



## 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>.



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### Ongoing Initiatives

**AMBER Alert in Indian Country Implementation Meetings** provide opportunities to develop strategies for implementing AMBER Alert plans within Indian Country through targeted and proactive collaboration with designated representatives from tribal communities and their respective state AMBER Alert programs. The overarching goal of implementation work is to build readiness for effective response to incidents of endangered missing and abducted children.

**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 integration and alignment between state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans with federally recognized tribes across the nation.

**AMBER Alert in Indian Country Regional Meetings** create opportunities for tribal leaders and child protection partners to participate in regional AMBER Alert meetings with state and local law enforcement agencies. Participants can collaborate and develop strategies for effective response and thorough investigation of endangered missing or abducted children on tribal lands.

**Community Engagement Workshops** provide facilitated sessions during which tribal public safety and community members gain new knowledge and work together to become better engaged in in long-term child protection solutions.



*September 2022: AIIC Staff and New Mexico AMBER Alert Coordinators meet with members of the Pueblo of Isleta community for their implementation meeting.*



**Missing and Abducted Children from Indian Country Roundtables** are held annually to connect tribal law enforcement and other agencies working with a tribal community around current practices to promote and advance understanding of the unique dynamics associated with response to and investigation of an endangered, missing, or abducted child in Indian Country.

**AMBER Alert in Indian Country Tabletop Scenarios** help participants develop an understanding of first responder roles within a tribal community, including the role the community has in helping tribal law enforcement in responding to an endangered missing or abducted child. Participants work together to consider best practices and identify strategies for their tribal communities relating to initial response, scene containment, search, canvass, and recovery efforts.

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

In addition to delivery of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation courses in both tribal and non-tribal communities, AATTAP conducts 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 of this work include: creating and expanding awareness and understanding in tribal communities about the scope and nature of the problem; increasing willingness and capacity of tribal officials, thought leaders, and other policy-influencing community members to develop understanding around the impact of human trafficking; increasing capability and skill around 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; and supporting 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 information, resources, and the latest developments on the tribal child protection work of AATTAP-AIIC and its partners. Information and resources address a wide array of protection and prevention topics, including issues related to investigation, intervention, and prevention of abduction, victimization, exploitation, and trafficking in tribal communities.

**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 a 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>.**

## Tribal Training Programs on Endangered Missing and Abducted Children

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

**Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise (CATE) in Indian Country** | Build cohesion within the investigative team while working to respond to the emergency. Take part in a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional tabletop exercise built around realistic abduction scenario. Work through initial deployment, response, investigation, recovery and reunification procedures utilizing appropriate local resources. Complete an after-action report to further the learning opportunity by capturing their observations.

**Community Response to Missing and Exploited Children in Indian Country** | Learn best practices for responding to a missing or abducted child report. Topics include an overview of the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018, missing child investigations strategies, state AMBER Alert Program and Missing Persons Alert systems, and accessing state, federal, and local resources. A case study, panel discussion and tabletop exercise illuminate course content to improve community response to endangered missing and abducted children.

**Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country (MCI-IC) Classroom Training** | Learn best practices for responding to a missing or abducted child report with the goal of enhancing the probability of a quick recovery and laying the groundwork to support an extended investigation. Consider strategies, procedures, and nationally recognized best practices in executing the initial response to a report of a missing or abducted child; as well as important information on investigative case management, performing an area search, roadblock canvassing and neighborhood investigation, expanding a missing child investigation, and providing culturally appropriate victim support services.

**Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country (MCI-IC) Online, Self-Paced Training Series** | When travel and time away from the field is not possible, use this multi-course eLearning series to obtain important instruction, resources and knowledge checks for missing child investigations. Each course in the series is under an hour in length, and allows participants to work at a pace and times convenient to them.

