

# Strengthening Tribal Emergency Response: AMBER Alert in Indian Country

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provide premier criminal justice training and technical assistance to enhance public safety & improve quality of life in the communities we serve.



## WE ARE HERE

to empower those we serve to better protect their communities.



## WE VALUE

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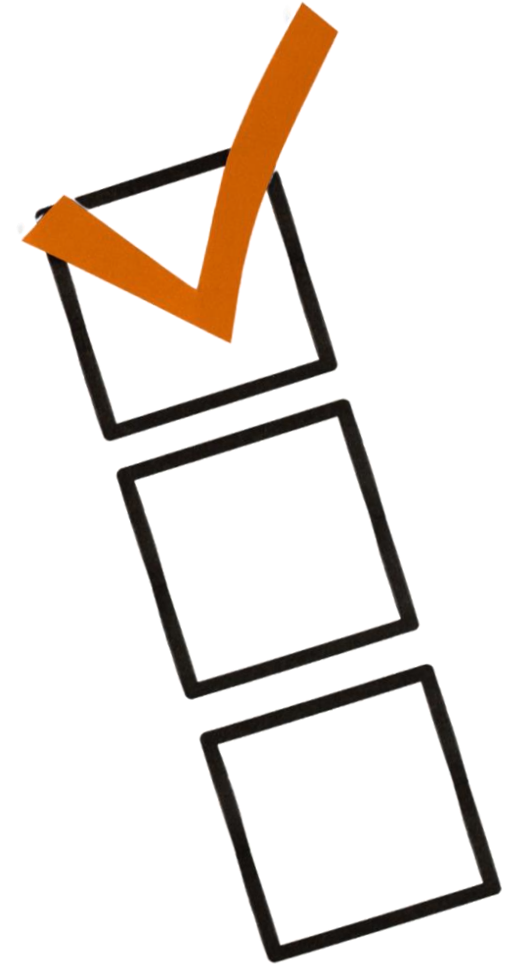


