



Monthly Underserved Grant Resource Email

July 2020

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

This product of 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.](#)

[Resources Regarding COVID-19](#)

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.

[New Underserved TA Product!](#)

Check out a new Underserved TA product on the topic of access and intersectionality written by ALSO consultant Shirley Paceley, MS. You can find it on the [Online Private Portal](#).

About this product:

In working with “underserved populations,” people may belong to more than one historically oppressed or marginalized group, and experience multiple social inequities. Every group has members with disabilities. This resource developed for grantees funded by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) [Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Program](#) is intended to promote intersectional thinking and provide insight as to practices and approaches by which people with multiple social identities living with a disability can be included equally in services aimed at supporting survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Progress Reports Due End of July

This is a reminder that progress reports are due on July 30.

- Here is [a recording of a webinar](#) that VAWA MEI held with information answering questions about reporting during the pandemic.
- You can get more information on the [VAWA MEI website and the Underserved Program here](#).

Underserved Summer Series

The Virtual 2020 Underserved Summer Series has begun. This opportunity is a series of six virtual trainings over the course of the summer. Attendance is not mandatory, however, we strongly encourage all funded project staff, including from partner organizations, to participate in as many of these virtual offerings as possible.



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 **2 weeks before the start of a session**

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please reach out to the team at underservedproject@also-chicago.org or your TA point of contact.

Topic: Self-Care and Wellness

Facilitators: Quenette Walton, PhD, LCSW and Lisa Gilmore, LCPC, M.Ed.

Date: Tuesday, July 28

Topic: Sustainability in a Virtual World
Facilitator: Sharmili Majmudar, MSW
Date: Tuesday, August 11

Topic: Sustainability in a Virtual World: TA Clinic
Facilitator: Sharmili Majmudar, MSW
Date: Thursday, August 20

Topic: Active Listening (Part I)
Facilitator: Avi Bowie, LCSW, MSW
Date: Pre-recorded, to be released on Tuesday, September 1

Topic: Active Listening (Part II)
Facilitator: Avi Bowie, LCSW, MSW
Date: Wednesday, September 16

All webinars will be up to 90 minutes and are at 12:00 pm PT / 1:00 pm MT / 2:00 pm CT / 3:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

OVW Corner

Info from your OVW Program Manager Kara Moller:

Measuring Effectiveness report to Congress

The latest Biennial Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of Grant Funds under the Violence Against Women Act (2018 Biennial Report) was posted on OVW's website last week. [Check it out here.](#)

The report presents aggregate qualitative and quantitative data submitted by grantees of 21 currently and formerly authorized discretionary grant programs administered by OVW. This report also presents current research on best practices to respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, which OVW uses to invest in proven strategies and solutions to further the common goal of ending domestic and sexual violence.

JustGrants is Coming in October

In October 2020, Department of Justice (DOJ) will launch its new Grants Management and Payment Management Systems. This site provides information and resources to assist our recipients and stakeholders with the transition to [these new systems](#). For the latest information and updates on DOJ's roll out of new grants management and payment management systems, [sign up for JusticeGrants Updates](#) emails.



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.

Insightful Reading

Title: African American Women and Domestic Violence: Addressing their Voice of Silence

By: Bernice Roberts Kennedy, PhD, APRN, PMN-CNS, BC and Chalice C. Jenkins, PhD, LPC, NCC

Approximate Reading Time: 60 minutes

[Link to Study](#)

Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars

Q & A: Creating Virtual Education That Sticks

Previously Recorded

Host: [Futures Without Violence](#)

Previously, The Institute for Leadership in Education Development (I-LED) hosted a short webinar as an introduction to transitioning face-to-face education to an online forum. This follow-up Q&A served as an opportunity for participants to dictate the content based on current needs, concerns, and struggles.

[View Recording Here](#)

Form and Function: Using Inclusive and Culturally Responsive Language When Gathering Data on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Host: [National LGBTQ Institute on IPV](#)

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

Date: Tuesday, July 21

Join us for this webinar on practical skills & best practices for utilizing inclusive and culturally responsive language when gathering demographic and intake data on sexual orientation and gender identity.

[Register Here](#)

Hosted by: [End Abuse of People with Disabilities](#)

Date: Tuesday, July 28

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

Culturally specific domestic violence and sexual assault programs have always known that when you create services by focusing on those in the margins, you end up with better services for everyone. In this webinar, Luana Nelson-Brown will discuss how to close the gap between knowing it's important to reach those at the edge of the margins and actually doing it by discussing strategies to serve survivors with disabilities in marginalized communities.

[Register Here](#)

Digital SPECTRUM Conference

Hosted by: [The State University of New York \(SUNY\)](#)

Date: Monday, August 24 - Friday, August 28

SPECTRUM is the nation's largest education conference devoted to preventing and responding to sexual and interpersonal violence against members of the LGBTQI+ community.

[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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