



Monthly Underserved Grant Resource Email

October 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



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) 2020 has begun. Below are a few resources for this important awareness month, with an emphasis on virtual resources. This list is not exhaustive, by any means, but is a starting point for participating in this year's DVAM programming.

Check out [No More](#) and their various campaigns, including the [Listening from Home](#) campaign, launched during the



COVID-19 pandemic.

[Watch this space for information](#) on the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)'s Week of Action 2020 (October 18-24).

Browse through Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC)'s [free month of virtual programming for DVAM](#) including presentations in Spanish.

FY2020 Grantee Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the grantees in the FY 2020 cohort! As your TA provider, we are excited to collaborate with all of the grantees in the Underserved program to find thoughtful approaches, creative solutions, and innovative ideas in this important work. We are here with support, resources, guidance, and partnership throughout the entirety of your grant.

Please don't forget sign up for the [Grantee Orientation](#) taking place virtually over the next several months.

Underserved Summer Series



The Virtual 2020 Underserved Summer Series recently ended. You can view all of the recordings (in English, Spanish, and with ASL interpretation) as well as the slides, handouts, and other relevant materials (all in English and Spanish) on the [Online Private Portal](#) for OVW Underserved Grantees.

This series of virtual trainings took place over the course of the summer and covered topics including trauma & pandemics, self-care & wellness, sustainability in a virtual world, and contingency planning for nonprofits.

Virtual Open Forum

In an effort to provide various means of support and resources, the ALSO Underserved TA Team is offering its next virtual open forum opportunity on:

- Thursday, November 12th
- 12:00 pm PT / 1:00 pm MT / 2:00 pm CT / 3:00 pm ET (45-50 mins)

The purpose of these virtual open forums, which will not be recorded, is for Underserved Grantees to have an opportunity to meet with peers and the ALSO TA Team, and have conversations about the impact of COVID-19 and other current events as it relates to the Underserved-funded work.



You can [register for the next virtual open forum here](#). As part of the registration process, we have included a set of questions to help us tailor these events to fit your most pressing needs and topics of interest.

Your participation in this virtual meet up is 100% optional, and participants will have the opportunity to join by phone as preferred or needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out the Underserved TA Team at underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org.

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.

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 violence.

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

[Read the blog post here](#)

The Underserved TA team is available to assist in developing and reviewing policy documents related to the Grantees' Underserved project.

OVW Corner



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:

Congratulations and welcome FY 2020 OVW Underserved Program Grantees. Please join me in welcoming your FY 2020 cohorts:

<u>Grantee Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Population</u>
Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	Massachusetts	Disability
Fenway Community Health Center, Inc.	Massachusetts	LGBTQ
In Our Own Voices, Inc	New York	LGBTQ
New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, Inc.	New York	LGBTQ
OPTIONS for Independence	Utah	Disability
Our Deaf Survivors Center	Massachusetts	Deaf
Pride Center of Vermont	Vermont	LGBTQ
Shalom Task Force, Inc.	New York	Religious Minority
The SAFE Alliance	Texas	Disability
Women for Afghan Women, Inc.	New York	Religious Minority
Zebra Coalition	Florida	LGBTQ

Non-Underserved TA Sponsored Webinars & Conferences

Meeting the Needs of Autistic Survivors

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

Date: Tuesday, October 20

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

Autistic people live in a society that was not designed for them: one in which they are often forced to conceal who they are and are unable to receive the accommodations they need. When Autistic people also experience victimization, they are more likely to experience barriers to accessing services, stigma, and a fundamental misunderstanding of their needs from the systems set up for justice and healing. This webinar will address the barriers Autistic survivors face in seeking healing services following sexual and domestic violence and ways in which service providers can better meet their needs.

[Register Here](#)

Understanding the Dynamics and Tactics of Intimate Partner Violence

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

Date: Wednesday, October 21

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

Advocacy for survivors of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and social change to end domestic violence requires an understanding of the dynamics and tactics of IPV. This webinar overviews the root causes of domestic violence in Indigenous communities, then focuses on the dynamics and tactics of IPV from a survivor's perspective. It will highlight the importance of traditional, cultural practices in strengthening and building our capacity to provide effective, respectful advocacy with our relatives surviving IPV and other forms of domestic violence.

[Register Here](#)

Moving From Incidental Learning to Intentional Learning for deaf/Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Communities

Host: [Women of Color Network, Inc.](#)

Date: Wednesday, October 21

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

Participants will gain insights into strategies to become more intentional in planning and delivering information in ways that are easily accessible to d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing survivors. The participants will learn ways to build relationships and begin working collaboratively with d/Deaf and hard-of-hearing social service advocates for ABC, d/Deaf, and hard-of-hearing survivors, and Participants will learn to assess their programs' provision of services for ABC, deaf/Deaf, and hard-of-hearing survivors through case scenarios.

[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,
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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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