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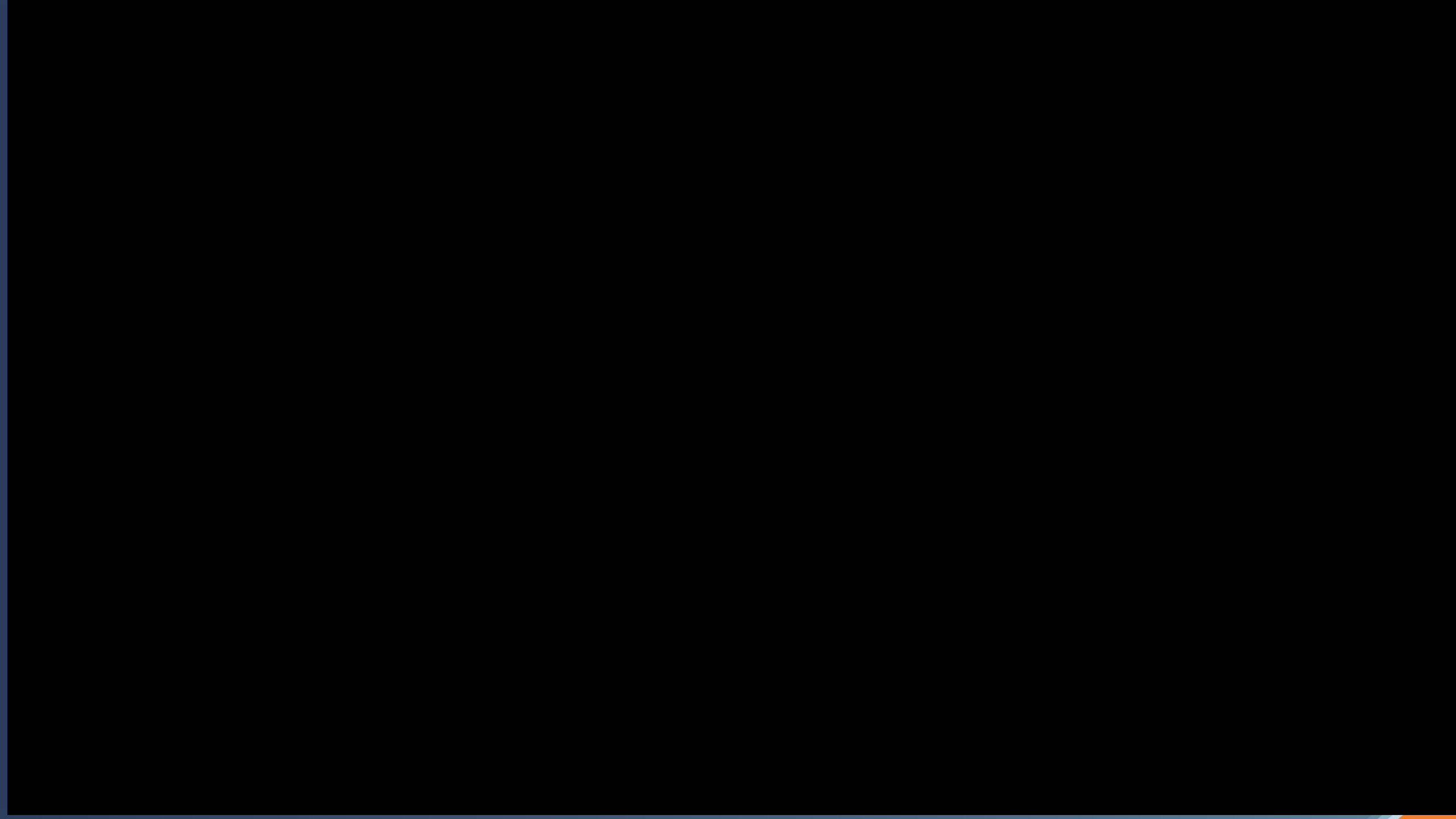
# Learning Objectives

Understand the purpose of the AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIC) and its role in strengthening emergency response systems in Tribal communities.

