



Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

August 2021

Alliance of Local Service Organizations (ALSO) Underserved Technical Assistance Project

This newsletter from the [ALSO Underserved TA Project](#) is designed for Underserved grantees to provide them with regular and concise information including resources, training opportunities, open solicitations, and more.

You can always find more resources on the [Underserved TA Tools and Resources page](#) on ALSO's website or through the [Online Private Portal](#) for OVW Underserved Grantees.

Happy Resource & Opportunity Finding!
-Your Underserved TA Team



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Underserved TA Hosted Events

Grantee Support Open Forum

The next Open Forum will be in September!

Grantee Support Open Forums are online, interactive sessions provided to increase opportunities for Grantee connection by building community amongst the Underserved Grantees and providing time and space to cultivate mutual support in the current moment in time and culture.

Open Forums are not recorded, to allow for open and honest discussion between the TA Team and amongst the grantees.

Date: Thursday, September 2

Time: 11:00 am PT/12:00 pm MT/1:00 pm CT/2:00 pm ET

This event will be up to 60 minutes

[Register for the Open Forum Here](#)

Virtual Summer Series

The Underserved Summer Series ended at the end of July. All sessions were recorded in English and Spanish with ASL interpretation. You will be able to find the recordings and the related materials (in Spanish and English), including slidedecks and handouts, on the [Online Private Portal](#) for Grantees.

Community Resources to Support Advocacy Efforts (in Our Current Time)

VALOR's Support for Survivors Manual

The latest updates to VALOR's [Support for Survivors: Training Sexual Assault Counselor/Advocates in the 21st Century](#) reflect the advancements the movement has made and our fearless approach to honor the valor and strength of survivors. This version of Support for Survivors is available both in English and Spanish, and is free.

The manual is over 190 pages and covers a range of topics including but not limited to:

- History of the Sexual Violence Movement
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Teen Sexual Abuse
- Crisis Intervention
- Referral Resources and Methods
- Multidisciplinary Collaboration and Systems
- Medical
- Working with Law

Rental Assistance

Help is available for renters having trouble paying rent, utilities, or other housing costs; and landlords trying to stay afloat with tenants in this situation. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance to help renters stay housed during the pandemic.

[Visit the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Rental Assistance Finder](#) to see who qualifies, how to apply, and find a rental assistance program in your area.

The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

- Enforcement
- Legal and Court
- Moving Toward the Future

Grant Closeout Resource

For grantees who are closing their grants at the end of this fiscal year in September, if not sooner, please review this information from JustGrants on details regarding closing out your award.

[You can find the closeout training materials here.](#)

OVW Biennial Conferral Webinars

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 established a conferral process by which state and tribal coalitions, OVW technical assistance (TA) providers, and other key stakeholders in the field inform OVW policies and programs. The conferral process emphasizes feedback from state and tribal coalitions and TA providers, as well as crucial stakeholders such as STOP and SASP administrators, Indian tribes, and grantees of other OVW programs.

For this year's conferral process, OVW has a dedicated conferral website at OVW2021Conferral.org featuring a welcome message from OVW's Acting Director, Allison Randall. All Underserved grantees and project partners are encouraged to participate.

Times and Topics

- **Unmet needs:** 3:00-4:00 pm EDT on September 9th, 2021
- **Administration of grants:** 3:00-4:00 pm EDT on September 23rd, 2021
- **Promising practices in the field:** 3:00-4:00 pm EDT on September 30th, 2021
- **Emerging trends:** 3:00-4:00 pm EDT on October 7th, 2021

No registration necessary - links to join each session are located on the conferral website [here](#).

OVW Corner



Image Description: OVW Program Manager Kara Moller sitting at her desk in front of a

cubicle wall that has numerous rainbow posters, the Star of David, the star and crescent symbol, a sign that reads "ALL Are Welcome Here" and other posters.

A tip from your OVW Program Manager Kara Moller:

JustGrants tip: If you cannot view or create a GAM (Grant Award Modification), start on the award page with the "Begin" button under Programmatic. This will take you out of a read only view of the award and then you can initiate the GAM.

Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars & Conferences

Ask the Expert Session: Preventing Vicarious Trauma

Host: [National Criminal Justice Training Center](#)

Date: Tuesday, August 17

Time: 11:00 am PT / 12:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET

Join to discuss defining vicarious trauma, contributing factors to vicarious trauma, and strategies to stay healthy in our work including recognizing and managing vicarious trauma. Each 60 minute session features a brief overview presentation followed by an opportunity to engage in an in-depth facilitated discussion and question and answer (Q&A) session with subject matter experts, practitioners in the field, and other attendees. Your participation is encouraged and additional questions will be taken during this live session. Prior to the session, the hosts will gather feedback from you about what you would like to learn about the topic from the experts.

[Register Here](#)

Civil Remedies and Legal Services for American Indian / Alaska Native Survivors: A Conversation on Intersectional Representation, Multi-Jurisdictional Services, and Other Representation Considerations

Host: [The Victim Rights Law Center](#)

Date: Thursday, August 19

Time: 10:00 am PT / 11:00 am MT / 12:00 pm CT / 1:00 pm ET

What should non-Native lawyers know about serving American Indian and Alaska Native sexual assault survivors? How do you subpoena Tribal documents into state court (or vice versa)? Are state or federal law privileges recognized in Tribal courts? community agencies and What creative remedies might lawyers consider when representing Native survivors?

[Register Here](#)

Serving Immigrant Survivors of Sexual Assault

Host: [The Victim Rights Law Center](#)

Date: Thursday, August 26

Time: 10:00 am PT / 11:00 am MT / 12:00 pm CT / 1:00 pm ET

Join to explore best practices and emerging issues in serving immigrant

survivors of sexual violence. Specific topics will include a discussion of immigrant survivor privacy and VAWA's confidentiality protections, public charge concerns, tips for representing immigrant survivors, and emerging issues impacting victims' immigration cases.

[Register Here](#)

Your ALSO TA Team



Image Description: ALSO's Underserved TA team posing in a beige hallway at the 2018 Grantee Orientation.

From L-R: Quenette Walton, Lori Crowder, Lisa Gilmore, Cristina Damiani, Zarena Leblanc, Topher Williamson

Have Questions? We are here to help!

- For technical assistance support related to substantive and programmatic issues: Contact your ALSO Underserved TA point of contact at their individual email or the team at underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org.
- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Manager Kara Moller at kara.moller@usdoj.gov.

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