

THE ROLE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ENSURE WOMEN'S SAFETY IS A PRIORITY IN A COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE INITIATIVE THAT PROMOTES & ENHANCES THE SPIRITUAL & CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF THE SACREDNESS OF WOMEN & CHILDREN.
- PARTICIPATE IN AN INTER-AGENCY EFFORT TO HOLD OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR VIOLENCE AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERS.
- ROLE-MODEL NON-VIOLENCE, RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR TOWARD WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
- ROLE OF JUDGES:
 - Understand the dynamics and tactics of battering to avoid unintentional collusion, i.e., continuances, manipulation of custody/visitation, etc.
 - Follow guidelines at the Civil Rights Act
 - Effectively and consistently enforce tribal law, not withstanding any bias, prejudice, personal or political relationships
 - Have the integrity to excuse him/herself if a possible conflict of interest should arise in any particular case.
 - Uphold judicial ethics, including ex parte communication
- ROLE OF PROSECUTORS:
 - Understand the dynamics and tactics of battering to avoid unintentional collusion, i.e., intimidation in court, false complaints, etc.
 - Sign complaints
 - Seek convictions
 - Proceed regardless of victim cooperation
 - Will not charge/incarcerate the victim for being "uncooperative"
 - Provide information to victims and advocates
 - Plea agreements discouraged
 - Provide information about the case to coordinating agency
 - Seek elevated charge for reoccurring offenses
 - Subpoena victim and witness to shield them from pressure to recant, etc.
- ROLE OF PROBATION:
 - Pre-trial agreements
 - Pre-sentence investigation
 - Maintain contact with advocates &/or victim
 - Document prior incidents
 - Document aggravating circumstances
 - Obtain on-going input from re-education programs, victims and advocates
 - Report all violations
 - All cases referred to monitoring agency