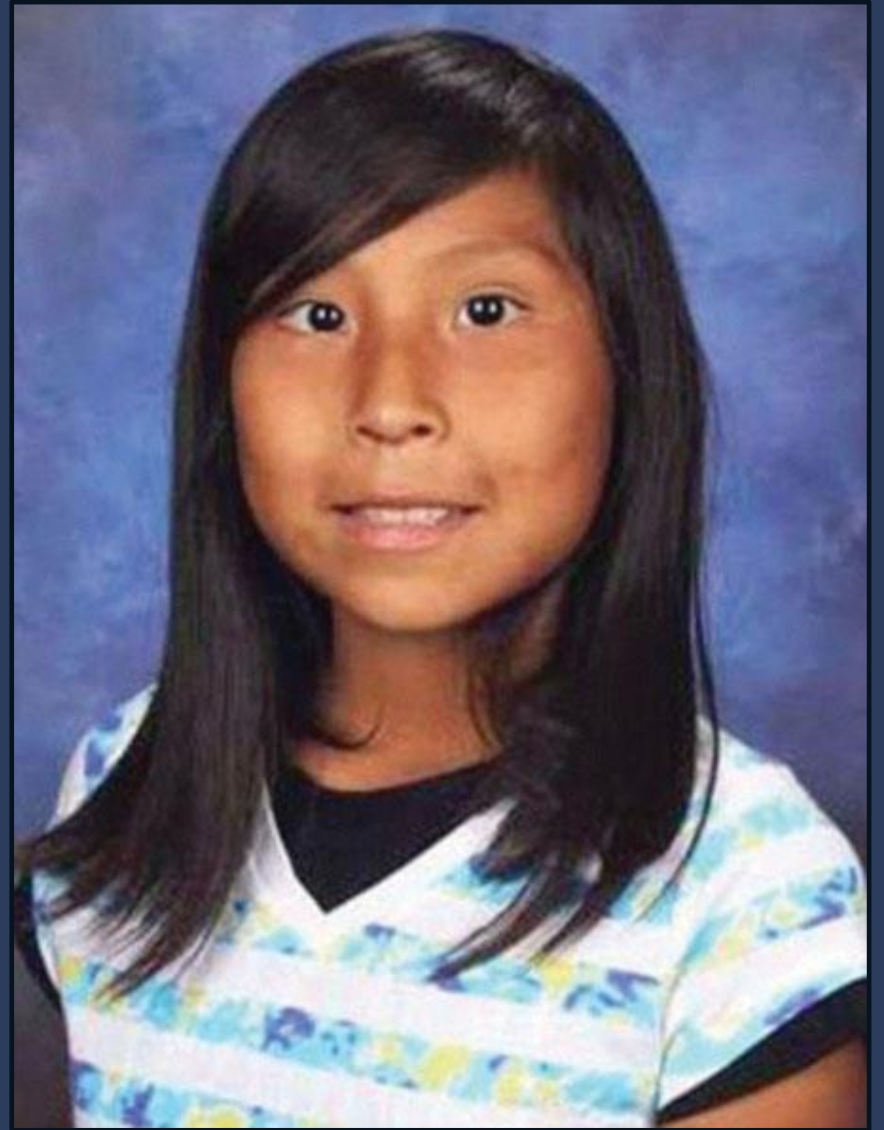
Identify key components of implementing an AMBER Alert plan in Tribal Nations, including coordinating with State AMBER Alert coordinators and cross-jurisdictional partners.

