

Our Mission

The mission of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program, AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) Initiative, is to assist Tribal communities in developing programs to safely recover endangered missing or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of the Tribes and their local, state, and federal partners by using training and technology to enhance response capacities, capabilities and increase public participation in protecting children.

Our Work and Resources



The [Ashlynn Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018](#) amends the PROTECT Act (Public Law 108-21), reauthorizing the AMBER Alert grant program to provide guidance and coordination between Tribes and states to access and integrate with State AMBER Alert plans.

AIIC supports collaboration amongst Tribal police, leadership, and stakeholders, as well as their state counterparts, to strengthen relationships, build partnerships and identify specialized resources and training to support effective response to children who go missing or are abducted from a Tribal community. As partners, we can identify our strengths and specialized resources for training Tribal law enforcement and communities to protect children.

AIIC Implementation Meetings provide opportunities to develop strategies for implementing AMBER Alert plans within Indian Country through targeted and proactive collaboration with designated representatives from Tribal communities and their respective state AMBER Alert programs. The goal of implementation work is to build readiness for effective response to incidents of endangered missing and abducted children.

AIIC Technology Toolkits have been developed in partnership with the USDOJ-OJP-OJJDP to promote effective response to missing and abducted children. The toolkits include nine high-leverage components which support connectivity, digital evidence and other documentation capture and management, and are provided at no cost to federally recognized Tribal communities. Learn more about the [toolkits here](#) and read about recent deliveries on our [AMBER Alert in Action news page](#).



Nearly two dozen law enforcement leaders from six federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota joined representatives from the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program and AMBER Alert in Indian Country initiative as well as the state's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and Department of Public Safety. [Read the full story here.](#)

Community Engagement Workshops provide facilitated sessions during which Tribal public safety and community members gain new knowledge and work together to become better engaged in long-term child protection solutions.



National AIIC Symposium Events bring together designated Tribal leaders, public safety and emergency management personnel, and AMBER Alert Coordinators to improve integration and alignment between state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans with federally recognized Tribes across the nation.



The **AMBER Alert in Indian Country Website** (amber-ic.org) provides information, resources, and the latest developments on the Tribal child protection work of AATTAP-AIIC and its partners. Information and resources address a wide array of protection and prevention topics, including issues related to investigation, intervention, and prevention of abduction, victimization, exploitation, and trafficking in Tribal communities. Tribal AMBER Alert Partners working in law enforcement and official child protections roles may also sign up to access to our secure Partners Portal on the AMBER Advocate Website for nationwide partner contact information, a resource library and discussion boards. If you work in Tribal law enforcement, AMBER Alert coordination or are part of a Child Abduction Response Team (CART), email askamber@fvtc.edu to inquire about joining the AMBER Advocate Partners Portal.

Training Programs for Tribal Communities are developed and delivered by AIIC subject matter experts both onsite and online, and live webinars are offered throughout the year as well. [Visit the AMBER-IC.org website to learn more about AIIC training courses](http://www.amber-ic.org), such as Child Abduction in Indian Country Tabletop Exercises, Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country classroom and self-paced online training, and Community Response to Missing and Exploited Children in Indian Country.



Members of the AATTAP and AIIC Team met with leaders from Wisconsin Tribes to distribute toolkits to the state's 11 Indian Nations at the Native American Drug and Gang Initiative Conference on October 12, 2023, in Oneida, Wisconsin.