# **MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS** WOMEN AND GIRLS (MMIWG)

The Crisis in Arizona

### What is MMIWG?

Indigenous (Native American) women and girls or persons who identify as female, who are missing, or have lost their lives from violence caused by another person



"You don't heal if you don't have an

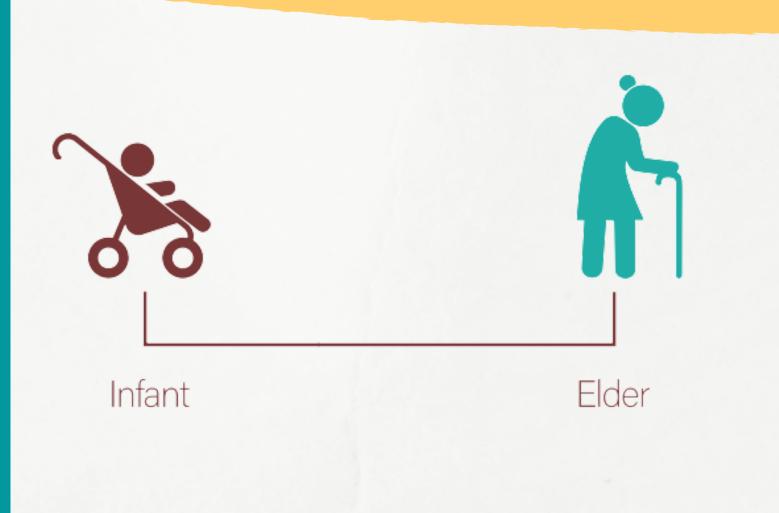
# Why is MMIWG happening?

- Colonization: process of governmental control over Natives through their land and resources
- Genocide: deliberate destruction of Indigenous people, values, culture, language, and beliefs
- Cultural Assimilation: absorbing Westernized values and beliefs
- Systemic Racism: laws, policies, and procedures that discriminate against or dehumanizes Indigenous people Interpersonal Violence: one person uses power and control over another person through physical, sexual, or emotional threats or actions Reporting Issues: barriers to reporting violence to police, advocates, and families

# answer."

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## At what age does **MMIWG** happen?



Indigenous women and girls of all ages are missing and murdered, ranging from infants to elders



## How many are murdered?



Indigenous Women and Girls in Arizona were known to be murdered between 1976-2018



\*This number only includes reported homicides. The reality is that many more are murdered and go unreported



Participate in state and national MMIP awareness day on May 5th

View

Arizona

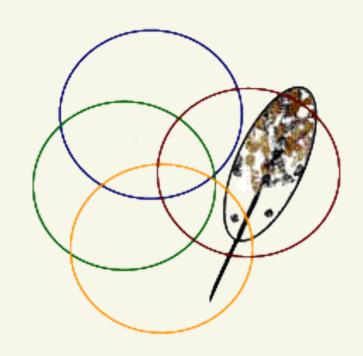
- Ask your elders, community leaders, and Indigenous scholars about historical Native American events
- Support Indigenous organizations
- If you see something, say something



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