Recognize how AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIC) training, technical assistance, and resources support effective response and improve outcomes in missing or abducted child cases.





# AMBER<sup>®</sup> ALERT

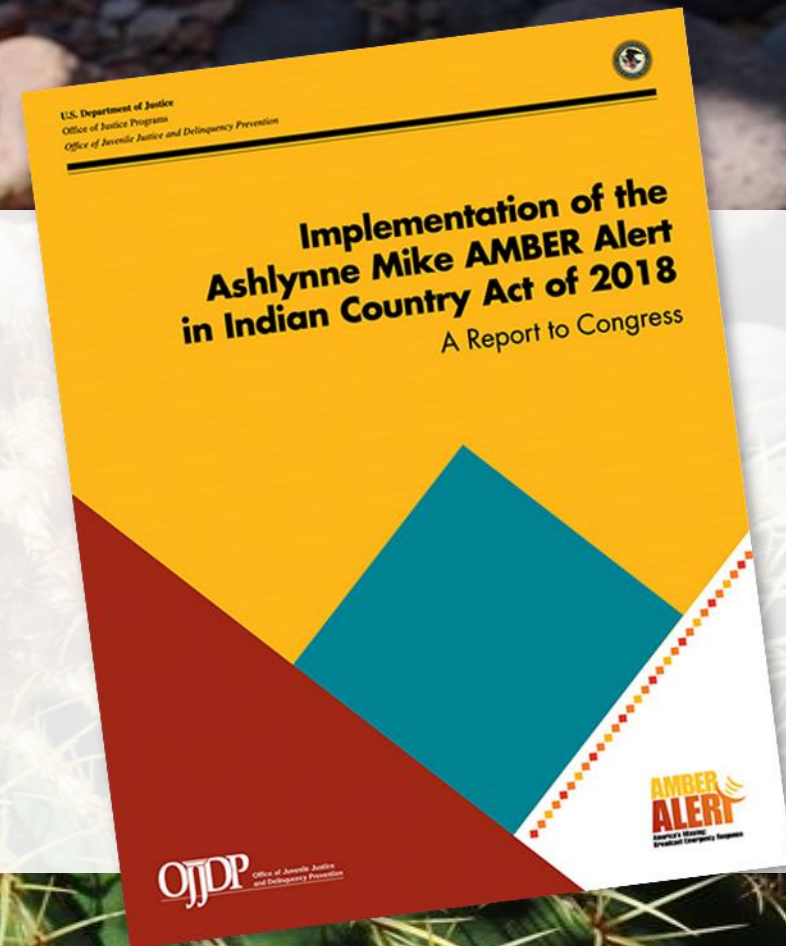




AMBER Alert was brought to Indian Country through the passage and signing into law of the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act in April 2018, nearly two years after Ashlynnne was abducted

The **AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program** is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the **Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018**

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/772>



# Strengthening Tribal Emergency Response

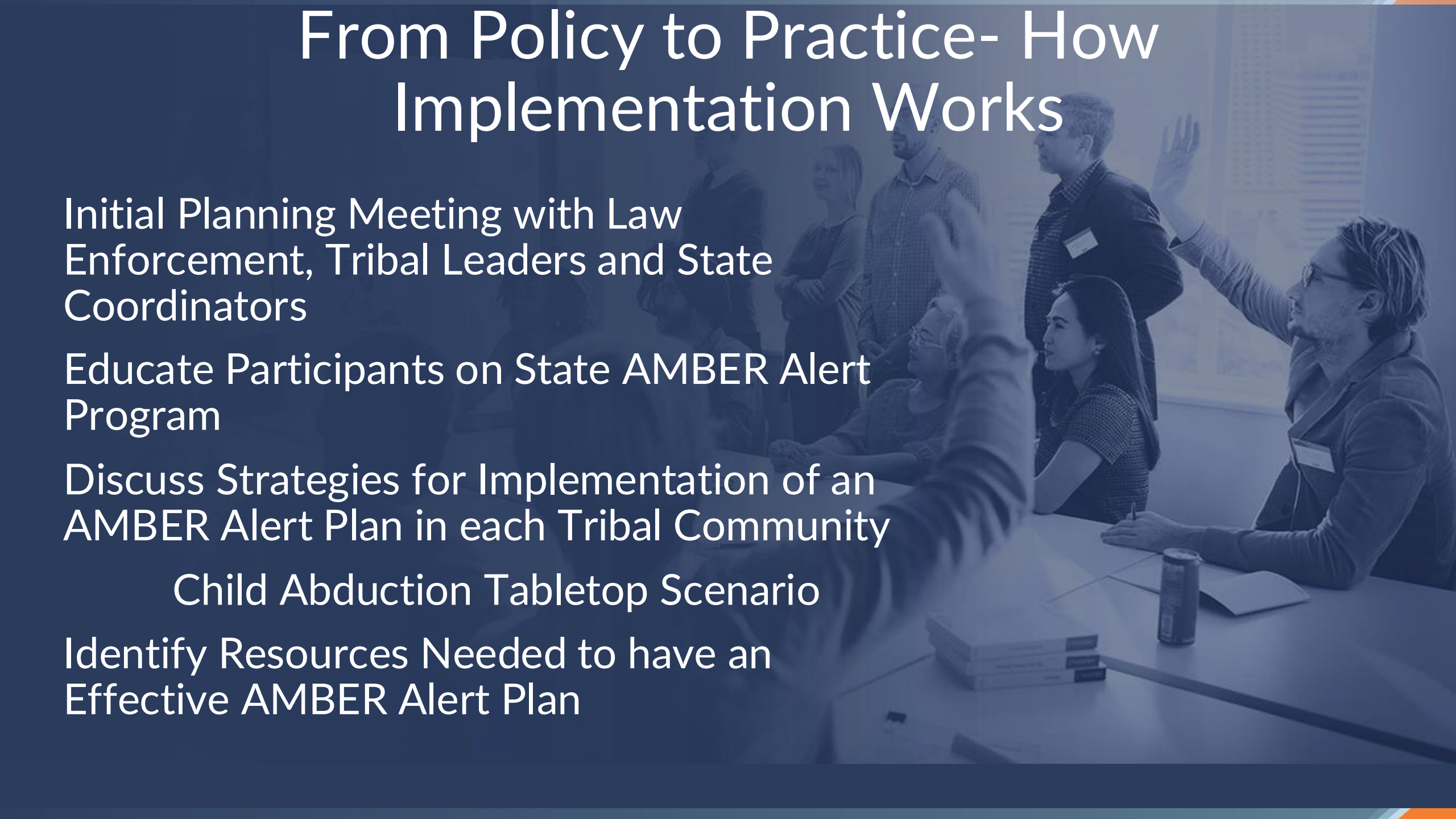
- Tribal communities have historically faced barriers to AMBER Alert activation
- Jurisdictional complexity can delay response in critical incidents
- Limited integration with state systems impacts timely alerting
- Coordinated implementation improves response time and outcomes

