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MISSING & MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
TASK FORCE

Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Task Force

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Arizona Human Trafficking Council

Arizona MMIP

Victim Gender	Murder Cases	Missing Cases	Missing & Murder Cases	Missing Cases (Survivors)	Totals
Female	6	5	10	6	27
Male	2	1	5		8
Transgender				2	2
Total Cases	8	6	15	8	37

How many are murdered?

160* Indigenous Women and Girls in Arizona were known to be murdered between 1976-2018



*This number only includes reported homicides. The reality is that many more are murdered and go unreported

At what age does MMIWG happen?

Indigenous women and girls of all ages are missing and murdered, ranging from infants to elders



Key Field Study Recommendations

Provide additional law enforcement training specific to missing person, homicide, and human trafficking

Implement law enforcement protocol, policy, and system changes that support timely & consistent reporting

Continue to improve and enhance services provided by Victim Advocates

Ensure adequate law enforcement resources are in place for training, technology, and awareness relating to missing person, homicide, and human trafficking

Enhance communication and multi-agency/multi-disciplinary approaches to missing person, homicide, and human trafficking

Continue to collect additional data and information to enhance further decision-making.

Continue to coordinate with Tribal members to ensure their perspectives and voice is heard as solutions for this issue is proposed.

Indigenous Trafficked Survivor

Six (6) survivors & Four (4) incidents shared by family members related to being kidnapped and sex-trafficked, or being groomed to be trafficked.

Time had passed and I was actually kidnapped. I knew what was going on. I had to be alert; I did try when they drugged me. Being gay, transgender I was being sold to have sex by a [X] guy. I remember him telling me to do acts in front of men; he dressed me up. I knew I was always drunk or drugged. I was gone or missing from my family. I escaped myself when the door was being unlocked. I remember trying so hard to be alert to run away. -Survivor

What I want to share is that anyone can be kidnapped. I don't think I am pretty or have the body to be sold or men wanting me. I am a regular Native girl. But on the internet when they sold me ... I was worth \$500 as a Native young women not having been through a women's ceremony. Now, I am so scared to go anywhere. I feel very violated and all the woman in me is taken. - Survivor

Governor's Executive Order, 2023-08

Established: March 7, 2023 via Executive order and announced Task Force members on MMIP Awareness Day, May 5, 2023

Task Force Overview: A 15 member task force to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people through a culturally sensitive and trauma-informed process.

Objectives: To collect data, review policies, and make recommendations to address the crisis of MMIP through working groups in Health, Judicial, Policy, and Tribal components.



Executive Order Charges assigned to Working Groups

HEALTH

- 1) Examine the practices of licensed and unlicensed public and private rehabilitation and sober living homes and propose recommendations
- 2) Gather information to understand the lived experiences among Indigenous People surrounding Missing and Murdered Indigenous People in an effort to ensure that policy recommendations are culturally accurate.

JUDICIAL

- 1) Evaluate prosecutorial trends and practices related to crimes of gender violence against Indigenous People
- 2) Work with law enforcement and tribal governments to continue to track and collect data on violence against Indigenous People, including data on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
- 3) Work with the Attorney General's Office and relevant entities to formulate effective programs and identify sustainable funding sources

Executive Order Charges assigned to Working Groups (con't)

POLICY

- 1) Collaborate with State, Federal, and Tribal agencies to address the recommendations of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Study Committee, which aim to reduce and end violence against Indigenous People in Arizona
- 2) Review policies and practices that impact violence against Indigenous People, such as child welfare policies and practices

TRIBAL

- 1) Consult with tribal governments on the scope and the nature of the issues associated with Missing and Murdered Indigenous People and gather data on the prevalence and contextual characteristics of violence against Indigenous People
- 2) Recommend measures to ensure access to culturally appropriate victim services for Indigenous People who have been victims of violence

Working Group Process Example

Goals

Objective

Policy or
Legislative
Recommendation

Work with law enforcement and tribal governments to continue to track and collect data on violence against Indigenous People, including data on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

Leverage legislation, protocol development, relationship-building, and use of training and technical assistance to identify best practices for ongoing data recording and collection.

Draft legislation to mandate NamUs entry among law enforcement agencies within a designated time period to report adult missing and unidentified persons, and legislation to mandate reporting to NCMEC for children.

Draft legislation to ensure statewide consistency in the documentation of race, gender and ethnicity.

Develop a list of recommendations that aim to ensure that tribes are made aware when their members are reported as missing.

Unknown at this time

Meetings & Reports

Task Force Meetings occur every six weeks

- Next meeting is September 14, 2023

Working Group meetings

- Scheduled among working groups and meet at least once prior to whole council meeting

Reports Due to Governor Hobbs

- December 1, 2023
- December 1, 2024
- December 1, 2025
- December 1, 2026



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ARIZONA SOBER LIVING CRISIS

ELEMENTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

ACT

- ★ Recruited or kidnapping off reservation
- ★ Transporting across county lines
- ★ Transferring members between IOP

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MEANS

- ★ Coerced to enroll in AIHP
- ★ No benefits or services from IOP/SLH
- ★ Non-Native enrolling in AIHP

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PURPOSE

- ★ Exploitation of NA and AHCCCS Medicaid
- ★ Forced labor work
- ★ Abuse

= TRAFFICKED

Patient Brokering

Patient brokering is a range of activities in which a “consultant” is paid kickbacks by a substance use treatment center or sober living home to recruit patients to their services.

