



Monthly Underserved Grant Resource Email

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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.

Grantee Orientation

The Grantee Orientation for FY20 grantees has recently begun. The Orientation will consist of a series of virtual sessions presented by ALSO and OVW/DOJ.

Registration

Individuals can sign up for the [Grantee](#)

[Orientation](#) taking place virtually over the next several 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.



[Register Here](#)

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 underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org.

Progress Reporting

Message from VAWA MEI/OVW:

Please do not submit performance (progress) reports for the July – December 2020 reporting period yet. JustGrants may be prompting you to submit your report, but those prompts should be ignored until you have received further instructions and a reporting form from OVW.

If you submit a report prior to receiving instructions and the correct form, you will probably have to resubmit a new report later. OVW expects to get the necessary information out to you soon. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

If you have questions, please contact the team at VAWA MEI at vawamei@maine.edu.

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.

New OVW Special Condition

There is a new special condition that will be a requirement of all of OVW's FY20 awards. This condition requires all recipients of OVW funding to have — or issue within 270 days of the award date — a policy to address workplace-related incidents of sexual misconduct, including stalking, domestic violence, and dating

We will continue to add more resources as they become relevant and available to us.

violence.

OVW Principal Deputy Director Laura L. Rogers has issued a post with more information regarding this change.

[Read the blog post here](#)

Insightful Reading

Title: Economic Challenges for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence During Covid-19

By: The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice

Approximate Reading Time: 15 minutes

[Link to Presentation](#)

Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars & Conferences

Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ+ Survivors with Disabilities

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

Date: Tuesday, December 15

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

The likelihood of people with disabilities experiencing interpersonal violence increases with each additional marginalized identity they occupy. Service providers will receive training on how to support the self determination of LGBTQ+ survivors with disabilities as well as strategies for overcoming social and institutional barriers these individuals experience accessing services and healing.

[Register Here](#)

Language Access: Keeping Systems Accountable During Emergencies

Host: [National Resource Center for Reaching Victims](#)

Previously Recorded

Advocates play an important role in creating greater access for survivors who are limited English proficient or Deaf and Hard of Hearing to other community systems and resources. This work is critical in order to decrease barriers for survivors, makes approaching the same resource easier the next time, and decreases barriers for others in similar situations. This webinar provides practical information on how to prepare advocates to facilitate change by intervening when systems are not complying with laws and guidelines regarding language access provision.

[Watch the Recording Here](#)

Ask the Expert Session 1: What Does it Mean to be Victim Centered?

Host: [National Criminal Justice Training Center](#)

Date: Tuesday, December 15

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

This session, as part of the Ask the Expert series, will feature a brief overview presentation followed by an opportunity to engage in an in-depth facilitated discussion and question and answer (Q&A) session with subject matter experts, practitioners in the field, and other attendees. Prior to the session, the organizers will gather feedback about what participants would like to learn about the topic from the experts.

[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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