**IMPLEMENTATION IS THE KEY TO ENSURING RAPID, COORDINATED RESPONSE WHEN A CHILD GOES MISSING.**

# Current AIC Outreach & Training Reach

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- Alabama
  - Alaska
  - Arizona
  - California
  - Colorado
  - Connecticut
  - Florida
  - Kansas
  - Idaho
  - Louisiana
  - Maine
  - Michigan
  - Minnesota
  - Montana
  - Nebraska
  - Nevada
  - New Mexico
  - North Carolina
  - North Dakota
  - Oklahoma
  - Oregon
  - Rhode Island
  - South Carolina
  - South Dakota
  - Texas
  - Utah
  - Washington
  - Wisconsin
  - Wyoming

# From Policy to Practice- How Implementation Works



Initial Planning Meeting with Law Enforcement, Tribal Leaders and State Coordinators

Educate Participants on State AMBER Alert Program

Discuss Strategies for Implementation of an AMBER Alert Plan in each Tribal Community

Child Abduction Tabletop Scenario

Identify Resources Needed to have an Effective AMBER Alert Plan

# Child Protection Trainings for Tribal Communities


Indian Country Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise

Missing Child Investigations in Indian Country


Unresolved Missing Person Cases in Indian Country

eLearning Courses

- Building AMBER Alert in Indian Country
- MCI-IC Modules 1-10
- Webinars



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**Child Abduction Tabletop Exercise (CATE) in Indian Country- 4 Hours**

Test your community's response in conducting an initial investigation, search and canvass activities for a missing or abducted child scenario occurring on tribal lands. Employ strategies and responses in mitigating and resolving the emergency. Participate in a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional tabletop exercise, to build cohesiveness with tribal, state, local and federal partners when responding to an emergency.

**About**

The goal of this training is to build a level of cohesiveness within the investigative team while working to respond to the emergency. Participants will take part in a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional tabletop exercise built around realistic abduction scenario. Participants will work through initial deployment, response, investigation, recovery and reunification procedures utilizing appropriate local resources. At the conclusion of the exercise participants will complete an after-action report to further the learning opportunity by capturing their observations.

For information concerning continuing education units, please view our [policies](#) page.

**What's In It For You**

Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:

- Develop and deploy effective response strategies in missing and abducted child cases
- Identify, leverage and coordinate community resources in an effective team response
- Adapt and change the investigative response as the investigative environment changes

