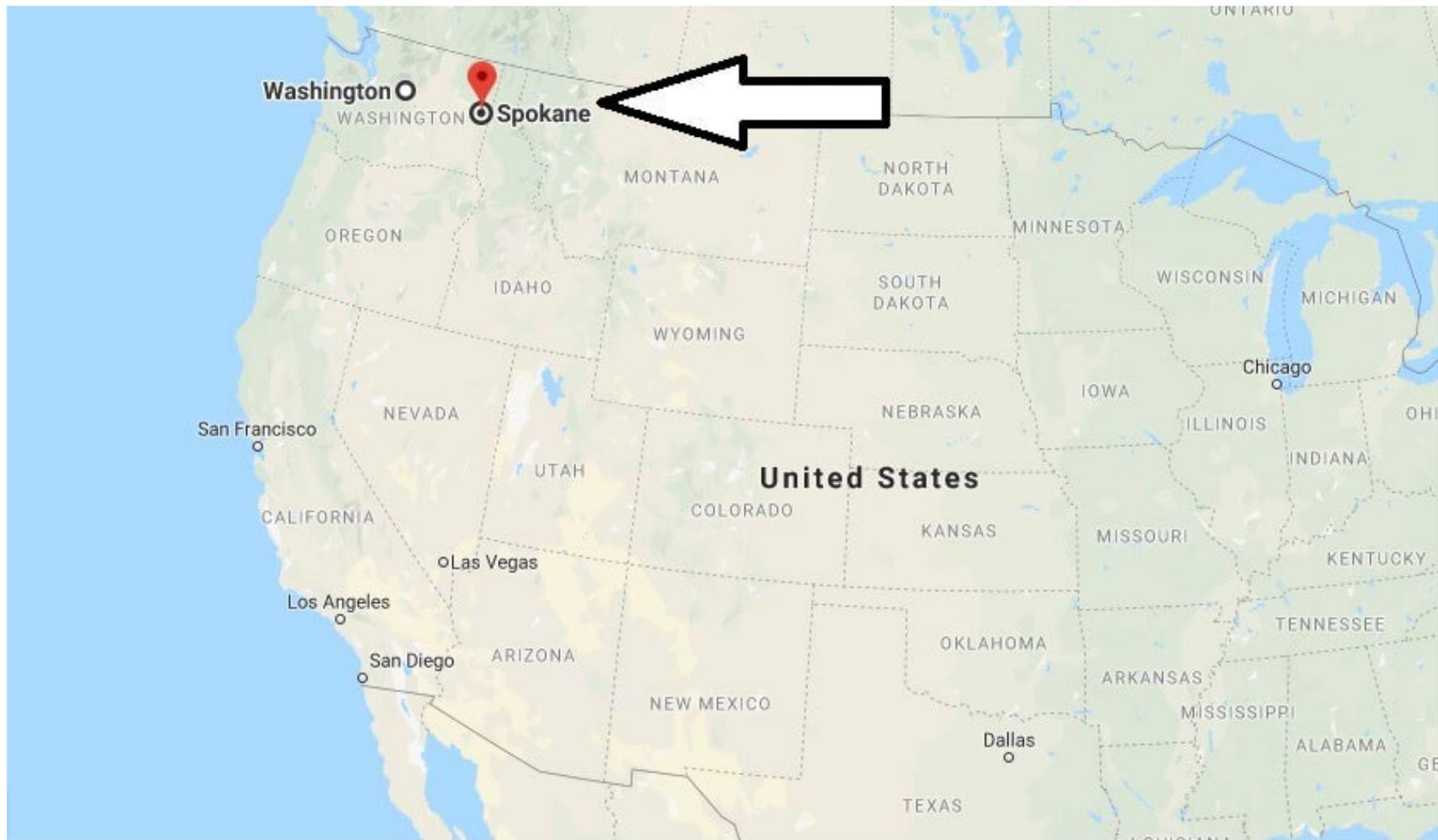


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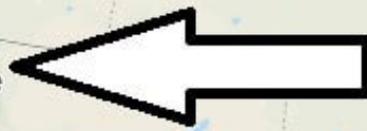
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# Land Acknowledgment



We sit on the traditional homelands of the four bands of the Spokane Tribe of Indians: Sntútʔulixwí, Snxʷmeneʔi, Sc̓qesciłni, and Sčewíleʔ (Upper Band, Middle Band, Lower Band, Chewelah Band). Since time immemorial, the Spokane Tribe of Indians has lived and cared for these grounds. Identifying themselves as “sqélixw,” or “Flesh of the Earth.” We pay our respects to their Elders – past, present, and emerging. We show gratitude to the land, river, and peoples who have been fishing, hunting, harvesting, and gathering here for generations. May we learn from one another’s stories, so that we may nurture the relationship of the People of the Spokane Tribe and to all those who share this land.



