



Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

October 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



Safe Homes, Safe Streets.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) has begun. Below are a few resources for this important awareness month, with an emphasis on virtual resources. This list is not exhaustive, by any means, but a starting point for planning and participating in this year's DVAM programming.

Check out:

- Resources from the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)
 - Learn about their [Take a Stand toolkit](#)
- NNEDV's campaign, [#Every1KnowsSome1](#)

- Their [Week of Action 2021](#) (October 18-24)
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Project's [No Survivor Justice Without Racial Justice](#)
 - Also, their [#1Thing](#) campaign
 - A press release, [Justice Department Commemorates National Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)
 - Qizhkeh Heritage Institute and Alliance of Tribal Coalitions to End Violence's [Tribal Campaign to Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence Among Native Women and Girls for Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)
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[JustGrants Q&A Sessions and Trainings](#)

JustGrants hosts live Q&A sessions and training for grantees to attend. For more direct support on the JustGrants system, you can check out the trainings page on the JustGrants website. Be sure to check this page regularly as it gets updated with new training dates.

[You can find the JustGrants training page 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:

OVW has announced the soft launch of two OVW supported TA web portals, [Domestic Violence Resource for Increasing Safety and Connection \(DV RISC\)](#) and [Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium \(LETTAC\)](#).

In FY2020 OVW funded the Fund for New York's Center for Court Innovation (CCI) to establish a domestic violence lethality assessment to feature OVW approved risk and lethality assessment center, DV RISC, and to provide TA to communities interested in implementing a risk or lethality assessment or model in assessing their community's needs, addressing gaps that would hinder successful implementation of a tool/model, and selecting a tool/model. Also in FY2020 OVW funded the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) to establish LETTAC to serve as the new law enforcement comprehensive for the Office.

Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars

Unlearning What We Were Told: Supporting LGBTQ2S Survivors of Sexual Assault

Host: [International Association of Forensic Nurses](#) and [Indigenous Sexual Assault and Abuse Clearinghouse](#)

Date: Thursday, October 21

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

Sexual assault survivors who are LGBTQ2S often have specific needs and face unique barriers to seeking services and support. In this webinar, you will learn how to make your agency welcoming and inclusive, how to proactively address common concerns of LGBTQ2S survivors, and how to ensure that LGBTQ2S survivors see your agency as an affirming resource.

[Register Here](#)

AAPI Challenges, Barriers, and Priorities: Share-back of our community listening sessions

Host: [Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence](#)

Date: Thursday, October 21

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

Over the past year and a half, API-GBV strove to learn more deeply from our community of front-line advocates, national partners, systems contacts, and allies through a series of listening sessions, assessment, and surveys. During this webinar, staff will share themes and learnings from these sessions with the broader community. From these learnings, we will share recommendations and priorities for programs, funders, educators, systems, and policymakers.

[Register Here](#)

Emerging Issues for Domestic Violence Survivors with Disabilities and Deaf Survivors: 2021 and Beyond

Host: [Vera Institute of Justice Disability and Deaf Resource National Center](#)

Date: Tuesday, October 26

Time: 12:00 pm PT / 1:00 pm MT / 2:00 pm CT / 3:00 pm ET

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a panel of leaders working at the intersection of domestic violence and disability will explore

issues including addressing racial equity, ensuring equitable access to technology and services, centering survivors in safety planning and service provision, and evolving your approaches to the work to meet the changing needs of domestic violence survivors with disabilities and Deaf survivors.

[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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