

How the MMIR Office Can Help

- Support and guide families during a law enforcement investigation.
- Facilitate communication between investigators, survivors and family members.
- Help develop and distribute missing persons materials.
- Connect to victim services professionals, mental health services, support groups and crime victim advocates.
- Present education and awareness lectures to youth, families and the community.



Resources

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
612-728-2000

White Earth DOVE Program
877-830-3683 (DOVE)

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
320-532-7793 or 866-867-4006

Bois Forte Victim Services
218-757-3295 or 218-248-0067

Minnesota Indigenous Women's Society
507-627-4357 or 507-430-8339

Fond du Lac Advocacy Program
218-878-2145 or 218-348-1817

Leech Lake Women's Services
218-335-3560 or 800-442-3912

**Leech Lake Tribal Police Department
Victim Advocate**
218-368-0701 or 218-679-3737



Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office

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Office of MMIR Vision

*Reduce and end violence
against all indigenous
people in Minnesota.*

About Our Office

Research shows that indigenous people are disproportionately impacted by violence in Minnesota. In 2019, the Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Task Force and Wilder Research provided a report to the state legislature.

The report included mandates aimed at reducing and ending violence against indigenous women, girls and two spirit people. The legislature created the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) Office to provide support and resources for affected indigenous families and communities.

In any given month from 2012 to 2020, anywhere from 27 to 54 indigenous women and girls went missing in Minnesota. Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people are far more likely to experience violence, be murdered, or go missing compared to other demographics in the state.



When a loved one goes missing or is murdered, the fear and grief can be overwhelming. For Minnesota's indigenous population, the pain is compounded by the epidemic of violence their communities continually face. Understanding the root causes of violence, against indigenous people, such as racism, colonization, and historical trauma, is key to identifying solutions of prevention and reduction.

Office of Justice Programs Resources

- If you or someone you know has experienced a violent crime, the Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Program may be able to provide you with financial help for losses resulting from the crime. To file an application, visit ojp.dps.mn.gov or call 651-201-7300.
- The Crime Victim Justice Unit seeks to ensure that people who experienced a crime are treated appropriately and that their statutory rights are upheld. If you have a complaint, call 800-247-0390 or email cvju.ojp@state.mn.us.
- Are you seeking immediate shelter resources after experiencing intimate partner violence? Call 866-223-1111 or go to DayOneServices.org for help.

*Indigenous people make
up just 1% of the state's
population, but between
2010 and 2019, 9% of all
murdered girls and women
in Minnesota were
American Indian.*