



GRANTS FOR OUTREACH
AND SERVICES TO
UNDERSERVED
POPULATIONS

Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

February 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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New Underserved TA Product



Check out a new Underserved TA product titled *Nonprofit Capacity Building: Management Practices that Nurture Sustainability* written by ALSO consultant Sharmili Majmudar. You can find it on the [Online Private Portal](#).

About this product:

In an environmental context, "sustainability" generally

means finding a way to use resources in a manner that prevents their depletion. Applying the environmental definition to the nonprofit context applies a more holistic, trauma-informed lens to sustainability. If we consider nonprofit sustainability in this manner, we have to consider how we define our resources, and what it means to prevent their depletion as critical to perpetuating our ability to fulfill our missions. Conceptualizing sustainability as holistic means that our inventory of resources include not only funding, but also talent, time, reputation, community, culture, traditions, relationships, and infrastructure.

Underserved TA Hosted Events

Grantee Orientation

The Grantee Orientation for FY20 Grantees is nearing its conclusion.

The final session, *Grants Management and Administration*, hosted by OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller, will be held on Wednesday, February 24th at 11:00 am PT/12:00 pm MT/1:00 pm CT/2:00 pm ET. Individuals can sign up for the final session of the [Grantee Orientation here](#).

Grantees can find materials and recordings of all past sessions from the Orientation on [the Underserved Orientation Event Page](#). If you have any questions about the Grantee Orientation, please reach out to the team at underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org.

[Register Here](#)

Peer to Peer Opportunity

There will be a virtual peer to peer engagement series offered to Underserved Grantees. This series will be facilitated by ALSO Consultant Sharmili Majmudar on the topic of organizational sustainability.

More details will be shared nearer to the outset of the series.

Virtual Summer Series



The ALSO Underserved TA team will be hosting the Summer Institute virtually again this year.

This required event for all Grantee organizations will consist of a series of virtual sessions focused on topics related to outreach and services.

Stay tuned for more information and registration details in the upcoming months

Topical Webinars

The Underserved TA Team will be hosting a series of webinars this year on the topic of intersectionality and how it relates to the work of the Underserved grant.

An announcement with more details will be shared nearer to the webinar dates.

Progress Reporting

Message from VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative (MEI)/OVW:

OVW has extended the submission deadline for all performance reports that were due on January 30, 2021. The new deadline for submitting your report in the Just Grants system is *February 28, 2021*. This extension pertains to performance reports for the July-December 2020 period. The extension should be reflected in Just Grants soon.

Here are some resources for submitting & navigating the Just Grants system:

- Training [on submitting FFRs in the Just Grants system](#)
- Training video [on FFR and performance reporting](#)
- Request form [for individualized technical assistance from VAWA MEI staff](#)
- Infographic [describing the role assignments within the Just Grants system](#)

If you have questions about this, please contact your OVW Program Specialist. If you need troubleshooting assistance in Just Grants, please email OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov. Visit vawamei.org to obtain the correct form, find resources to help you complete it, view the [recording of the Jan. 11 webinar](#) held for all discretionary grantees, or to request technical assistance.

COVID-19 Resources

The Underserved TA Team has curated a [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#) on the ALSO website that is tailored to Underserved grantees that include population specific resources, organizational preparedness resources, wellness resources, and information from OVW. We will continue to add more resources as they become relevant and available to us.

Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars & Conferences

NYSCADV's Survivor's Financial Empowerment Training Series Part 2: Fundamentals of Financial Empowerment, Budgeting and Saving, Banking Options, Assets, and Liabilities

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

Date: Thursday, February 11

Time: 9:00 am PT / 10:00 am MT / 11:00 am CT / 12:00 pm ET

A part of a series of four webinars based on the "The Allstate Moving Ahead Curriculum" for financial empowerment, created by the Allstate Foundation and NNEDV. Even before the current public health crisis, lack of financial independence prevented 94-99% of survivors from being able to leave their abuser (NRCDV). In the long-term, economic abuse can carry devastating consequences, including ruined credit, employment issues, homelessness, and legal issues, which can adversely affect a survivors' ability to achieve financial stability and independence.

[Register Here](#)

Creating Safe Spaces for Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Youth

Host: [Ho`omaluhia - IVAT \(Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma\) Hawai'i Pacific Branch](#)

Date: Thursday, February 18

Time: 3:00 pm PT / 4:00 pm MT / 5:00 pm CT / 6:00 pm ET

This training aims to provide information to social service and education providers on how to form relationships with youth in safe and protective ways so that SGM (Sexual and Gender Minority) youth feel secure enough to express their true selves and heal from trauma.

[Register Here](#)

Adapting Sexual Violence Prevention Curriculum During COVID-19

Host: [PreventConnect](#)

Date: Tuesday, February 23

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

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, sexual violence prevention practitioners adapted and implemented various in-person programs and curricula in their communities. Preventionists have noted challenges not only in sustaining prevention efforts, but also in adapting existing curriculum to meet communities' needs and capacity for distance learning. This webinar will discuss the how and the why of program adaptations during COVID-19. Guests will also discuss supplemental activities for sustaining prevention during the pandemic, as well as the crucial need to continue to prioritize prevention in times of crisis.

[Register Here](#)

Virtual EVAWI Annual Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Trauma and Resilience

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

Date: April 6-8, 2021

Cost: \$595 (*Payment received by March 5, 2021*) \$645 (*Payment received after March 5, 2021*)

Preapproved by OVW Program Manager Kara Moller for all Underserved Grantees

This annual conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, elder abuse, and violence across the lifespan. Join for this exclusive event highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all our communities.

[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 underservedta@also-chicago.org.
- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Manager Kara Moller at kara.moller@usdoj.gov.

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