# Spokane circa 1890s - A Booming City

- Population ballooned to 19,922 in 1890
- 36,848 in 1900 with the arrival of additional railroads
- 1910 the population had hit 104,000, and Spokane eclipsed Walla Walla as the commercial center of the Inland Empire.
- Current population: 228,989 (2020)





# Spokane and Domestic Violence

- SRDVC recognizes that implicit bias exists in our organizations, institutions, and communities. Using principles of equity and social justice, SRDVC is committed to transforming racialized and discriminatory policies and practices in our organizations, institutions, and communities. SRDVC utilizes its partnerships to increase equitable treatment by our institutions, socially just policies, equitable access to resources and services, and outreach and education to all communities.
- Spokane's high rate of violence is identified by SRHD as a serious health problem in our community. SRHD has warned our community of the serious emotional, mental, and physical costs of violence, as well as the potential gains for preventing violence, including increased sense of well-being, strengthening the community, and promoting health equity (SRHD, *Confronting the Violence*, 2017).
- Youth who are exposed to abuse or trauma have higher rates of negative health outcomes as adults. Just three or more traumatic or stressful experiences have the power to negatively impact youth:
  - They are 2.1 times more likely to have mental health problems and 3.3 times as likely to have a serious mental illness.
  - They are 1.3 times more likely to have fair to poor health.
  - They are 3.4 times more likely to not be able to work.
  - They are more than twice as likely to have a poor quality of life.
- Minority students are especially affected. A national study of 5,117 Latinos ages 18-74 found 77.8% experienced at least one ACE in childhood. The same study found that 28.7% of Latinos experienced four ACEs or more. Prolonged exposure to violence and trauma can seriously undermine children's ability to focus, meet behavior expectations, and ultimately learn in school. It often leads to school failure, truancy, suspension or expulsion, dropping out, or involvement in the juvenile justice system.

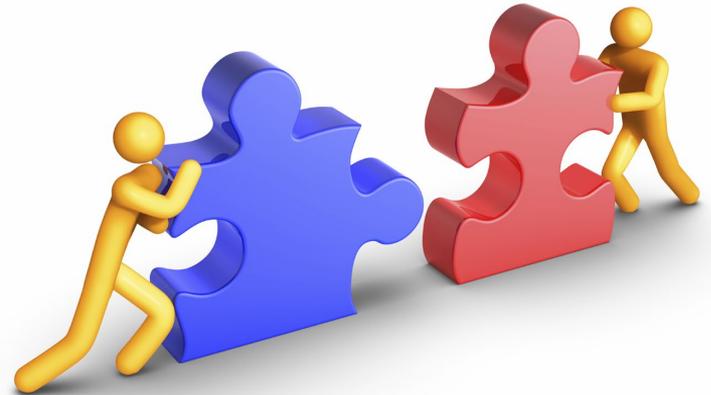
# Strong collaboration with YWCA, SRDVC, SPD

- The Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition has been around in various forms since the early 1990s. Its primary purpose is the **elimination of domestic violence** through collaboration and partnership with community agencies/entities made up from various sectors including law enforcement, government officials, victim advocacy groups, treatment providers, school representatives, and family and child-serving organizations, amongst others.
- The Coalition is focused on preventing domestic violence; educating the general public and creating awareness about domestic violence; and continued community collaboration and coordination in eliminating domestic violence
- Coalition formed as a 501c3 in late 2019 thanks to intense community support as evidenced by the documentary at [End the Violence \(endtheviolencespokane.org\)](https://www.endtheviolencespokane.org)
- Documentary can be watched [HERE](#)



# Preparation

- Notable learning and legislative events
- ERPO, OTS
- Conference with the alliance for gun responsibility
- Helps us recognize the need
- New legislation requiring officers to ask about firearms at the scene



# Selected for FTAP

- With the legislative changes and knowledge learned, we applied for the original FTAP grant (1 of 6 sites selected)
- Since then, we have been working with the technical advisors and OVW on improving our efforts on removing firearms from DV perpetrators



# Beginning of FTAP Spokane

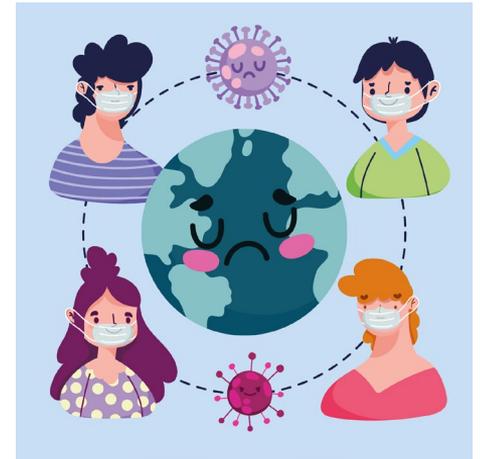
- Identified key stakeholders and outreach to partners
- Simultaneously (with collaboration with the YWCA Spokane) we used ICJR funding to hire a DV Firearms Analyst
  - Amie Simeral
- Developed relationships with the courts
  - work as a communication bridge between the courts, advocates, and law enforcement



**COVID PAUSE**

# How the Pandemic Affected our Efforts

- Dealing with COVID lockdowns
- Personnel changes
- Result was Annie Murphey and Jordan Ferguson as coordinators for FTAP



# Post - COVID

- Amie Simeral able to reignite relationships with judicial officers
- Attending compliance review hearings
- Working with victims with advocates with judicial officers and with law enforcement to track down firearms that had not been surrendered
- Increase in violent assaults
  - 233% homicide increase in 2020 in city
  - Increase in shootings in city and county (specifically with juveniles)
- Current Management Stakeholders:
  - SPD
  - SCSO
  - AIRWAY HEIGHTS
  - SPOKANE PROSECUTORS
  - US ATTORNEY
  - KALISPEL TRIBE
  - YWCA
  - SPOKANE COURTS
  - SPOKANE CLERK
  - SRDVC

# Future Plans

- Create a cadre of highly trained officers to serve orders and follow-up on judicial requests
- More training for all law enforcement officers in the area
- Possibly explore advocacy that can respond to the scene
- Continue to build relationships with disproportionately impacted groups
- Focused work on high-risk offenders with US Attorney's Office
- Partnership with Spokane and Kalispel Tribal Victim Services



