



## WHAT TO DO IF AN INDIGENOUS PERSON GOES MISSING

### 1

#### REGROUP & TAKE NOTES

- Verify whether the person is truly missing.
- Take notes of what is unusual or out of the ordinary about the situation.
- Keep a journal to log information.

### 2

#### CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Do not hesitate to contact law enforcement, the first 72 hours are crucial.
  - Contact the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the person was last seen.
  - File a missing person report with police of where the person was last seen.
  - Request that they be put in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.
- \*Please note some Tribes do not use NCIC\*

### 3

#### GATHER INFORMATION

- Reach out to known friends and family about last known location.
- Keep a journal to log information. Log every person you talk to.
- Gather the individual's belongings; bank statements, recent photos, social media and cell phone records, etc.

### 4

#### BE AVAILABLE/REVIEW

- Keep phone charged, and frequently check emails/social media messages.
- Review DPS Missing Persons and Alerts.
- Review FBI webpage (updated monthly): <https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/violent-crime/indian-country-crime/missing-and-murdered-indian-persons-list>
- Review NM DOJ Webpage: <https://mmip.nmdoj.gov/>

### 5

#### PRACTICE SELF CARE

- Lean on friends, family and helpers to cope with stress.
- Consider supportive resources and mental health services, visit New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Missing Murdered Indigenous Persons website for a list of resources.

For more information scan the QR code to reach NM IAD MMIP website

