

GRANTS FOR OUTREACH  
AND SERVICES TO  
UNDERSERVED  
POPULATIONS

## Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

March 2022

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

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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

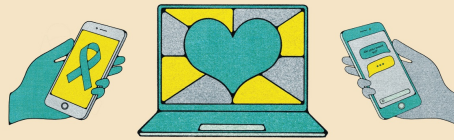


*Safe Homes, Safe Streets.*

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**Upcoming: April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month



*Building Safe  
Online Spaces Together*

**April 2022**

*Image description: Square with tan background, computer icon with a green heart in the center, one hand on each side with a cell phone. The text reads from top to bottom: Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Building Safe Online Spaces Together April 2022*

### **April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**

Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including online spaces. For too long, harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse and exploitation have come to be expected as typical and unavoidable behaviors online. **Building Safe Online Spaces Together** is possible when we practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content and behaviors, and promote online communities that value respect, inclusion, and safety.

Resources for SAAM can be found here:

- [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#)
- [No More Campaign](#)
- [Our Resilience](#)

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## Underserved TA Hosted Events

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### Peer to-Peer Engagement Series

Thank you to those who participated in the 2022 Peer-to-Peer Engagement Sessions on the topic of **Organizational Sustainability: Developing Policy and Procedures Rooted in Equity, Humanity, and Compassion**, facilitated by ALSO Consultant Amrita Hanjrah. These engagements are facilitated opportunities for Grantees to collaborate with each other for mutual support and targeted learning on a particular topic; the sessions are not recorded. For any grantee who would like to continue this conversation with Amrita, she can be reached at [hanjrah.amrita@gmail.com](mailto:hanjrah.amrita@gmail.com). If you have any questions and want to follow up further, email your assigned ALSO TA Point-of-Contact or [underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org](mailto:underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org).

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### Topical Webinars

We are pleased to announce registration is



now open for the first ALSO Underserved TA-hosted Topical Webinar of 2022: **Serving Survivors from Immigrant and Refugee Communities.**

When: **April 14th at 11am PT / 12pm MT / 1pm CT / 2pm ET**

Presenter: **Ifrah Magan, PhD., AM**

In this webinar presentation, Dr. Magan will share information on stages of migration, global trends, refugee resettlement, and immigration policies in the U.S., and why these are important to understand in the context of serving survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Emphasis will be given to how we can center refugee voices as experts, apply cultural humility vs. cultural competency, and understand the significant role culture and faith may play in service delivery when working with immigrant and refugee populations. During this webinar, Grantees will be encouraged to apply what they have learned and reflect on how their organizations can best serve survivors from immigrant and refugee populations.

[Register Here](#)

## Other Webinar Save-the-Dates to Add to Your Calendar:



**May 18** - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Hiring Practices for Staff retention and Inclusive Organizational Culture, presented by Michelle Kemp

**June 8** - Underserved Grant Administration: A Refresher and Q&A

## Summer Series/Institute

The Underserved Institute is an annual convening of all stakeholders, to increase knowledge, skills, and connections between Grantees, the Underserved TA Team, and Office on Violence Against Women staff.

This year, the annual Summer Institute will be replaced by a Virtual Summer Series that will span two days. More details below:

**Date: Tuesday, July 19**

Time: Two 90 minutes sessions and one 60 minute lunch break

1st Session: 9am PT/ 10am MT/ 11am CT/12 am ET  
Lunch: 10:30 am PT/ 11:30 am MT/ 12:30 pm CT/ 1:30 pm ET

2nd Session: 11:30 PT/ 12:30 pm MT/ 1:30 pm CT/ 2:30 pm ET

**Topic:** Tenets of survivor-informed planning and what it means in relation to conducting outreach, providing services, and facilitating training sessions, the three main areas of work for Underserved Grantees.

**Guest presenter:** ALSO Consultant Erin

presented by Kara Moller and GFMD (OVW)

All webinars will be up to 90 minutes in duration and will start at 11 PT/ 12 MT/ 1 CT/ 2 ET

More details about these upcoming webinars, including how to register, will be shared by email in the next few weeks.

