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TRIBAL ADVISORY GROUPS IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

There are numerous different Tribal Advisory Groups in the three U.S. Departments that are part of Operation Lady Justice. These groups of Tribal leaders advise Federal officials on programs and policies affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives. Below is a listing and brief description of some of these groups.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Tribal Advisory Groups in HHS include:

- Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service (CMS) – Tribal Technical Advisory Group
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Tribal Advisory Committee
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Tribal Technical Advisory Committee
- Administration for Children and Families (ACF) – Tribal Advisory Committee
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Tribal Advisory Council
- IHS – Five formal advisory committees including:
 - Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC)
 - National Tribal Advisory Committee on Behavioral Health (NTACBH)
 - Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC)

Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee

The STAC's primary purpose is to seek consensus, exchange views, share information, provide advice and/or recommendations; or facilitate any other interaction related to intergovernmental responsibilities or administration of HHS programs, including those that arise explicitly or implicitly under statute, regulation or Executive Order. This purpose is accomplished through forums, meetings and conversations between Federal officials and elected Tribal leaders in their official capacity (or their designated employees or national associations with authority to act on their behalf).



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U.S. Department of Interior (DOI)

The primary Tribal Advisory Group in DOI is the Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC).

Tribal-Interior Budget Council

The Tribal-Interior Budget Council, formerly known as the Indian Affairs Tribal Budget Advisory Council (TBAC), provides a forum and process for tribes and Federal officials to work together in developing annual budget requests for Indian programs in the Department of the Interior. It provides cooperative participation in IA budget formulation, justification, and information. TIBC meetings also serve as an education forum to better inform tribes of the Indian Affairs budget process and advise on the status of Indian country initiatives throughout the Federal Government.

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

Tribal Advisory Groups in DOJ include:

- Tribal Nations Leadership Council (TNLC)
- Office on Violence Against Women – Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women

Tribal Nations Leadership Council

The Tribal Nations Leadership Council (TNLC) is composed of elected tribal leaders representing American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages from around the country representing the twelve geographical regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The TNLC was created in 2010 for the purpose of facilitating dialogue and coordinating efforts between the Department of Justice and tribal governments to further government-to-government relationships between the United States and American Indian Nations.

The TNLC is expected to provide perspective on the Department of Justice's activities in Indian Country and raise issues that have tribal implications. Possible areas of discussion include, but are not limited to: law enforcement, civil rights, tax issues, environment concerns, and issues regarding sacred sites. The TNLC meets regularly to confer with top officials in the Department of Justice, discuss issues of mutual concern, and keep the Attorney General abreast of issues in or around Indian Country.



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Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women

The Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women (commonly referred to as the Section 904 task force), is a federal advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations on the Department of Justice National Institute of Justice's program of research on violence against American Native and Alaska Native Women. The Task Force was authorized by Section 904(a)(3) of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Pub. L. No. 109-162) and is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Task Force provides advice and recommendations on the development and implementation of a program of research that examines violence against Indian women in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, murder, and sex trafficking, and evaluates the effectiveness of federal, state, tribal, and local responses to these crimes.



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