# Community Outreach

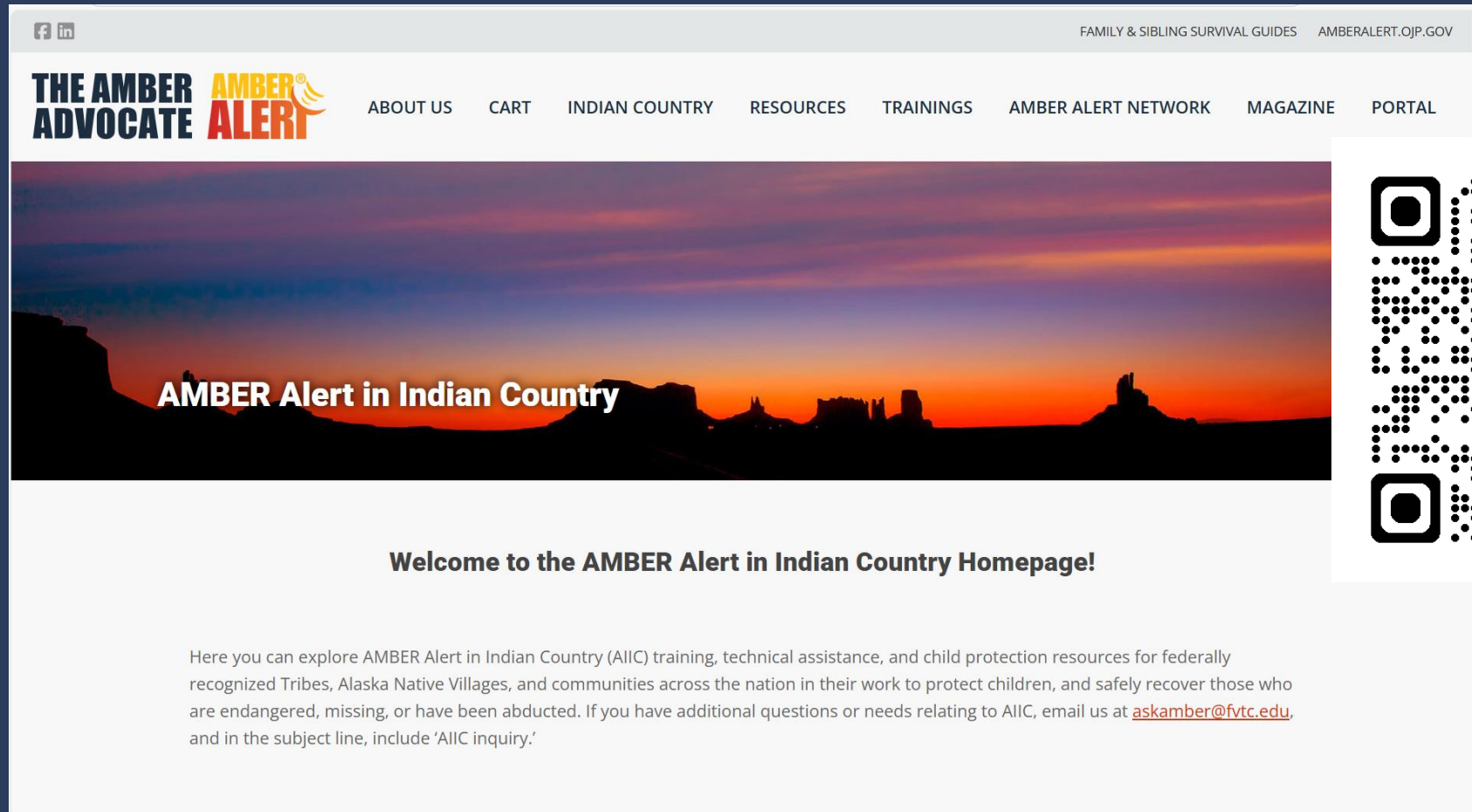


# Annual Symposium

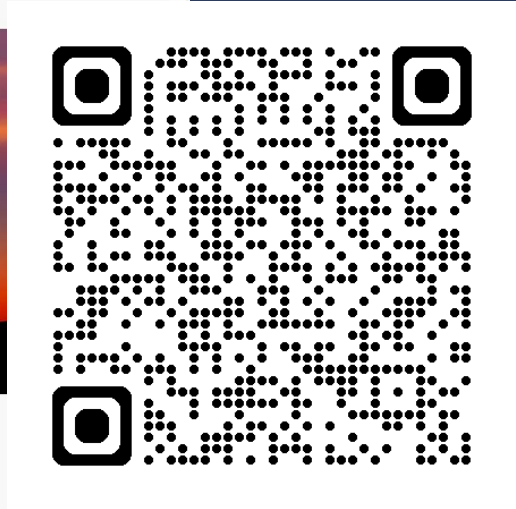


- Family Perspectives
- Investigative Resources
- Case Studies
- Alerting Technologies
- CART Resources
- Networking

