



GRANTS FOR OUTREACH  
AND SERVICES TO  
UNDERSERVED  
POPULATIONS

*YEAR IN REVIEW SPECIAL EDITION*

## Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

December 2021

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

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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



*Safe Homes, Safe Streets.*

### 2021 in Review

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As 2021 comes to an end, the ALSO Underserved TA Team is reflecting on the dedicated work of the Underserved grantees during a challenging year.

We are grateful to be partners with each of you in this work, and are eager to continue assisting you in reaching the goals and objectives of your Underserved project.



To conclude this year, we have included some highlights of the technical assistance provided to grantees. We hope you join us in reflecting on the learnings of the past year and the possibilities ahead. May this next year bring each of you a sense of determination, refreshment, and hope.

Warmest regards,  
The ALSO Underserved TA Team  
*Cristina, Lisa, Lori, Quenette, Rachel, Topher, and Zarena*

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The Underserved TA Team wants to use this space to acknowledge the many events and TA opportunities that took place this year.

In addition to providing one-on-one consultation on a regular basis to grantees, sending a monthly newsletter with curated resources and information, and updating our TA Tools and Resources webpage, the Underserved TA Team hosted the following TA offerings over the course of this year:

- 4 Virtual Open Forums
- 1 Webinar Series on Intersectionality
  - 3 sessions
- 1 Virtual Summer Series
  - 4 sessions
- 1 Peer to Peer series on Sustainability and Management Practices
  - 3 sessions

This year, 11 grantee organizations were funded in the FY21 cohort, with over 35 total Underserved Grantees from 15 states.

You can find the event materials and recordings for many of the above sessions on the [Online Private Portal](#) for OVW Underserved Grantees.

**Thank you for your contributions, insights, and generosity this year!**

## New Underserved TA Product!

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We are pleased to introduce *Intersectionality as Activism and Self-Care: Foundations & Application*, an Underserved TA developed product written by ALSO consultants Dr. Olubunmi (Bunmi) Basirat Oyewuwo and Dr. Quenette Walton. This product serves as a supplement and step-two to our Underserved TA Topical Webinar Series presented earlier this year.

**About the Product:**  
The product aims to provide a more in-depth understanding of intersectionality by highlighting its history and providing the historical and current definitions of intersectionality. Additionally, it intends to guide readers into a new way of thinking about intersectionality and illustrates

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**Intersectionality as Activism and Self-Care: Foundations & Application**

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**Issue:** As Underserved Grantees, you may have questions about what intersectionality is, why it is important to adopt, and how you can apply it in your work as service providers, advocates, and with survivors.

**Goal:** To gain a deeper understanding about the ways in which intersectionality can be used in practice, as activism, and as self-care with Underserved Grantees and the survivors they serve.

**Contents of this Resource:**

- Defining intersectionality
- History of intersectionality
- Intersectionality and activism in practice
- Intersectionality and self-care in practice
- Key takeaways/implications for Underserved Grantees

how it can be used in practice, as activism, and as self-care with Underserved Grantees and the survivors they serve.

A pdf copy of [Intersectionality as Activism and Self-Care: Foundations & Application](#) is attached here and is also available in the [Online Grantee Portal](#).

The links to the recordings of the 2021 Topical Webinar Series are here:

- [Intersectionality Series: Substance Use and Survival: Thoughts from an Intersectional Framework](#)
  - [La interseccionalidad como activismo y autocuidado cuando se trabaja con sobrevivientes desatendidos \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- [Intersectionality Series: Working With Older Adult Survivors](#)
  - [La interseccionalidad en el trabajo con adultos sobrevivientes de edad avanzada \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- [Intersectionality Series: Intersectionality as Activism and Self-Care When Working with Underserved Survivors](#)
  - [Uso de sustancias y supervivencia: Pensamientos desde un marco interseccional \(Spanish Version\)](#)

## [Underserved Grantee Orientation](#)

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Each new grantee cohort attends a Grantee Orientation. Orientations are designed to provide relevant information about grant administration and financial management and an introduction to the OVW and TA Provider Teams supporting grantees throughout their grant cycle.

This year, the Grantee Orientation will be virtual and will take place over several dates from January 11th, 2022 - February 3rd, 2022.



All FY2021 grantee organizations are required to secure the attendance of at least two (2) individuals from their funded project to the virtual Underserved Grantee Orientation hosted by OVW in partnership with ALSO. Please note that for this virtual orientation two (2) participants is the minimum and that we encourage more participants from each grantee organization to attend. New staff that have been hired at grantee organizations whose funding began in a previous cycle can join as well.

The orientation's [schedule can be found here](#). The first session will take place on Tuesday, January 11 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm PT / 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm CT / 2:00 - 4:00 pm ET.

Registration for the Grantee Orientation has closed. For questions about this event, contact the Underserved TA Team at [underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org](mailto:underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org).

## [Progress Reporting](#)

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Semi-annual progress reports are due January 30. Please see this message from VAWA MEI & OVW regarding this next reporting deadline:

Dear OVW grantees,

This season, we're offering webinars with VAWA MEI trainers on special topics to help you complete your semi-annual performance report. Just click on the "Register Here" links below to sign up. We hope you'll join us!

### **Intro to Progress Reporting**

*Wednesday, January 5, 2022*

New to OVW Semi-Annual Progress Reporting? This webinar is for you! Join VAWA MEI staff as we discuss the who, what, where, why, and how of progress reporting for your OVW grant. There will be time for questions throughout the webinar, too.

[Register Here](#)

### **Report It Right: Victim Services**

*Thursday, January 6, 2022*

Please join VAWA MEI trainers for a one-hour webinar on how to report victim services data on your performance report. We'll lead a high-level review of the topic, show you where to find related resources on our website, and answer your questions.

[Register Here](#)

### **Calculating FTEs**

*Thursday, January 13, 2022*

Figuring out how to tally staff FTEs for your OVW performance report can be tricky. This one-hour webinar will review the basics and show you a few tips to make the job easier.

[Register Here](#)

*All webinar times are from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm PT / 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CT / 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET. Click on the links above to register. Please register at least 48 hours prior to the webinar date.*

## **Webinars & Conferences from the Field**

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### **Building and Managing Volunteer Programs**

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Host: [Office for Victims of Crime](#)

Date: Monday, November 29 – Thursday, December 16

Time: 8:30 am PT / 9:30 am MT / 10:30 am CT / 11:30 am ET

Volunteers bring a passion to victim service organizations, and their mindful management can be a key strategy in extending an organization's mission and scope of services. This 3-week course will focus on the importance of volunteers; how to recruit, screen, onboard, and retain them; and how to determine the costs associated with managing volunteers. The training is designed for current or aspiring volunteer managers.

[Register Here](#)

## *International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimagining Justice*

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Host: [End Violence Against Women International](#)

Dates: April 19 - 21 2022

Location: San Francisco, CA

This annual conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking and elder abuse. EVAWI consistently brings together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers and others in this 3-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

[Register Here](#)

### [Your ALSO TA Team](#)

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*Image Description: Headshots of Underserved TA Team members arranged over pastel circles and ovals colored orange, blue, purple, pink, and green*

*From top to bottom: (L-R) Cristina Damiani, Rachel Hastings, (L-R) Topher Williamson, Zarena Leblanc, Lisa Gilmore, (L-R) Quenette Walton, Lori Crowder*

[Have Questions? We are here to help!](#)

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- 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](mailto:underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org).

- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov).

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