

Native American Unit Crime Victims (NAU-CV) Program Contact Information

If you are a Native survivor of a crime seeking legal assistance, you can ask a tribal service provider or a staff member of an organization that serves Native Americans and Alaska Natives to refer you by sending a NAU-CV referral form.

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Northwest Justice Project General Contact Information

Call to apply for legal services.

For all counties except King County,
call CLEAR at
1-888-201-1014
M-F 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In King County, call 2-1-1
M-F 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

General Information Line:
1-888-201-1012

NJP Front desk:
206-464-1519

Free legal information and self-help
publications are available at:
www.washingtonlawhelp.org

The Northwest Justice Project is a non-profit law firm providing civil (non-criminal) legal services to low income persons throughout the state.
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Strengthening Communities!
Protecting Human Dignity!

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Free Legal Services for Native American and Alaska Native Crime Victims



Northwest Justice Project's
Native American Unit Crime
Victims (NAU-CV) Program:
*Serving the Legal Needs of
Washington State's Native American
and Alaska Native Communities*

Legal Services for Crime Victims

NJP has dedicated services available for Native American and Alaska Native individuals who are victims of a crime in Washington State. NJP has the **Native American Unit Crime Victims (NAU-CV) program**.

- The NAU-CV Attorney is available to provide advice, brief services, and representation in civil (non-criminal) legal matters that stem from the client's experience as a victim of crime.
- The crime does not need to be reported or prosecuted.
- Legal assistance is available for matters in state, tribal, and federal courts.
- Case acceptance is dependent upon office priorities, staff availability, and the merits of each case.
- Client must fit within financial eligibility guidelines.



Examples of Crime Victim Legal Issues

Examples of legal problems include:

- **Economic security** issues such as medical bills, utility access, and other consumer problems caused by an assault, abuse, or fraud.
- **Family law** matters such as divorce, custody, and protection orders involving domestic violence or sexual assault (especially when the case is in tribal court or the client believes it should be in tribal court; or when tribal court orders are not enforced).
- **Housing** problems such as evictions or needing to break a lease due to a crime in the home.
- **Health** matters including denial of health care services or assistance in obtaining mental health services to deal with victimization.
- **Employment** matters such as sexual harassment and wage theft.
- **Other** legal problems resulting from being a victim of crime.

Other NJP Legal Services Available

Native American Unit (NAU)

NJP's NAU offers legal assistance in tribal, federal, and state courts. The NAU emphasizes cases involving state agencies' policies and practices that have had disproportionate, harmful impacts on Native communities. These include: Education and Youth Law, Indian Child Welfare Act, Trust Land and Resources, Estate Planning and Probate, and other cases arising directly from a person's status as an American Indian or Alaska Native.

Coordinated Legal Education, Advice, and Referral (CLEAR) Hotline

CLEAR is the primary entry point for people seeking legal assistance from NJP. CLEAR is available to low-income people living outside King County. CLEAR attorneys do not provide direct representation, but will refer clients to local resources as available.

NJP Field Offices

NJP has 21 offices in Washington, providing extended legal representation in the most pressing and difficult cases affecting basic human needs of low-income families and individuals.