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## Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter September 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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### **Underserved TA Hosted Events**

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## 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 29th** 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](#)

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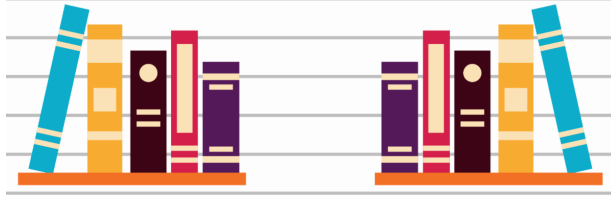
## Announcements

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**Help us Lift Up your Work and Grow the Underserved TA  
Tools & Resources**

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# UNDERSERVED RESOURCE LIBRARY



Hi Underserved Grantees!

Do you have products including, but not limited to policy documents, training curricula, tools, or outreach materials that you are excited to share with others in the field? If so, we invite you to respond to the following questions to help us connect with you and lift up the good work your organization is doing.

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. As always, if you have questions for us, please reach out to [underservedta@also-chicago.org](mailto:underservedta@also-chicago.org). Thank You!

Click this [link](#) to learn how to share your resources.

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## End Violence Against Women International: Megan Rondini Scholarships

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

20 [conference](#) scholarships sponsored by the Rondini Family as a living tribute to Megan Rondini, will be awarded to 10 eligible law enforcement professionals and 10 prosecutors. The scholarship aims to enhance their skills in responding competently and compassionately to sexual assault victims, and conducting top-quality investigations and prosecutions that support the goals of justice and healing.

Please share with your networks and if you are interested in applying click

the links below to find out more information.

[Learn More About Megan Rondini's Story and Scholarship Here](#)

[End Violence Against Women International's Website](#)

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### **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 15<sup>th</sup>** and **October 6<sup>th</sup>** 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

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.

## 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](mailto: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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OVW Just Grants Help Desk: [OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov)

\*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.\*

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

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## Resources to Prepare for Domestic Violence Awareness Month



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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](#)

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

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Reclaiming Our Resilience

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Host: [Esperanza United](#)

Dates: September 15th, 2022

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

Participants will examine personal definitions of resilience and identify how to elicit change talk from clients while maintaining cultural focus.

Objectives:

- Identifying examples of embodied resilience through family and community members
- Learn hands on practices for building resilience such as; empathy check-in, breathwork, meditation, grounding and progressive muscle relaxation
- Participants will learn and create resilience strategies for client interaction preparedness

[Register Here](#)

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## Relocation Privacy Planning for the Longer-Term

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Host: [Safety Net Project](#)

Dates: September 19th, 2022

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

In this 90-minute session, presenters will focus on longer-term relocation and privacy concerns, including the risks from data brokers and people search sites. Presenters will also discuss methods for protecting new contact information such as Address Confidentiality Programs, privacy settings in social media accounts, and more.

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## Naturalization of VAWA, SIJS, U, and T Visa Recipient Survivors: TTA from USCIS and NIWAP

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Host: [National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project \(NIWAP\)](#)

Dates: September 23rd, 2022

Times: 9AM PT/ 10AM MT/ 11AM CT/ 12PM ET

This webinar will provide participants with an overview of the naturalization process of VAWA, SIJS, U, and T visa recipients. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will discuss their work to remove barriers to citizenship and promote naturalization under [Executive Order 14012](#) and the [Interagency Strategy for Promoting Naturalization](#), as well as review the naturalization application process and address the particular circumstances, needs, and concerns of lawful permanent residents who were VAWA self-petitioners, T and U visa holders, and Special Immigrant Juveniles.

[Register Here](#)

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## Ensuring an Accessible Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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

Dates: September 27th, 2022

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

It is commonly reported that 25% of women in the general population experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Women with disabilities have a 40% greater chance of intimate partner violence than women without disabilities and in the Deaf community the rate is closer to 50%. With these increased rates the inclusion of people with disabilities in your domestic violence awareness month activities makes sense. During this webinar, staff from Activating Change will provide guidance on creating accessible social media, accessible websites, and accessible in-person events.

[Register Here](#)

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## 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](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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