

Health Department



APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



Join the
CARE Program
Wednesday, April 24th for
Denim Day!

Wear jeans with a purpose-
support survivors and educate
yourself and others about all
forms of sexual violence.



CARE Program
541-444-9638



The Denim Day story begins in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year old girl was raped by the 45-year old driving instructor who was taking her to her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and forcefully raped her.

She reports the rape and the perpetrator is arrested and prosecuted. He is then convicted of rape and sentenced to jail. Years later, he appealed the conviction claiming that they had consensual sex. The Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction and the perpetrator was released. A statement from the Court argued that because the victim was wearing very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was not rape but consensual sex. This became known throughout Italy as the "jeans alibi."

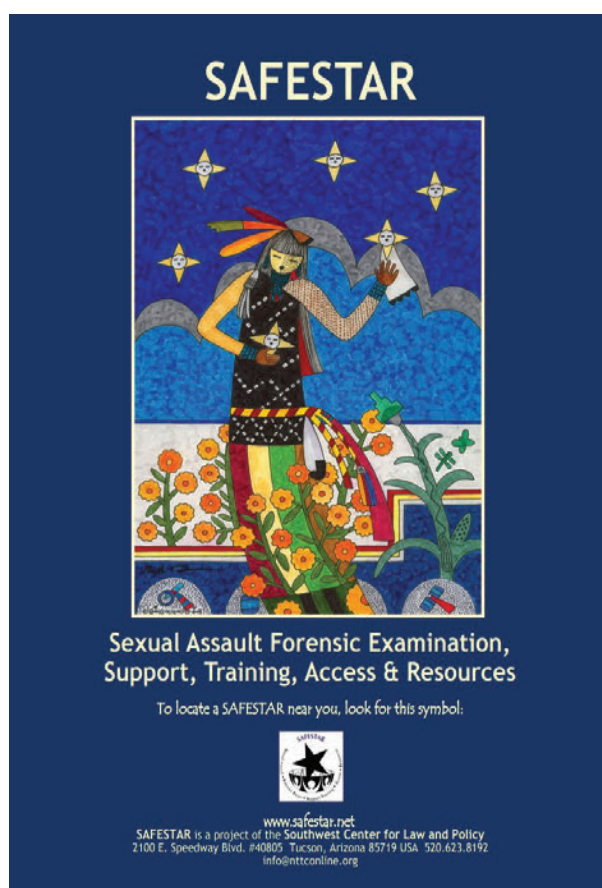
Enraged by the verdict, the women in the Italian Parliament launched a protest wearing jeans on the steps of the Supreme Court. This protest was picked up by international media which inspired the California Senate and Assembly to do the same on the steps of the Capitol in Sacramento. Patti Occhiuzzo Giggans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence, saw this in the media and thought everyone should be wearing jeans to protest all of the myths about why women and girls are raped. Denim Day in LA was born. The first Denim Day in LA event was held in April of 1999, and has continued annually since.

**PLEASE SEND PICTURES OF YOUR PARTICIPATION
TO RACHELLEE@CTSI.NSN.US.**

SAFESTAR 40-hour training coming to Siletz, May 20th-24th, 2024. Empowering the community together to help heal our people.

This training is for people interested in coming alongside to help provide emergency response services to sexual assault survivors in our community. For more information, please reach out to Serena DePoe @ Serenad@ctsi.nsn.us.

The 40-hour training course covers emergency first aid (utilizing the American Heart Association's curriculum); human anatomy; an overview of the prevalence, dynamics and responses to sexual violence in American Indian/Alaska Native communities; forensic evidence collection (rape kits); health care referrals; confidentiality; federal and Tribal sexual assault laws; service referrals; and community outreach.



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Come join care in healing
trauma through self-reflection
and scrapbooking

**APRIL 25TH
SCHC - SHELL ROOM
4-7 PM**

Jessica García at 541-444-9680 or
JessicaG@ctsi.nsn.us for more information.

Of the Native victims of "other sexual violence" in the U.S., 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual coercion; 1 in 3 women and 1 in 8 men experience non-contact unwanted sexual experiences; and roughly 1 in 2 (2.4) women and 1 in 8 (7.7 men) experience unwanted sexual contact.