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2nd Session: 11:30 PT/ 12:30 pm MT/ 1:30 pm CT/ 2:30 pm ET

**Topic:** Applying an equity-focused feedback loop for continuous program evaluation and improvement.

**Guest presenter:** Dr. Keisha Farmer-Smith

Please note that attendance is required for all Underserved grantee organizations at each session.

## 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 on the FY22 OVW Solicitations from OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller:

The FY 2022 Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations Program Solicitation was posted to OVW's FY 2022 [Open Solicitations page](#). Eligible applicants are limited to population-specific organizations or victim service providers that are: (1) Deaf programs (2) Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) organizations, (3) Religious minority organizations, and (4) Disability programs as further defined in the solicitation.

**Applications are due March 25 in Grants.Gov and March 31 in JustGrants.**

Please note there is now a 2-step application process, you must first register and submit some basic forms in Grants.gov then you will need to submit your actual application in JustGrants. The process outlined in the solicitation, including all dates, **MUST** be adhered to if we need to consider requests for late submission due to technical difficulties. **MY BIGGEST ADVICE – submit early so you can work**

out any issues that arise.

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 at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov).

You can learn more about all OVV solicitations on the [Open Solicitations page](#).

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## [Webinars & Conferences from the Field](#)

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*Faith and Spirituality in Trauma Resilience, Recovery, and Healing*

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Host: [National Center on Domestic Violence, and Mental Health](#)

Dates: March 23rd, 2022

Times: 12AM PT/ 1PM MT/ 2PM CT/ 3PM ET

Faith and Spirituality in Trauma Resilience, Recovery, and Healing is a resource for applying an accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed (ACRTI) approach to supporting survivors who want their advocates to be responsive to their faith or spirituality. This guide was developed in response to the self-defined needs of survivors of domestic or sexual violence (DSV) within advocacy services, but much of the information, resources, and strategies can also be applied across fields and across other forms of interpersonal violence.

[Register Here](#)

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*Collaborating with Culturally Specific, Community-based Programs to Support Survivors of Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault*

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Host: [Futures Without Violence](#)

Dates: March 24th, 2022

Times: 11AM PT/ 12PM MT/ 1PM CT/ 2PM ET

This webinar will address key strategies and recommendations on effective collaboration with culturally specific organizations to address the intersectionality of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Presenters will share their experiences, lessons learned, and promising practices in engaging with the immigrant, LGBTQ+, tribal, farmworker, and deaf community and also supporting the needs of people with disabilities.

[Register Here](#)

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*Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices Part I Transitional Housing and Other Services Necessary to Protect Life and Safety*

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Host: [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)

Dates: Mar 31, 2022

Times: 12AM PT/ 1PM MT/ 2PM CT/ 3PM ET

NNEDV will host Leslye Orloff with the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP) for a three-part series of webinars on best practices for serving immigrant survivors. This first webinar will focus on the legal rights of immigrant domestic and sexual violence victims to access shelter, transitional housing, legal services, emergency food assistance, health care, and other life-saving services. Steps that support immigrant survivor self-sufficiency will be discussed. Attendees will learn tips and receive tools to improve advocacy for immigrant survivors.

Registration Opening Soon

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*International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence,  
and Reimagining Justice*

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

Dates: April 19 - 21 2022

Location: San Francisco, CA

This annual conference focuses on sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, and elder abuse. EVAWI consistently brings together law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, health care professionals, faith community members, educators, researchers, and others in this 3-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues to effectively respond to these crimes in all of our communities.

[Register Here](#)

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Your ALSO TA Team

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*Image Description: Headshots of Underserved TA Team members arranged over pastel circles and ovals colored orange, blue, purple, pink, and green*

*From top to bottom: (L-R) Cristina Damiani, Rachel Hastings, (L-R) Topher Williamson, Zarena Leblanc, Lisa Gilmore, (L-R) Quenette Walton, Lori Crowder*

### 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](mailto:underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org).
- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller at [kara.moller@usdoj.gov](mailto:kara.moller@usdoj.gov).

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