

MMIW ~ MMIWP

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People

Educational Resources US and Canada

OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

“Content Warning: These resources contain accounts of domestic and sexual violence which could be traumatic and potentially triggering to some readers.

*LGBTQIA+ & Two-Spirit specific resources listed with asterisk

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is a recent movement to bring recognition to the disappearance and murders of Native women and girls; many in the movement also include two spirit and trans persons under the term. While the movement is new, the issue of MMIW is not. Throughout Canada and the United States, a disproportionate number of Native women go missing and/or are murdered. The exact number of missing and murdered Native people is challenging to pinpoint, as many go unreported and the media fails to give the issue the attention it deserves.

According to the reports in 2018, about 84.3 percent of Native women experience violence and 56 percent experience sexual violence. This violence is primarily committed by non-Native men, a crisis perpetuated by a multitude of factors, as discussed in the resources below. This guide offers reports, articles, websites, documentaries, news stories, toolkits, recordings of legal proceedings, and scholarly journals to help guide education around the topic of missing and murdered Indigenous women, children, and relatives.”

Continue to search this *Resource Guide* at Lakota People’s Law Project ([Link](#))

MMIW Red Hand

“A red hand over the mouth has become the symbol of a growing movement, the MMIW movement. It stands for all the missing sisters whose voices are not heard. It stands for the silence of the media and law enforcement in the midst of this crisis. It stands for the oppression and subjugation of Native women who are now rising up to say #NoMoreStolenSisters” ~ Native Hope MMIW [\(Link\)](#)

Statistics

1. National Criminal Justice Training Center [\(Link\)](#)
2. JUJustice Washington [\(Link\)](#)
3. Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women [\(Link\)](#)
4. National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center [\(Link\)](#)

Videos

1. Running for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women - Tedx Rosalie Fish [\(Link\)](#)
2. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women By Al Jazeera’s Fault Lines [\(Link\)](#)
3. Why Are Indigenous Women Missing in Canada? By SBS Dateline [\(Link\)](#)
4. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women - Native Hope [\(Link\)](#)
 - a. Voices Unheard, Short Film - Native Hope [\(Link\)](#)
5. Peace River Rising: The link between violence against Indigenous women and violence against the land [\(Link\)](#)
6. Indigenous Student’s Disappearance Part of an Epidemic of Missing Native Women [Full Report] Nightline - ABC News [\(Link\)](#)
7. Searchers: Highway of Tears - Vice [\(Link\)](#)
8. Indigenous Women Keep Going Missing in Montana [\(Link\)](#)
9. Women Are Sacred W.A.S Talks Series [\(Link\)](#)

Resource Guides

1. [When A Loved One Goes Missing, What to Do in the First 72 Hours](#) [\(Link\)](#)
2. [Advocacy Information Packet](#) [\(Link\)](#)

3. [NIWRC Advocacy Curriculum \(Link\)](#)
4. [Their Voices Will Guide Us \(Link\)](#)
 - a. Resources for teachers
 - i. Reports and Inquiries
 - ii. Projects and Resources
 1. Project Peace Workbooks -
 - a. Girls [\(Link\)](#)
 - b. Boys [\(Link\)](#)
 - c. Two-Spirit [\(Link\)](#)
 - d. Men [\(Link\)](#)
 - e. Women [\(Link\)](#)
 - iii. Art Projects
 1. REDress Project [\(Link\)](#)
 2. Walking With Our Sisters [\(Link\)](#)
 - iv. Preparing the Environment
 - v. Terminology
 - b. **Early Years ~ ECS-Grade 4**
 - i. Themes to Explore
 1. Importance of Family & Community
 2. Kinship in Indigenous Language
 3. Interconnectedness
 4. Identity
 5. Respect for Self and Others
 6. Role of Women in Family & Community
 7. Role of Men and Boys in Family & Community
 8. Role of Two-Spirit People in Family & Community
 9. Safety of Girls
 10. Seven Generation Teachings
 11. Seven Sacred Teachings
 - ii. Finding their voices
 - iii. Sharing the message and inspiring change
 - iv. Sample activities for the theme “Respect of self and others”
 - c. **Middle Years ~ Grades 5-8**
 - i. Themes to Explore
 1. Role of Women in Family and Community
 2. Devaluation of Indigenous Women Resulting From Colonization

3. Safety of Girls
 4. Restorative Practices
 5. On-Line Exploitation
 6. Traditional Role of Men in Family and community
 7. Role of Language in Instilling Values
 8. Empowerment of Women and Girls
 9. Racism, Discrimination, and Stereotypes
 10. Extended Family, Kinship, and Concepts of Human Family
 11. Root Causes of Violence
 12. Devaluation
 13. Resistance, Resilience, Resurgence
 14. Community Activism and Social Justice Efforts
 15. Positive Role Models: Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA Role Models and Leaders Today
 16. Women Teachings
 17. Honored Role of Two Spirit People in Various Indigenous Nations
 18. Land and Waters
 19. Safety
 20. Search and Rescue Efforts
 21. Lateral Violence
 22. Role of Media in Attitudes Toward and Perceptions of, Indigenous Women and Girls
 23. Media Portrayal and the Justice System in Cases of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls
 24. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 25. Treaties
 26. The Footsteps We Leave for Our Children
 27. Home and Family as Foundations to Healthy Living
 - ii. Resources to Support Learning
 - iii. Finding their Voices
 - iv. Sharing the Message and Inspiring Change
 - v. Sample Activities for the Theme “Role of Women in the Family and Community”
- d. High School & Beyond ~ Grades 9-12, Postsecondary & Adult Learning**
- i. Themes to Explore

1. Current Practices of Child and Family Services
2. Empowerment of Women and Girls
3. Experiences of Indigenous Individuals, Families, & Communities Who Have Been Impacted by Violence Against Their Women & Girls
4. Systemic Causes of Violence Against Indigenous Women & Girls
5. Racism, Discrimination, and Stereotypes
6. Resistance, Resilience, Resurgence
7. Community Activism & Social Justice Efforts
8. Safety
9. Impact of Colonization on Indigenous Women and Girls
10. Role of Media in Attitudes Towards, and Perceptions of, Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA Persons
11. Media Portrayal and the Justice System in Cases of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls
12. The Justice System and Indigenous Women and Girls
13. Indigenous Women's Customary Roles
14. Honored Role of Two-Spirit People in Various Indigenous Nations
15. Previous Reports on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women in Canada
16. Proposed or Proven Actions to Removing the Systemic Causes of Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls
17. Sex Trade Workers
18. Human Trafficking
 - a. Resources to Support Learning
 - b. Finding Their Voices
 - c. Sharing the Message and Inspiring Change
 - d. Sample Activities for the Theme "Racism, Discrimination and Stereotypes"

Healthy Relationships

1. WE R Native - My Relationships ([Link](#))
2. Intimate Partner Violence and Respect Wheel ([Link](#))
3. Youth Magazine - Relationships: Healthy, Unhealthy, When There is Danger ([Link](#))

4. Reconnecting With Native Teachings and Creating Healing Spaces [\(Link\)](#)
5. Be a Good Ancestor Book - Introduction [\(Link\)](#)
 - a. Be a Good Ancestor - Online Book [\(Link\)](#)
6. Positive Public Awareness Posters [\(Link\)](#)