# AMBER Alert in Indian Country Website



The screenshot shows the homepage of the AMBER Alert in Indian Country website. At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook and LinkedIn, and a navigation bar with links for 'FAMILY & SIBLING SURVIVAL GUIDES' and 'AMBERALERT.OJP.GOV'. The main header features the 'THE AMBER ADVOCATE' logo and the 'AMBER ALERT' logo, followed by a menu with links: 'ABOUT US', 'CART', 'INDIAN COUNTRY', 'RESOURCES', 'TRAININGS', 'AMBER ALERT NETWORK', 'MAGAZINE', and 'PORTAL'. Below the header is a large banner image of a sunset over a desert landscape with the text 'AMBER Alert in Indian Country'. The main content area has a heading 'Welcome to the AMBER Alert in Indian Country Homepage!' and a paragraph of text: 'Here you can explore AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIC) training, technical assistance, and child protection resources for federally recognized Tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and communities across the nation in their work to protect children, and safely recover those who are endangered, missing, or have been abducted. If you have additional questions or needs relating to AIC, email us at [askamber@fvtc.edu](mailto:askamber@fvtc.edu), and in the subject line, include 'AIC inquiry.'



[www.amberadvocate.org](http://www.amberadvocate.org)

# AICC Resources - Secure Portal

The screenshot displays the 'Partner Portal' section of the AMBER Advocate website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT US', 'CART', 'RESOURCES', 'TRAININGS', 'AMBER ALERT NETWORK', 'MAGAZINE', and 'PARTNER PORTAL'. The main heading is 'Meet Our Partners'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Partner Listing and Contact Info' which includes a search bar and filters for 'Filter by Role', 'Filter by State', and 'Filter by Region'. A map of the United States is shown, color-coded by region: Region 1 (red), Region 2 (orange), Region 3 (yellow), Region 4 (blue), Region 5 (purple), and Region 6 (green). To the right of the map is a legend for the regions. Below the map, there is a 'Partner Portal' section with links for 'Partner Listing and Contact Info', 'Partner Resources', and 'Submit a Document for Partner Resources'. On the far right, there is a 'Partner Resources' section with a search bar and filters for 'Any Region', 'Any State', and 'Any Topic'. Below the filters, there is a list of resources with details such as 'File: 2016 AMBER Alert Plan Review', 'Uploaded By: AATAP Web Team', and 'Submitted Date: 2020-11-13'.

For AMBER Alert Coordinators, Clearinghouse Managers, CART Program Leaders, Tribal and MMIWP Coordinators

# Next Steps

## State AMBER Alert Coordinators

Connect with our AICC team and associates

Plan a team approach with tribal outreach

Goal is to educate and form partnership with the tribes

State/Tribal Implementation Meeting

## Tribal Leadership/Tribal Law Enforcement Representative

Connect with our AICC team and associates

Introduction to the State AMBER Alert Coordinators and other partners

State/Tribal Implementation Meeting

# Key Takeaways

Effective AMBER Alert implementation strengthens Tribal emergency response by improving coordination, communication, and timely decision-making in missing child cases

Collaboration across Tribal, state, and federal partners is essential to overcome jurisdictional barriers and ensure rapid, unified response efforts

Training and technical assistance through AICC empower Tribal Nations to develop sustainable alerting plans and improve outcomes in child recovery efforts



# Questions & Comments

# Thank you for your participation!

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