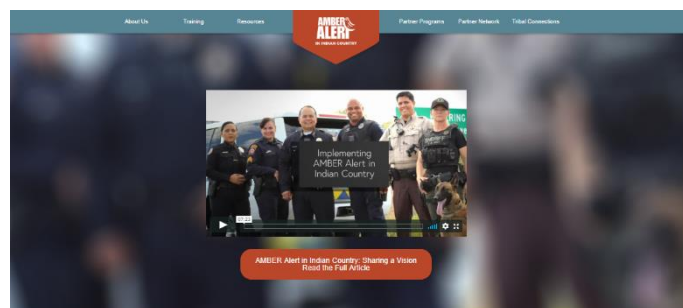
**Support Tribal communities** in the creation and implementation of a comprehensive community approach to include community engagement, interdiction, arrest, recovery and support services for survivors.

## The AMBER Alert in Indian Country Website

The **AMBER Alert in Indian Country Website** (<https://amber-ic.org>) provides an interactive, multi-dimensional website offering information, resources, video content and the latest developments for the Tribal child protection work of AATTAP and its partners. Information and resources address a wide array of protection and prevention topics, including issues related to investigation, intervention and prevention of victimization, exploitation and trafficking in Tribal communities.

**Tribal Training:** For a list of all available Tribal training opportunities, both scheduled and those available to request for your area, [visit the Training Page on the AIIC website.](#)

**AMBER Alert Partners:** AATTAP offers AMBER Alert Partners working in law enforcement and official child protections roles, both within and outside of Tribal lands, access to the secure Partners Portal on its AMBER Advocate Website. The Portal contains a partner contact information listing, resource library, discussion boards, special training content and more. **To learn more or request access, visit the 'Partner Network' page on the AMBER Alert in Indian Country website at <https://amber-ic.org/network>.**



AMBER Alert in Indian Country on Facebook



## History of Past Child Protection in Indian Country Initiatives:

**High Risk Juveniles in Indian Country Project** | Twenty-two organizations including nine tribes collaborated on identification, intervention and prosecution of crimes against Native American Youth who are exploited, trafficked or abducted in the communities outside their tribal lands.

**Attitudes and Experiences of Native American Youth** | Interviews and meetings were conducted with Native American Youth to determine the causative factors, behaviors and experiences that place these youth at risk of victimization. This included runaways, thrown away, youth in placement, technology facilitated crimes and other threats to children in tribal communities.

**New Mexico High Risk Youth Project** | Patterns of victimization were identified with youth from tribal and rural communities in New Mexico, from which training and technical assistance was developed to address these issues. Over 100 law enforcement, social services and government leaders have received training with the information developed from this project. The concept is now being used in the Pacific Northwest to address similar issues in that region.

**Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) in Indian Country** | The growing issue of the use of technology to facilitate crimes against children in Indian Country was addressed, with access provided to tribal communities in the areas of technology, resources for investigative activities, prevention materials and access to their area ICAC Task Force. Regional training programs were conducted by ICAC and tribal instructors.

**Urban Indian Youth Project** | Issues related to the exploitation and victimization of Native American youth in urban communities were addressed with focus on factors which place children in Tribal communities at increased risk due to a lack of resources and community.

**The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and AMBER Alert Tribal Leaders Project** | Dynamics and factors driving child exploitation and technology-facilitated crimes in tribal communities were addressed through this project, allowing AATTAP and NCMEC to partner on directed training, technical assistance and resources for tribes. The project provided AATTAP tribal subject matter experts to NCMEC for cultural awareness and topical issues facing native communities.

## Ongoing Child Protection in Indian Country Initiatives:

**Community Engagement Workshops** | Facilitated workshops with tribal public safety and community members to educate and engage the entire community in long-term child protection solutions.

**Virtual Meeting Events (Online Town Hall Meetings) on Child Protection** | These events engage those tribal organizations and agencies which have the capacity to participate in this online meeting format. The goal is to send a tribal consultant to an onsite location to assist the tribal event host in facilitating discussions with participating tribal partners via a web platform. Other tribal organizations can then connect to the event for discussion and collaborative planning regarding prevention, identification, interdiction and response to human trafficking issues.

**Regional AMBER Alert and Child Protection Partner Meetings** | Tribal leaders and child protection partners are encouraged to participate in regional AMBER Alert meetings to collaborate with state and local law enforcement agencies in their area to ensure a collaborative response to human trafficking.

**HT-CST Survivor Roundtables** | These events, held annually, bring together survivors of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation, including those from Tribal communities, to obtain direct feedback on the responses of law enforcement, child protection officials, prosecutors, the media, and others to their experiences.



## Tribal Training Programs on Human Trafficking:

### Understanding, Prevention, Identification, Response and Recovery

These courses and additional information and registration links can be found on the [Training page of the AMBER Alert in Indian Country Website](#).

**Building AMBER Alert in Indian Country (online/eLearning)** | Provides child protection personnel working with Native American and Alaskan Native communities with an understanding of historical and ongoing efforts to establish AMBER Alert systems in Indian Country. The course offers careful consideration of the key components needed to implement a successful child abduction recovery strategy in communities.

**Community Workshop on Trafficking and Exploitation in Tribal Communities** | Explore the different types and dynamics of human trafficking in tribal communities. Recognize the importance of domestic trafficking of children in tribal communities and acquire responses to prevent, interdict and prosecute those who would exploit children.

**Law Enforcement & Community Response: Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation in Indian Country (online/eLearning)** | Provides child protection personnel in Indian Country with information on child sex trafficking and exploitation, and supports community awareness in identifying and reporting these crimes. Outreach, training and law enforcement response are covered to support safe recovery of victims, interdiction of these crimes, and offender prosecution.

**Recognition and Response to Child Sex Trafficking and Exploitation at Tribal Casinos** | Explore types of human trafficking and the importance of recognizing domestic trafficking of tribal children. Learn about the investigative challenges of trafficking cases, as well as the importance of the victim interview and placement.

**Responding to Child Sex Trafficking in Indian Country** | Understand, recognize, and investigate cases involving child sex trafficking and exploitation in Indian Country. Learn the dynamics of trafficking and exploitation to improve skills related to interviewing the victim and interrogating the trafficker. Focus on the survivor's perspective and changing perceptions regarding trafficking victims.

## Additional CST-HT Training Available From AATTAP

In addition to those CST courses designed specifically for Tribal child protection partners, AATTAP offers additional training which treats various important aspects of law enforcement and community response to the problem of child sex trafficking and exploitation. Visit the [NCJTC.org 'Explore Training' page](#) and select the Child Sex Trafficking category to view a sorted list of trainings available.

