



More than 4 in 5 Native American women have experienced violence in their lifetime. Our Program Partner Alexandria with Quechan Victim Services (QVS) in California utilizes cleaning and hygiene products from our Healthy Living service to support domestic violence survivors on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation. *“Our goal for the group is to let them know they are not alone. It takes strength and courage for them to get where they are today,”* said Palota, Victim’s Advocate for QVS.

As a QVS client and recipient of Healthy Living supplies, Sophie said, *“It really does help. There are people who really need what’s donated, and it’s important. [Donors] are also helping us learn how to trust.”*

Read More: nativepartnership.org/Quechan





 **3,435** SERVED THROUGH
EMERGENCY SERVICES

To enhance disaster response on reservations, the Northern Plains Reservation Aid® (NPRA) program of Partnership With Native Americans® (PWNA) offers emergency preparedness training in remote Tribal communities. Recently, through a multi-day training on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, seven people completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

One trainee, Jasey, emphasized the importance of this training for community safety and effective emergency handling. Jasey implores NPRA donors to fund more emergency response training on reservations. She told us, *“We should make it a requirement for the workplace. I feel like everybody should know it and have drills. The Midwest has all weather types in all seasons and should be prepared for all types of disasters.”*

Read More: nativepartnership.org/Jasey

WHAT IS THE #1 BARRIER TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN INDIAN COUNTRY?

The affordable housing crisis in the United States is worsening, with demand outstripping supply and a growing gap between wages and housing costs – especially for low-income families. High interest rates, rising prices, and slow salary growth are making it harder for many to keep up.

Native American communities have faced similar housing instability for decades due to historical injustices like colonization and forced relocation, leading to inadequate infrastructure and overcrowded living conditions. The housing shortage on reservations is critical, with a deficit of at least 68,000 units annually while federal aid addresses fewer than 2,000 a year. Tribal lands held in trust by the U.S. government complicate home loans and investment, while poor infrastructure and limited access to clean water and internet exacerbate the crisis. Addressing this requires collaboration among federal and state agencies, tribes, and other stakeholders to focus on land ownership, infrastructure, and sustainable economic development.

Learn more about why how the housing crisis affects Native Americans at nativepartnership.org/housing



PEOPLE ON THE RESERVATIONS: JON



Morgan, the bloodhound, tracks human scents, while Lila, the golden retriever, can find 100-year-old bones buried six feet deep. Jon hopes every reservation will eventually have at least one search and rescue K-9.



Jon, deputy director of the Oglala Sioux emergency management department, uses his two dogs in search and rescue operations. He demonstrated their skills during training.

Did you know you could make an impact on Native American communities while also providing a stream of income for yourself or your loved ones?

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