

April 2021

Victims Services Program

April is National **Crime Victims' Rights** Awareness

Since 1981, **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** is celebrated every year in April. This week is dedicated to learn about victimization, the effect victimization has on **individuals, families, friends and the community**, and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime.

As **Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services** continues to establish our program in the community, it is our commitment to renew a confidence that all victims have the rights and services they need to recover from crime through:

"Supporting Victims. Building Trust. Engaging Communities!"

Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services is committed to **Supporting Victims** through services that increase access to care, **Building Trust** through satisfaction of victims services and **Engaging Communities** through community collaboration.

If you or someone you know has been **harmed, suffered loss or have been physically or emotionally abused** as a result of someone committing a criminal offense, Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services Program is here to help - **Call (907) 835-1144**

Contact

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(907) 255 - 7172

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(907) 835 - 8069

24/7 Crisis Hotline
(907) 835 - 1144

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PO Box 1634 Valdez, AK 99686

"For too long, the victims of crime have been the **forgotten persons** of our criminal justice system. Rarely do we give victims the help they need or the attention they deserve. **Yet the protection of our citizens—to guard them from becoming victims—is the primary purpose of our penal laws.** Thus, each new victim personally represents an instance in which our system has failed to prevent crime. Lack of concern for victims compounds that failure. We need a renewed emphasis on, and an enhanced sensitivity to, the rights of victims. These rights should be a **central concern** of those who participate in the criminal justice system, and it is time all of us paid greater heed to the plight of victims.

I, **Ronald Reagan**, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning **April 19, 1981, as Victims Rights Week.**"

-Ronald Reagan

If you or someone you know is a **victim of crime** and are in need of help call **(907) 835 - 1144**

Important Dates

Good Friday

APRIL 2

Easter

APRIL 4

Tax Day

*EXTENDED TO MAY 15TH

Earth Day

APRIL 22

Victims Services Gathering Circle

APRIL 21



Gathering Circle

ABEL RYAN

TSIMPSHEAN ARTIST

"I love my culture, my heritage. I love that my people took such great care in creating the things that they used. They developed such a unique and beautiful style of expression that I wish to carry on."

Join us on **Facebook Live, April 21st, 6-8 pm**, for our monthly **Gathering Circle**, as Abel story tells about **"Engaging Community, Building Trust and Engaging Community"** through formline design.

Grab some white paper, sharpen your pencil, bring your colored pencils (or markers) and join us for a night of community gathering!



24/7 Crisis Hotline

(907) 835-1144

- You need someone to talk to
- You need information & resources
- You don't know what to do next
- You are a victim of a crime of trauma
- You are a family member of a victim

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