

AMBER Alert in Indian Country Protecting Children in Tribal Communities



The AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP) provides a variety of NO FEE virtual, online and classroom training opportunities to improve the investigative response to high risk victims in tribal communities. This program is designed to increase collaboration between tribal, local, state and federal partners to improve skills, and develop effective policies and best practices to protect and safely recover endangered missing, exploited and abducted children.



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) has provided resources and support to facilitate the coordination between tribes and states to create access and integrate tribes with State AMBER Alert plans as part of the 2018 Act.

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 Events - National AMBER Alert in Indian Country 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.

Specialized Projects: Human Trafficking, Child Sexual Exploitation and Cold Case Investigations in Indian Country

The AATTAP has delivered training to more than 4,000 law enforcement, social services personnel, prosecutors and government leaders through onsite and online Child Sex Trafficking (CST) courses. Of those, more than 700 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.

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AATTAP has partnered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to develop specialized training for BIA investigators and first responders to improve skills and increase capabilities related to the investigation of endangered missing, abducted and cold case investigations. These training events are hosted by BIA officials in communities around the country and include local, state and federal partners. This training also engages families and community members, demonstrating techniques to keep the case alive and raise awareness related to cases of the long term missing in tribal communities.

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.

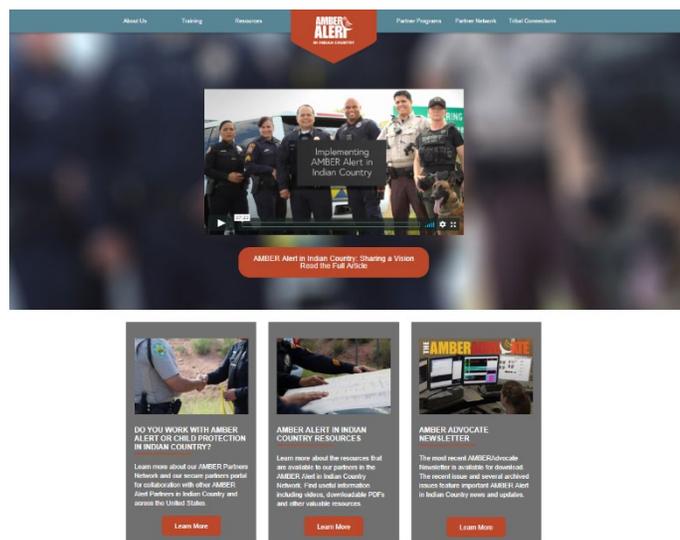
Support Tribal communities in the creation and implementation of a comprehensive community approach to include community engagement, interdiction, arrest, recovery and support services for survivors.

Ongoing Resources and Support 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: All AMBER Alert training and technical assistance is provided at no cost. 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>.**



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