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Since 1978, I have been an advocate/activist working with numerous groups to end violence against women. I have co-founded several Native organizations and groups to address violence against Native women including: Ogitchidakwe Council; the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition; Mending the Sacred Hoop; Women of Nations; and Nin-din-a-way Mah-gah-nug Council.

I have been on the board of the National Domestic Violence Resource Center, the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (VFMN), and the Duluth Model.

I was the author of "Creating a Circle of Safety," a 2021 handbook for victims of sexual assault. I also authored the booklet, "Colonization, Homelessness, and the Prostitution and Sex Trafficking of Native Women" in January 2020. I co-authored the "Garden of Truth" report on prostitution and trafficking of Native women in Minnesota in October 2011.

Nationally and internationally, I have provided training to advocates in Canada; New Zealand; Australia; and Albania and have provided technical assistance and training to at least 350 of the 562 tribal nations.

Two notable awards include the 2010 Bonnie Heavy Runner Victim Advocacy Award; 12th Annual National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime and the 2003 Leadership for a Changing World-Ford Foundation Leadership Award. I also received the 2019 Dr. William Kosiak Memorial Award, which is a state recognition for volunteerism.