

Professional Development Leader - National Shawn Partridge, MSW

Shawn Partridge, MSW is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and serves as Director of the Nation's Family Violence Prevention Program. Shawn has extensive experience in providing direct advocacy services, program development and in developing coordinated community responses to domestic and sexual violence.

Shawn's work has included a special focus on developing and improving responses within rural communities and in expanding services to meet the needs of adult and child survivors of sexual violence. Shawn's aggressive and successful grant writing efforts and leadership have also led to expansion of program services including development and implementation of the Tribe's first Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program in April 2016. She was instrumental to the development of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Warriors Honor Women, an initiative that has grown into a powerful movement of men working to end violence against women and children. She continues to provide training and community education and awareness to tribal employees, leadership, and communities, in an effort to combat violence against Native and Non-Native people.

Shawn serves as the current President of the Native Alliance Against Violence (NAAV), Oklahoma's tribal coalition against domestic and sexual violence. She continues to be involved in efforts to enhance policies at the tribal, state and federal levels in order to increase safety and justice for Native women and children and to advocate for the sovereign rights of tribal nations. Shawn earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts from Haskell Indian Nations University, a Bachelor's Degree in Native American Studies and Master of Social Work degree both from the University of Oklahoma.