



## Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

September 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.*

### 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](https://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

- 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](#).

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is beginning in just a few weeks. Below are a few resources to prepare 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 [#1Thing campaign](#)

## Grant Closeout Resource

For grantees who are closing their grants at the end of this fiscal year in September, please review this information from JustGrants on details regarding closing out your award.

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

## 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.](#)

## Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars & Conferences

*Best Practices for Preserving Survivor Confidentiality in Client Documentation and Responding to Information Requests*

Host: [New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) and [Confidentiality Institute](#)

Date: Tuesday, September 28

Time: 10:30 am PT / 11:30 am MT / 12:30 pm CT / 1:30 pm ET

Join the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Alicia Aiken, attorney and Director of the Danu Center's Confidentiality Institute, for the webinar "Best Practices for Preserving Survivor Confidentiality in Client Documentation and Responding to Information Requests." The session will focus on best practices for protecting survivor information, obtaining informed consent, and responding to outside requests for survivor information. NYSCADV's policy team also will review New York State's new DV advocate privilege law and how it should simplify DV advocates' response from third parties for client information.

[Register Here](#)

### *[Developing Advocacy Responses to MMIW](#)*

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Host: [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#)

Date: Wednesday, September 29

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

Over the last decade, the broad awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) as a national issue has increased, but more must be done at all levels. This virtual Conversation with the Field (CWTF) will provide the space to discuss how to prevent MMIW, how to support women and their families, and address systemic failures.

This will be a 1.5-hour interactive conversation on a Zoom meeting platform. Registered participants should expect to actively engage and share their experiences in the discussion.

[Register Here](#)

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

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

## 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](mailto:underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org).
- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Manager Kara Moller at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov).

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