



## Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

January 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.](#)*

### Stalking Awareness Month

January is National Stalking Awareness Month. Since FY 2017, the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC) – a project through AEquitas– has been the OVW Stalking Comprehensive TA provider. In the last three years, SPARC staff and consultants trained thousands of professionals (law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, attorneys, advocates), provided TA consultations to programs on actively and intentionally



integrating services for stalking victims into their organization, and developing resources and tools for grantees and potential grantees.

Please [visit the SPARC website](#) to learn more about this TA project. You can also check out their page on [National Stalking Awareness Month \(NSAM\)](#).

## Underserved TA Hosted Events

### Grantee Orientation

The Grantee Orientation for FY20 Grantees is continuing.

#### Registration

Individuals can sign up for the [Grantee Orientation](#) taking place virtually over the next few months. Each person who will be attending must complete a [registration form](#). To ensure that everyone can fully participate in this opportunity, we need to know about your access needs in advance. Every effort will be made to ensure access at these virtual events. Please complete all accessibility requests as soon as possible.

#### Orientation Event Page

Grantees can find information regarding the Orientation like times & dates and presenter information on [the Underserved Orientation Event Page](#). Grantees can also access the materials for each session, which will be posted on a rolling basis. If you have any questions about the Grantee Orientation, please reach out to the team at [underservedta@project@also-chicago.org](mailto:underservedta@project@also-chicago.org).

[Register Here](#)

### 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



*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.*

Info from your OVW Program Manager Kara Moller:

### FY21 OVW Solicitation

The [FY 2021 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Program Solicitation](#) has posted to Grants.gov and OVW's FY 2021 [Open Solicitations page](#). Grants are made to develop and implement outreach strategies targeted at, and provide victim services to, adult or youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations.

Eligible to apply in FY 2021 are 501(c)3 nonprofit victim service providers and/or population specific organizations that are Deaf programs, LGBT organizations, religious minority organizations, and disability programs, as further defined in the solicitation. Applications are due April 1, 2021.

If you have questions about this solicitation, please direct them to the program mailbox at [ovw.underserved@usdoj.gov](mailto:ovw.underserved@usdoj.gov) or OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov). You can find out more about all of OVW's solicitations on their [Open Solicitations page](#).

### CUSTOMER SERVICE TIPS FOR OVW HELP DESKS

When emailing [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov) to report technical issues with the JustGrants system, please include your DUNS. For issues related to applications, also include the Grants.gov number/Agency Tracking number (ex. GRANT12345678). This will save time and will also confirm that the first step (submitting the application in Grants.gov) has been completed.

When emailing [OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.GFMD@usdoj.gov) to report financial issues, please include your OVW Underserved Grant number. This will save time and allow GFMD to know which analyst to assign the matter.

## Progress Reporting

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### 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.

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](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov). Visit [vawamei.org](http://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

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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.

## Insightful Reading

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**Title:** Human Trafficking: Impact of COVID-19

**By:** [Alliance of Local Service Organizations \(ALSO\)](#)

**Approximate Reading Time:** 10 minutes

[Link to Article](#)

## Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars & Conferences

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### Office for Civil Rights — Training for Grantees

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**Host:** [Office for Civil Rights at the Office of Justice Programs](#)

*Previously Recorded*

OCR offers civil rights training to recipients of OJP, OVW, and COPS Office funding to assist them in meeting their federal civil rights obligations. The online training, which consists of six segments and self-tests, provides an overview of applicable nondiscrimination laws and the general civil rights obligations that are tied to grants awarded by the Justice Department.

[View Recordings Here](#)

New Immigration Policy Updates and Their Impact on Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence

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**Host:** [Alliance For Immigrant Survivors](#)

**Date:** Thursday, February 4

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

This webinar is designed for advocates who wish to learn more about how the new administration's initial immigration policy developments and how they impact the communities we stand with and represent. We will include discussion about new executive orders and actions as well as pending legislation.

[Register Here](#)

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

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**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](#)

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## 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.*

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

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**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 Manager Kara Moller at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov).

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