



Monthly Underserved Grant Newsletter
June 2024

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

This newsletter from the [Underserved Technical Assistance Project](#) is designed for OVW Underserved Program Grantees to provide them with regular and concise information including resources, training opportunities, open solicitations, and more!

Happy Resource & Opportunity Finding!
-Your Underserved TA Team

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Happy Pride Month!



As we enter the month of June, we are reminded of the vibrant and inclusive spirit of unity that is celebrated during Pride Month. This time-honored celebration commemorates the brave trailblazers of the LGBTQ+ Community who sparked a revolution of acceptance and love. Stemming from the monumental Stonewall Riots of 1969, Pride Month pays homage to those who fought for a world free from prejudice. ???

Here are a few statistics about how LGBTQ+ people experience abuse

and violence according to the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#):

- 43.8% of lesbian women and 61.1% of bisexual women have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime, as opposed to 35% of heterosexual women.
- 37.3% of bisexual men have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime, in comparison to 29% of heterosexual men.
- More than half of respondents to the [2015 U.S. Transgender Survey](#) (54%) experienced some form of intimate partner violence.

We must continue to raise awareness about abuse in the LGBTQ+ community and advocate for change. Below you'll find additional resources for survivors.

Resources for Pride Month can be found here:

- [Celebrate Pride Month With Us-Human Rights Campaign](#)
- [FORGE Anti-Violence Resources](#)
- [National Center for Transgender Equality Anti-Violence Resources](#)
- [Survivors of Sexual Violence with Developmental Disabilities in LGBTQ and Transgender Communities Speak Out](#)
- [TheNetwork/LaRed Resources](#)
- [Underserved 2023 Peer to Peer LGBTQ Cohort Power Sharing Resource](#)

Pride Month Events our Grantees are hosting this month!

- [In Our Own Voices](#)
- [LA LGBT Center](#)



- [New York City Gay and Anti-Violence Project](#)
- [Pride Center of Vermont](#)
- [Translatin@ Coalition](#)

OVW Corner

OVW Open Solicitation Season!



It's OPEN SOLICITATION SEASON at OVW: [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\) | Open Solicitations \(justice.gov\)](#)

Sign up for updates and check back regularly. We encourage you to apply to any and all programs you are interested in!

[Check out OVW FY24 Open Solitciations](#)

OVW Progress Reporting Webinars Report Due: July 30th

Intro to Progress Reporting
Date: Monday, July 8
Time: 11:00 am PT / 12:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET
Host: [VAWA MEI](#)

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Report it Right: Victim Services
Date: Tuesday, July 9
Time: 11:00 am PT / 12:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET
Host: [VAWA MEI](#)

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Calculating FTEs
Date: Wednesday, July 10
Time: 11:00 am PT / 12:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET
Host: [VAWA MEI](#)

Crafting Narratives Webinar: Tell the Stories Behind Your Data
Date: Wednesday, July 17
Time: 11:00 am PT / 12:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm CT / 2:00 pm ET
Host: [VAWA MEI](#)

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- Follow us on Twitter at [@OVWJustice](https://twitter.com/OVWJustice) to learn about OVW's solicitations, resources, webinars, awareness months, and more!
- Tune into our podcast, Patchwork, where we talk to experts in the field about topics that fall within OVW's mission space. Patchwork is available on Apple Podcasts and can also be found on [OVW's website](#).
- Read and share our [blogs](#) about OVW's programs, awareness months, and priorities.
- Check out the Office of Civil Rights New [Complaint Portal](#) and updated [website](#) with better access to user-friendly information about training and technical assistance for grantees.



DOJ Grants Financial Guide Update

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has updated the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), which serves as the primary reference manual for Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) award recipients. Grantees should use the Guide as they fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities, safeguard grant funds, and ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded.

In addition to being governed by federal grant regulations, OVW grantees are required as a condition of all awards to comply with the financial and administrative requirements contained in the Department of Justice (DOJ) financial guide. The current version of the guide was UPDATED in June 2023 and is available online: [Current DOJ Financial Guide](#).

Webinars & Conferences from the Field

Through Crisis and Complexity: Using Plain Language to Enhance Trauma-Informed Services

Host: [Activating Change](#)

Dates: June 25, 2024

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

Plain language is a style of writing that is meant to be accessible to many people, especially people with intellectual disabilities. In this webinar, we will discuss plain language and its importance to survivors with disabilities and survivors in crisis.

Together we will explore how plain language impacts trauma-informed practices and survivor outcomes. We will focus on strategies for communicating using plain language, with examples and time for practice. Lastly, we will explore tools to check for plain language within written documents. Join this interactive and practical webinar presented by Aquia Pusch from Activating Change.

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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

(Clockwise): Cristina Damiani, Jayla James, Lisa Gilmore, Lori Crowder, Quenette Walton, Topher Williamson

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 assigned OVW Program Specialist
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