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Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter August 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



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Underserved TA Hosted Events



September Grantee Support Open Forum

Grantee Open Forums are online, interactive sessions provided to increase opportunities for Grantee connection, building community among Underserved Grantees, and time to cultivate mutual support in the current moment in time and culture.

These meetings are not recorded, to allow for open and honest discussion between the TA Team and amongst the grantees.

Please register for the Grantee Support Open Forum by **Wednesday, September 28th** to ensure access to the event. As part of the registration process, we have included a couple questions to help us tailor these events to fit your most pressing needs and topics of interest.

Dates: Thursday, September 29th

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

[Register Here](#)

Announcements

Vera Institute for Justice's Latest Addition: Activating Change

We are happy to announce the addition of [Activating Change](#) to the Vera Institute for Justice's network of organization with spin-off organizations: [End Abuse of People with Disabilities](#) and [The National Resource Center for Reaching Victims](#). Activating Change builds upon the work that the Center for Victimization and Safety has focused on for 16 years in relation to Disability Justice.

Activating Change's mission is to end victimization, criminalization, incarceration, and institutionalization of people with disabilities and Deaf people. Their website offers a variety of resources and trainings related to creating better outcomes for people with disabilities and Deaf people.

We encourage grantees to check out the [website](#) and sign up for

updates!

Registration for the National Sexual Assault Conference is now open!

The National Sexual Assault Conference® (NSAC) is an annual conference that brings together more than 1,500 people to share information, advance learning opportunities, and support professional growth to those who work to address the needs of survivors of sexual harassment, assault, and abuse, to raise awareness about these issues, and to prevent them from happening. With the issue of sexual assault garnering more attention than ever before in the last 40 years, this conference takes place at a time when it is necessary to highlight the solutions toward ending sexual violence.

This year's conference, through the theme, "Embracing Intersectionality," seeks to uplift the role we all have in creating safe and equitable communities. PCAR considers racial justice critical to the movement to address and end sexual violence. We will only be successful in ending sexual violence when we examine and dismantle all forms of oppression.

Our 3-day, all virtual event is sure to be a great way to join with peers and colleagues in learning about our roles as advocates and influencers in our communities. With 7 workshop sessions led by various social justice experts and leaders, several exhibits to explore, and opportunities for networking, this will certainly be a conference you don't want to miss. Furthermore, as a benefit to signing up as a participant for NSAC 2022, you will also have access to the recorded sessions! Do not miss out on these important trainings!

Dates: August 17th-August 19th

Time: 7AM- 4PM PT/ 8AM-5PM MT/9AM-6PM CT/10AM-7PM ET

[Register Here](#) By August 15th

Upcoming OVW Legal Services Solicitation this Fall!

The LAV team is excited to announce a new funding opportunity, coming this fall! The Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI) is intended to enable organizations that do not currently offer comprehensive legal services to establish a program that provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and tribal governments or tribal organizations that seek to establish a legal program. The LAV team is hosting virtual events on **September 15th** and **October 6th** from 2:00 – 3:30pm ET to provide prospective applicants with more information and to answer questions. Registration instructions will be announced [here](#) in the coming weeks and check out the flyer below for more information!

Expanding Legal Services Initiative



The Initiative

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Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations and tribal governments or tribal organizations that do not currently offer comprehensive legal services but desire to establish a program to provide legal representation to victims.

More Information

To learn more, please join us on September 15 and October 6 for informational webinars. Registration and more events will be announced on the Office on Violence Against Women [website](#) in August 2022. For questions, contact OVW.LAV@doj.gov.

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative solicitation will be released later this fall. Upon its release, you may find the solicitation on the [Open Solicitations](#) page of the Office on Violence Against Women website. We anticipate that awards for the Expanding Legal Services Initiative will begin in October 2023.

About the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

The Legal Assistance Program strengthens civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence.



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.

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As a reminder to all grantees, by grant special condition, you are required to be following the most recent version of the [DOJ Financial Guide](#). That means as of now, all grantees must be following this new version.

OVW Celebrates Disability Pride Month

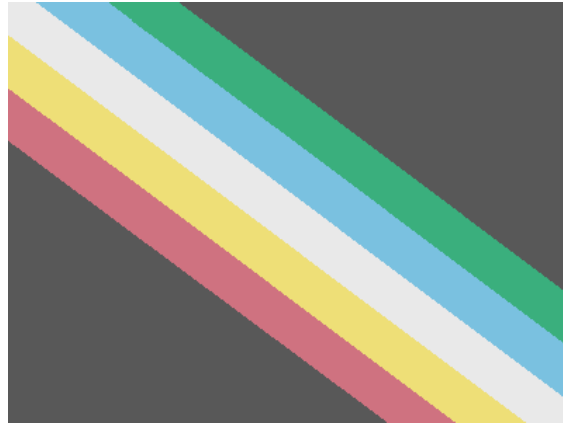


Image Description: Each color of the Disability Pride Flag represents a different type of disability: physical (red), cognitive and intellectual (yellow), invisible and undiagnosed (white), psychosocial (blue), and sensory (green). The charcoal background symbolizes mourning and rage for the victims of ableist violence and abuse, and the colored bands are placed diagonally to convey persons with disabilities “cutting across” societal barriers.

OVW has recently released a blog celebrating the **32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act!** Click [here](#) to read more!

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

[Webinars & Conferences from the Field](#)

Conducting Outreach to and Building Relationships with Faith Communities

Host: [Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence \(Third Sector New England, Inc.\)](#)

Dates: August 17th, 2022

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

The goal of this webcast series is to further strengthen advocates and service providers' knowledge of different aspects of faith and how they may affect clients. The webcasts will also help advocates better

understand how to partner with diverse faith-based and cultural communities.

[Register Here](#)

Centering Survivors with Disabilities in Your Organizational Policies (Part 1)

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

Dates: August 23rd, 2022

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

This webinar will examine key policies that victim service organizations should have in place to account for unique circumstances in the lives of survivors with disabilities, including personal care attendants, service animals and guardianship.

[Register Here](#)

Centering Survivors with Disabilities in Your Organizational Policies (Part 2)

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

Dates: August 30th, 2022

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

This webinar will examine policies that disability service providers should have in place, including serving both the survivor and person who is abusing them, mandatory reporting and addressing safety when staff and/or personal care workers are implicated as the abusive party.

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

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