Hello!

Below are relevant resources that we hope you will find helpful. We encourage you to forward this email to STOP subgrantees and others in your state who you think could benefit from the material.

If you have any questions about STOP planning, implementation, or related topics, contact us at ALSOSTAARProjectTA@also-chicago.org.

-The STAAR Project Team

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**STAAR Project Announcements**

**October is DVAM**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) aims to elevate the voices of survivors while drawing attention to an issue that affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men. More resources and information specific to DV will be shared later this month. Keep an eye on your inbox for future emails!

**SITAP Applications Due Soon**

Applications for the STOP Intensive TA Project (SITAP) are due next on Tuesday, October 8. Don't miss your chance for this unique opportunity!

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**Most Recent STAAR Project Webinars**

- **STOP Intensive Technical Assistance Project (SITAP) Informational Webinar**

- **For Deaf, By Deaf: What STOP Administrators Can Do to Support Deaf Survivors' Healing and Justice Webinar**

Visit our [webinars page](#) to access recordings and materials of all webinars.
STOP Intensive Technical Assistance Project (SITAP)

We are pleased to announce the availability of a new opportunity for STOP Administrators and State/Territory partners to receive tailored technical assistance on the STOP Formula Grants Program!

**SITAP** is a technical assistance initiative designed to provide in-depth, tailored assistance to STOP Administrators and their partners on STOP Formula Grant Program-related topics. SITAP seeks to help States and Territories ensure that STOP planning and/or implementation processes, activities, and outputs are as effective as possible in their ability to respond to needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, and to hold offenders accountable.

Learn more about the project by watching this informational webinar.

**Applications** must be submitted online by **October 8, 2019** at 5pm Central Time.

**Apply Now!**

**Tribal Consultation**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 14th annual OVW Tribal Consultation held on August 21 - 22, 2019. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians graciously hosted the two day event in New Buffalo, MI. This event demonstrated how to consistently ensure meaningful government-to-government consultation with sovereign tribal nations.

OVW provided **written notification** to tribal leaders in April 2019 in a letter that was sent out in the mail. The letter was posted on the OVW website as well, to provide enough time for travel arrangements to be made.

The OVW Tribal Consultation **website** includes information including:

- The **agenda**, which was modified as the event progressed to allow enough time for all of the tribal leaders to speak and be heard;
- The **Framing Papers** describing the input that OVW is seeking;
- Information on how to provide oral and/or written **testimony**; and
- Previous years’ **reports**

The consistency of the event helps build relationships and trust, while providing significant opportunities for tribal leaders to share recommendations and concerns to improve responses to violence against American Indians and Alaska Natives.

ALSO offers a variety of technical assistance, resources, and tools designed to support you in your work, including this **Planning Participation Workbook** to assist with tracking efforts to consult and coordinate with Tribes *(2nd tab)*. Contact ALSO at
Sexual Victimization of Men with Disabilities and Deaf Men: A National Snapshot

This brief examines the unique needs of male survivors of sexual violence with disabilities and those who are Deaf. Included in this brief is the research on rates of sexual violence for disabled and deaf men, the barriers they face when seeking services, and avenues that stakeholders in the community can take to ease access to services for these survivors.

Read more

Culture, Language, and Access: Key Considerations for Serving Deaf Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence

This article summarizes the findings from roundtables conducted to discuss the specific needs of Deaf survivors of gender-based violence. Within are best practices for developing culturally and linguistically competent services to Deaf survivors, and recommendations for creating equal access to services and the criminal justice system.

Read more

Model Protocol on Safety Planning for Domestic Violence Victims With Disabilities

This article offers recommendations and best practices to increase the efficacy of safety planning for people with disabilities. Domestic violence service providers can utilize this document to assess their current safety planning practices and put in place new practices that take into account the specific needs of victims with disabilities.

The version from 2003 breaks down specific needs for various disabilities and
Adapted or Modified TF-CBT

Survivors with disabilities will need a range of ongoing holistic healing options to address the impacts of trauma. Mental health providers can offer art, equine, and traditional therapy techniques. An example of a more traditional technique is Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). Some techniques will require modifications or adaptations to meet the unique needs of individual survivors. This publication reviews literature and research on different treatment options for trauma survivors with disabilities.

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network NCTSN has several webinars that provide more information about TF-CBT.

Read more

Sexual Assault Forensic Exams

This protocol gives guidance on considerations and reasonable accommodations to make when an individual with a disability obtains a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE): Victim Centered Care

Email Checklist

You can now view all official emails sent by the ALSO STAAR Project in one place!

Tip: This will be especially helpful if you are a new STOP Administrator and want to catch up on what you've
missed.

Log-in to access emails
Don't have an account? Create one here!