Lead Selling

Patient Enticement

Lead Buying

Misrepresentation of Services

Listing Theft

Patient Privacy Violations

Intersection of Trafficking

Sex Trafficking

- Broker may demand sex for services.
- Alternately, broker may offer sex as part of an enticement to enter treatment.
- Brokers will prey on sex workers, who have a disproportionately high rate of substance use, and may be less likely to report the crime fearing their own arrest

Labor Trafficking

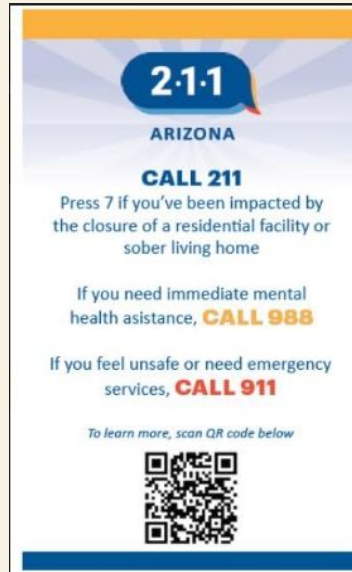
- Brokers may find it easy to recruit individuals at agencies that use free labor in exchange for recovery services, as it mimics their own values and practices.
- Brokers may demand free labor from individuals for placing them in a sober living home (unpaid House Managers are not always being brokered, but the set-up heightens the risk).

Response to Sober Living Crisis

STATE TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

Humanitarian Response

- ★ Transportation
- ★ Temporary Shelter
- ★ Food
- ★ Resource & Referral



Law Enforcement Response

- ★ Attorney General's Office
- ★ FBI
- ★ Tribal Law Enforcement

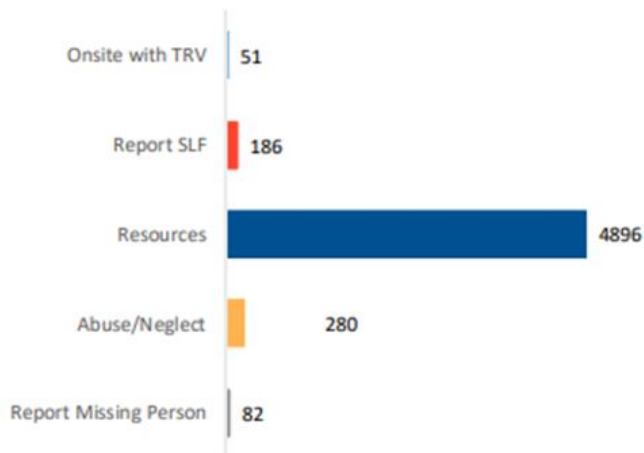
Sober Living Facility Response

Call Volume

16,072



Reason for Call



Nights of Lodging

21,873



Transportation Provided

1,173



Deployments

8

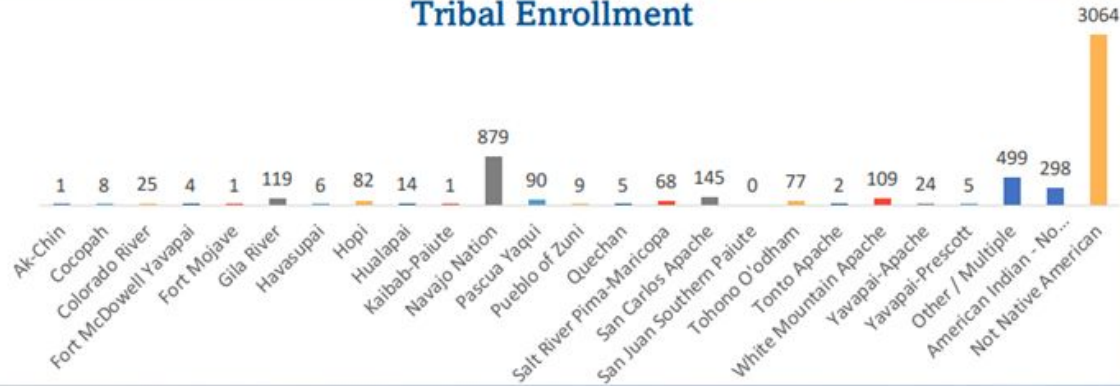
Persons Served

5,535

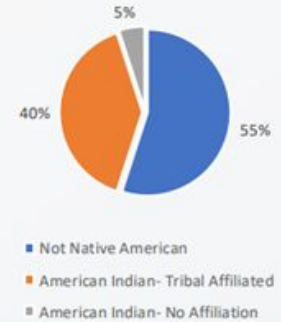


Sober Living Facility Response

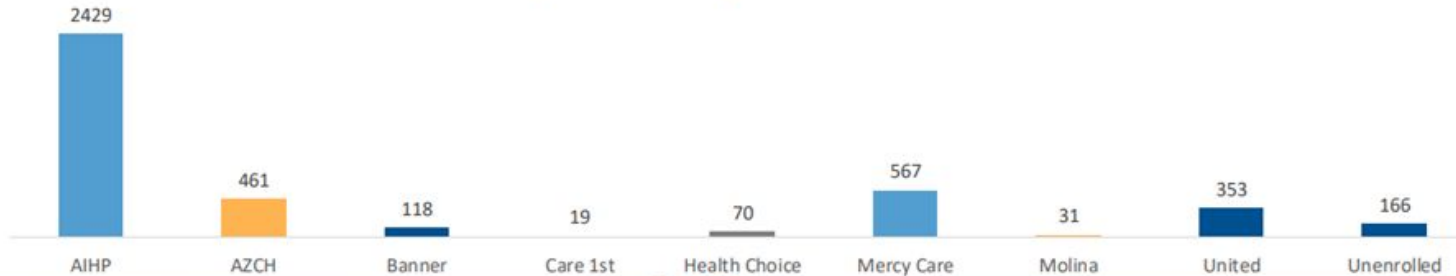
Tribal Enrollment



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People Served by Health Plan





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