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Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter

April 2022

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.

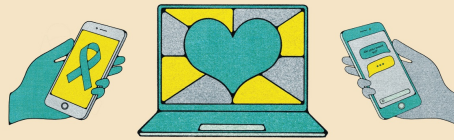
Happy Resource & Opportunity Finding!
-Your Underserved TA Team



Safe Homes, Safe Streets.

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*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](#)

Check out ways that fellow Underserved Grantees support SAAM:



The Philadelphia-based [Mazzoni Center](#) in collaboration with its partner agency [WOAR](#), is hosting virtual and in-person SAAM [events](#) this April.



This year, BARCC in recognition of this year's SAAM theme, "Building Safe Online Spaces Together," posted [information](#) on their website to raise awareness about online privacy and security issues for survivors. Last year for SAAM, Casey Corcoran from the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC), gave an [interview](#) to a local media channel about ways that

BARCC helps survivors, and how we can all help to prevent sexual assault.

Want to share with the Underserved Program community ways your organization supported SAAM? Contact us at underservedtaproject@also-chicago.org.

Announcements

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was reauthorized!

President Biden signed into law the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022, bipartisan legislation passed by Congress as part of this year's Omnibus appropriations package.

According to the Department of Justice [press release](#), the newest version of VAWA increases services and support for underserved populations, including culturally specific communities, LGBTQ survivors, individuals with disabilities, immigrant survivors, older adults, and victims in rural communities, among others.

VAWA will be up for reauthorization again in 2027.

[View full press release here.](#)

U.S. Department of Justice Honors International Transgender Day of Visibility



The Department of Justice shared its support of International Transgendered Day by releasing a [press release](#) stating:

"We are committed to combatting the hate crimes that target and terrorize the transgender community – particularly transgender women of color. And we are committed to ensuring the equal protection of transgender people under the law.

"Transgender individuals deserve to be able to live free from discrimination, harassment, violence, and threats of violence. Transgender youth deserve to be loved and protected. And members of the transgender community deserve to be treated with dignity and respect."

[View full press release here.](#)

Underserved TA Hosted Events



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 Onboarding and Retention Strategies for Sustainable Organizations

June 8 - Underserved

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,

Grant Administration: A Refresher and Q&A 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.

and facilitating training sessions, the three main areas of work for Underserved Grantees.

Guest presenter: ALSO Consultant Erin Tinnon

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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.

The Office of Violence against Women (OVW) recently announced its 2022 grant funding opportunities with the exciting news that the Culturally Specific Services Program (CSSP) grant will award twice as many groups this year. This increased budget passed by Congress will provide additional resources, acknowledging the complex needs of culturally specific communities.

This is a unique opportunity to enhance your culturally specific program to address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking.

These grants support culturally specific community-based organizations in

addressing the critical needs of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking victims in a manner that affirms a victim's culture.

Eligible applicants are limited to private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics.

Additional 2022 OVW solicitations:

[Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Solicitation](#)

Deadline: 4/14/22

These grants support programs that provide 6-24 months of transitional housing with support services for victims who are homeless or in need of transitional housing or other housing assistance, as a result of a situation of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking; and for whom emergency shelter services or other crisis intervention services are unavailable or insufficient.

Check out the OVW Podcast [here](#).

[Webinars & Conferences from the Field](#)

Transformative Facilitation: Building Virtual Communities
Facilitación que Transforma: Construyendo Comunidades Virtuales

Host: [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#)

Dates: April 19th 2022

Times: 10AM PT/ 11AM MT/ 12PM CT/ 1PM ET

Support groups, a cornerstone of domestic violence advocacy, have historically been one way to cultivate social connectedness for survivors. With the move to virtual platforms, we know that effective facilitation is critical to engagement, peer support, and even healing in a support group space. The same principles can be applied to listening sessions, focus groups, and other groups across our organizations.

This conversational webinar will explore ways the field must adapt to build engaging virtual communities. We assert that creating an environment that invites participation and centers access can bring us closer even when we are physically apart.

[Register Here](#)

DeafHope and DeafSafe discuss #whydidntreport

Host: NORCAL Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Dates: April 19th

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

DeafHope and DeafSafe advocates will discuss #whydidntreport and how it

is linked to the #metoo movement. Join for the discussion and learn how you as a community member can support sexual violence survivors.

[Register Here](#)

Bias, Equity, and the Impact of Anti-Blackness on Immigrant Survivors

Host: [ASISTA Immigration Assistance](#)

Dates: April 25th, 2022

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

This interactive webinar appropriate for all levels will explore the concepts of ethnicity, race, bias, and prejudice and their effects on shaping people's lives. It will also explore the anti-blackness of US immigration systems and policy and their particular effects on survivors, including practical tips for attorneys and advocates representing survivors.

[Register Here](#)

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

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](#)

[Your ALSO TA Team](#)



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.
- For questions about grant administration: Contact your OVW Program Specialist Kara Moller at kara.moller@usdoj.gov.

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