

# *PRO BONO IN A PANDEMIC POWER ACT 2020*





## Pro Bono Program

- Case Work-up before Referral?
- Training Available?
- Staff Support?



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# MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES



## THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME: Domestic Violence & COVID-19

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## **Domestic Violence (DV)**

- 4 out of 5 Native Americans experience some form of domestic violence
- Domestic Violence has many faces
- COVID-19 has increased the volume of domestic violence cases

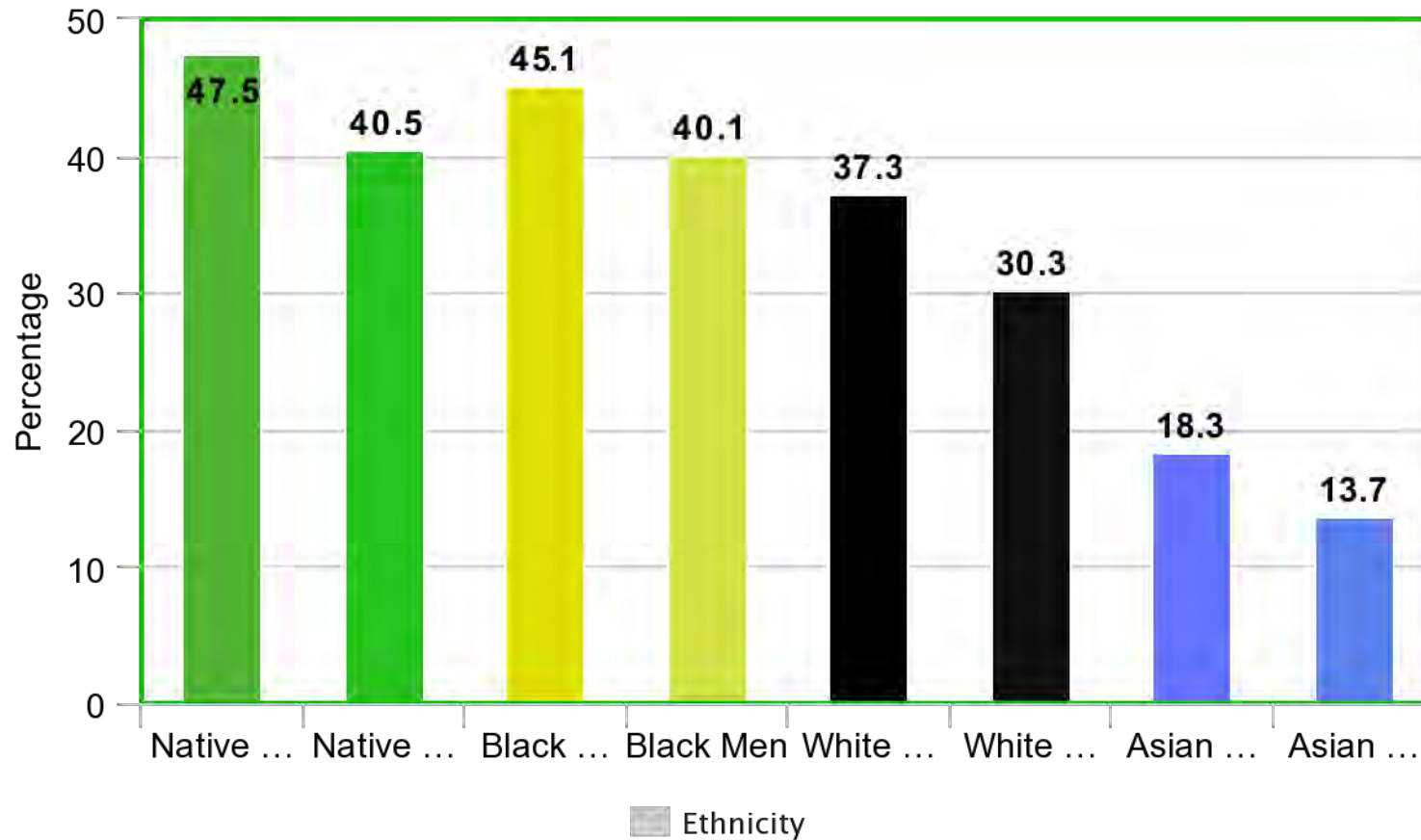
## **The Link Between Disasters and Domestic Violence**

- Stress
- Uncertainty
- Isolation

## **Michigan: Increasing Domestic Violence Amid COVID-19**

- Increasing percentage of DV between men and women
  - Hotlines flooded
  - People of color disproportionately affected
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## Domestic Violence: Men & Woman



meta-chart.com

Data from The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS): 2010-2012 State Report (accessed at: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/NISVS-StateReportBook.pdf>).

# FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Mentor MILS Staff Attorneys

- Family Law
- Criminal Defense
- Appellate Practice

## Give Presentations in Your Area of Expertise

- Education Rights
- Consumer Law

## Directly Represent Clients

- Tribal Court PPOs
- Minor Guardianship
- Landlord-Tenant

# SIGNING UP IS EASY

Michigan Indian Legal Services

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## Pro Bono Program

Become an MILS pro bono attorney to help increase legal assistance to low income Native communities throughout Michigan.

Among Michigan's Native communities, especially those located in rural areas of the state, the percentage of individuals living below the poverty level is generally much higher than the state overall. Poverty and scarce legal resources contribute to a significantly greater need for effective legal counsel and you can be a part of the solution by volunteering as a pro bono attorney with MILS.

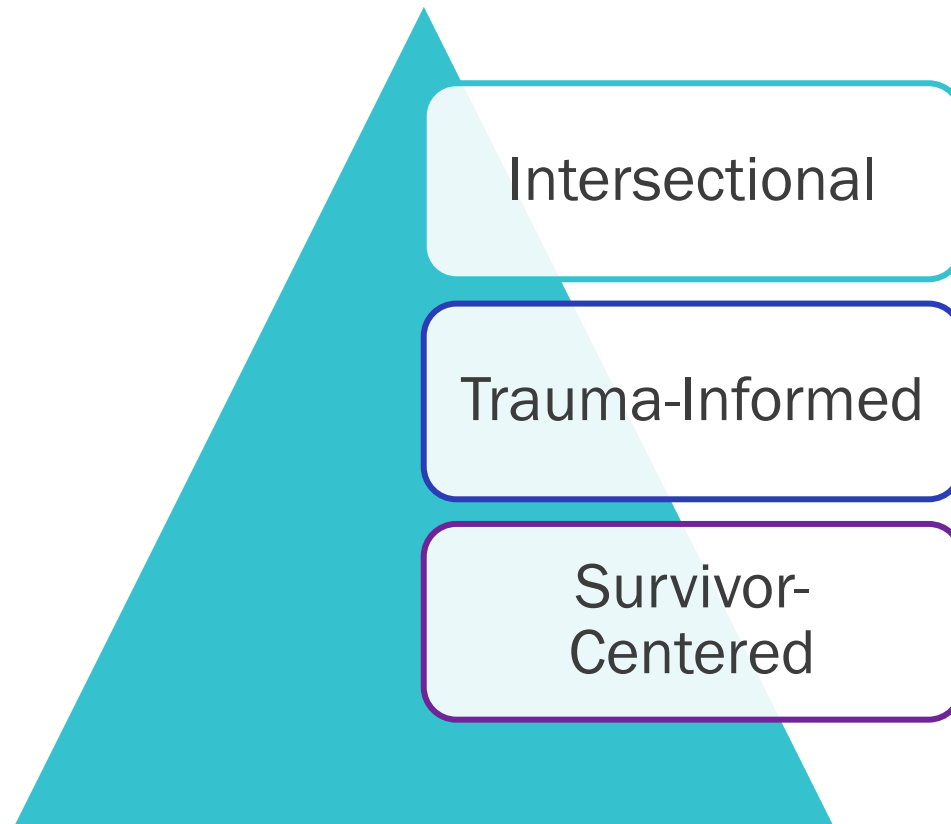
MILS has a pro bono opportunity to fit your schedule, your location, and your practice area. Sign up as a pro bono volunteer to:

- Provide community legal education presentations to rural Native communities in Michigan
- Provide mentoring or case consultation to MILS staff attorneys in your area of expertise
- Directly represent MILS clients

For more information, contact Norika Kida Betti and Hank Fields at [probono@mils3.org](mailto:probono@mils3.org) or by calling (231) 947-0122.

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# MICHIGAN COALITION TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE GREAT LAKES MODEL OF SURVIVOR ACCOMPANIMENT





# SURVIVOR LAW CLINIC



- Support those who help survivors
  - Pro bono matching & coaching
  - Expert witness access
  - Sample pleadings
- Victim rights representation

[SLC@MCEDSV.org](mailto:SLC@MCEDSV.org)

# SUPPORT HOTLINE / CHAT LINE

**855-864-2374**

**(855-VOICES4)**

<https://mcedsv.org/hotline/hotline-chat/>

# A LITTLE TIME CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

- Represent agencies in limited motion practice to protect victim privacy
- Represent survivors in specific victim rights events
- Limited scope representation in any area of law

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