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Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter October 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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Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Image Description: Purple ribbon representing DVAM.

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), we would like to share a few resources that we hope you find helpful for your work with domestic violence survivors.

DVAM Resources

[TA2TA Library & Event Calendar](#)
[VAWnet Resource Library](#)
[Domestic Violence Awareness Project](#)
[Prevent IPV Tools for Social Change](#)
[Safe Housing Partnerships](#)
[End Abuse of People with Disabilities](#)
[Safety Net Project Technology Toolkit](#)
[Deaf Hope: Deaf Power and Control Wheel](#)
[HEART: Power and Control Wheel](#)
[Anti-Violence Project Power & Control In Relationships Assessment Tool](#)

Underserved TA Hosted Events



November 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 **Thursday, November 10th** 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.

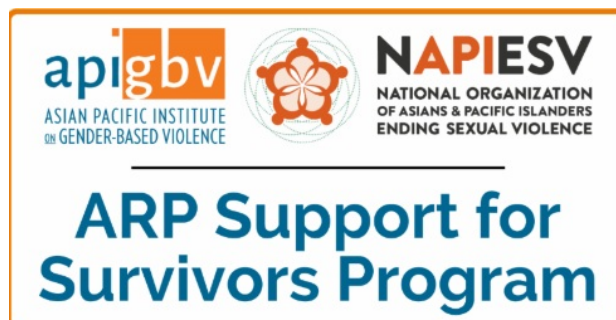
Dates: Thursday, November 10th

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

[Register Here](#)

Announcements

ARP Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Grant Program (ARP Support for Survivors Program)



The Underserved TA Team would like to share this grant opportunity!

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill designed to speed up America's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the passage of this bill, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) program received a historic increase in supplemental funding for domestic violence shelters, supportive services, tribes, sexual assault programs, and culturally specific programs.

As a result, API-GBV was awarded \$13.2 million through FVPSA to distribute this funding to community-based, culturally specific organizations that serve SA and DV survivors in Asian and Pacific Islander communities in the U.S. API-GBV will work in partnership with the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV) to distribute

this funding and support community-based organizations in providing culturally responsive services and resources.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

Upcoming OVW Legal Services Solicitation to be released 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.

Upon its release, you may find the solicitation later in the fall on the [Open Solicitations](#) page on the OVW Website. Please check out the flyer below for more information!

Expanding Legal Services Initiative

The Initiative

The Expanding Legal Services Initiative is intended to enable eligible organizations that do not currently offer legal services to establish a program that provides legal representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking.

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.

Priority Consideration

Advancing racial justice and improving services to survivors from underserved communities are ELSI priority areas. As such, priority consideration will be given to lead applicants who are culturally specific or population specific.

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.

To learn more, please join us on October 6 for an informational webinar. Registration and future events may be found on the Office on Violence Against Women [website](#). For questions, contact OVW.LAV@doj.gov.



Image Description: OYW Program Specialist 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.

Congratulations and Welcome FY 2022 OYW Underserved Program Grantees!

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>State</u>
Arab American Family Support Center	Religious Minority - Muslim	New York
Barrier Free Living	Disability	New York
Bridges Oregon	Deaf	Oregon
Jewish Women International	Religious Minority- Jewish	Washington, D.C
Mazzoni Center	LGBTQ	Pennsylvania
Mountain Comprehensive Care Center	Disability	Kentucky
NorCal Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Deaf	California
Peace Over Violence	Deaf	California
Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf	Deaf	Utah
Willow Domestic Violence Center	Deaf	New York

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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.

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

[Webinars & Conferences from the Field](#)

Transforming Abusive Behaviors Panel

Host: [Women's Advocates](#)

Dates: October 19th, 2022

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

In this 90 minute conversation, the featured speakers will engage in a conversation about:

1. Existing avenues for victim-survivors of domestic violence to seek justice (within and without the judicial/carceral systems)
2. Promoting accountability and transformation for abusers through intervention programs and other community-based measures
3. The role of restorative justice and prison abolition in the movement to end domestic violence
4. Best practices for supporting the choices and safety of victim-survivors who do not want to involve the court system in their justice/healing process.

[Register Here](#)

Webinar Series: #1Thing to #Care4Advocates Mind, Body, and Soul (Part 3)

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

Dates: October 20th, 2022

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

This 3-part webinar series will feature tools and strategies for supporting advocates' health and wellness, including ways to prioritize self-care and avoid burnout. Presenters will explore how creating the conditions where advocates, especially those most marginalized, can thrive aligns with our commitment to No Survivor Justice

Without Racial Justice.

[Register Here](#)

Promising Practices for Serving Domestic Violence Survivors with Disabilities

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

Dates: October 25th, 2022

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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and in support of survivors everywhere, we are dedicating this month's End Abuse of People with Disabilities webinar to lifting up promising practices for serving domestic violence survivors with disabilities. Featuring a panel comprised of service providers addressing gaps in their own organizations, this webinar will explore the unique barriers that people with disabilities have to navigate when seeking healing and the strategies that advocates can employ to proactively remove those barriers.

[Register Here](#)

The Economic Ripple Effect of Domestic Violence on Immigrant Survivors: A Discussion on Helpful Strategies and Advocacy

Host: [Center for Survivor Agency and Justice](#)

Dates: October 26th, 2022

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

Immigrant survivors face complex realities at the intersection of consumer law, family law, and immigration law. The Center for Survivor Agency and Justice wants to broaden and develop innovative strategies (legal and non-legal) that build partnerships with survivors and increase access to services and resources for different immigrant communities. Survivor-led and community-driven strategies can improve the economic security of immigrants and should be integrated into our legal advocacy.

[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) Jayla James, 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 assigned OVW Program Specialist

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