Underserved Technical Assistance & Training

Supporting the Successful **Programmatic Implementation of Your Grant**

Underserved Grantee Orientation

December 10-12, 2024

Baltimore, MD

Event Web Page



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Session Goals

Grantees will learn about …

1. ALSO's Underserved Technical Assistance Project (UTAP)
2. UTAP: Team Members & Their Roles
3. UTAP: Approach & Services
4. UTAP: Online Resources (Website & e-Newsletter)
5. Next Steps Regarding Technical Assistance

Cristina Damiani, MA

(She/Her/Ella)



Title: ALSO's Director of Safe Homes

UTAP Role: Project Director. Supervise project staff & consultant work. Manage grant, including project deliverables and budget. Serve as **Technical Assistance Point-of-Contact (TA POC)** to assigned Underserved Grantees.

Experience: combined 20 + yrs experience in program development and management, system advocacy, victim services, nonprofit administration, supervision, grant management, designing and implementing technical assistance and training for Office on Violence Against Women grantees.

Born in (and raised)**:** San Juan, Puerto Rico

Fun fact: Watching the series *The Bear* and *Shrinking* are current infatuations. Loving cheese and chips are my constant.

Who We Are

UTAP = acronym for Underserved Technical Assistance Project



A project of the Alliance of Local Service Organizations (ALSO)

UTAP Team



Cristina



Jayla



Lisa



Quenette



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ALSO

Mission: To work in partnership with people living in risk of violence to promote safer streets and homes.



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Who We Are

A grantee of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)



Comprehensive Technical Assistance & Training Provider for the Underserved Program

UTAP is …

UNDERSERVED PROJECT

- Not a governmental agency
- Not part of Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

We do NOT:

- monitor or audit grantees
- approve deliverables, changes in budget and scope of work
- have a role in the funding decision making process

What is our purpose?

The UTAP Team and our Extended Network of TA Providers are here to help you achieve the goals and objectives of your Underserved grant project.

What is our purpose?

Shared goal



<u>Responsive services</u> are available for *all* survivors –including for those from underserved populations – to feel safe and heal from harm.

Quenette Walton, Ph.D., LCSW

(She/Her)



Title: Key Project Consultant

UTAP Role: Provide support on planning and delivery of technical assistance and training, including serving as a presenter and facilitator at training and peer-to-peer events. Serve as a **TA Point-of-Contact (TA POC) for Underserved Grantees**.

Experience: Professor at University of Houston and licensed clinical social worker. Skilled experienced trainer and facilitator whose prior work includes providing services to survivors involved in multiple systems. Interest and expertise include data collection and analysis, and the intersection of race, social class, gender, mental health, community violence, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault.

Born in: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Fun fact: I'm obsessed with pickles and hot sauce; I love the fall; and Thanksgiving and Christmas are my favorite holidays.

How do we approach our work?

- Human centric
- Rooted in collective lived-experiences & knowledge
- Guided by unifying foundational principles
- Needs-responsive and tailored
- Expertise of marginalized and underserved populations is valued and elevated



Our Foundations

1. Peer-to-peer learning
2. Community engagement
3. Understanding impacts of Intersectionality
4. Trauma-informed approach
5. Trust-building



Our Services



Grantee Orientation

- Mandatory Attendance
- Held in December/ January

- In-person multi-day event
- Additional pre-recorded presentations
- A mix of grant administration and programmatic content

Lisa Gilmore, LCPC, M.ED.

(She/Her/They/Them)



Title: Lead Consultant

UTAP Role: Serve as lead consultant for the project, conducting TA Needs Assessment Calls to inform future TTA; lead content planning of All-Grantee Institute; serve as facilitator and presenter at training events. Serve as a **TA Point-of-Contact (TA POC) for Underserved Grantees**.

Experience: Principal & Founder of Illinois Accountability Initiative (IL-AI). Skilled trainer and facilitator. Served as Director of Education & Victim Advocacy at Center on Halsted, Chicago's LGBTQ community center and is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. Prior work included providing services to adults dually diagnosed with developmental disabilities and mental illness.

Born in: Mokena, Illinois

Fun fact: A bit obsessed with listening to audiobook novels about Dr. Kay Scarpetta, forensic medical examiner, while driving to my fly fishing adventures!

All-Grantee Institute

Mandatory Attendance

Held Annually in Summer

- In-person multi-day event
- Skill-building in program areas of outreach and services, and subareas of training and community education
- Opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and networking, connection to TA providers and OVW

Optional Attendance

Offered various times a year

Peer-to-Peer Meetings

- Virtual meetings
- Facilitated
- Meetings can be population specific or across populations centered on a topic(s)
- On demand informal meetings also available

Regularly scheduled or On-Demand

Assigned TA Point-of-Contact

One on One Consultations

Ways our team can help you include ….

- Issue-spotting and troubleshooting
- Outreach product review and feedback
- Strategic brainstorming, ideation, and serving as a sounding board
- Reviewing curricula
- Sharing information and resources
- Making referrals to internal or external subject matter experts and other TA providers

Topher Williamson

(He/They)



Title: Program Specialist

UTAP Role: Provide specialized support on tools and resource development, website management, and increase accessibility efforts.

Experience: 6 years at ALSO on multiple TA projects for OVW grantees. Previously worked in development and marketing at various arts nonprofits and served as AmeriCorps VISTA working with LGBTQ+ youth across Illinois.

Born in: San Diego, California

Fun fact: Big fan of pop music, houseplants, cats, and coconut lattes.

Tools and Resources

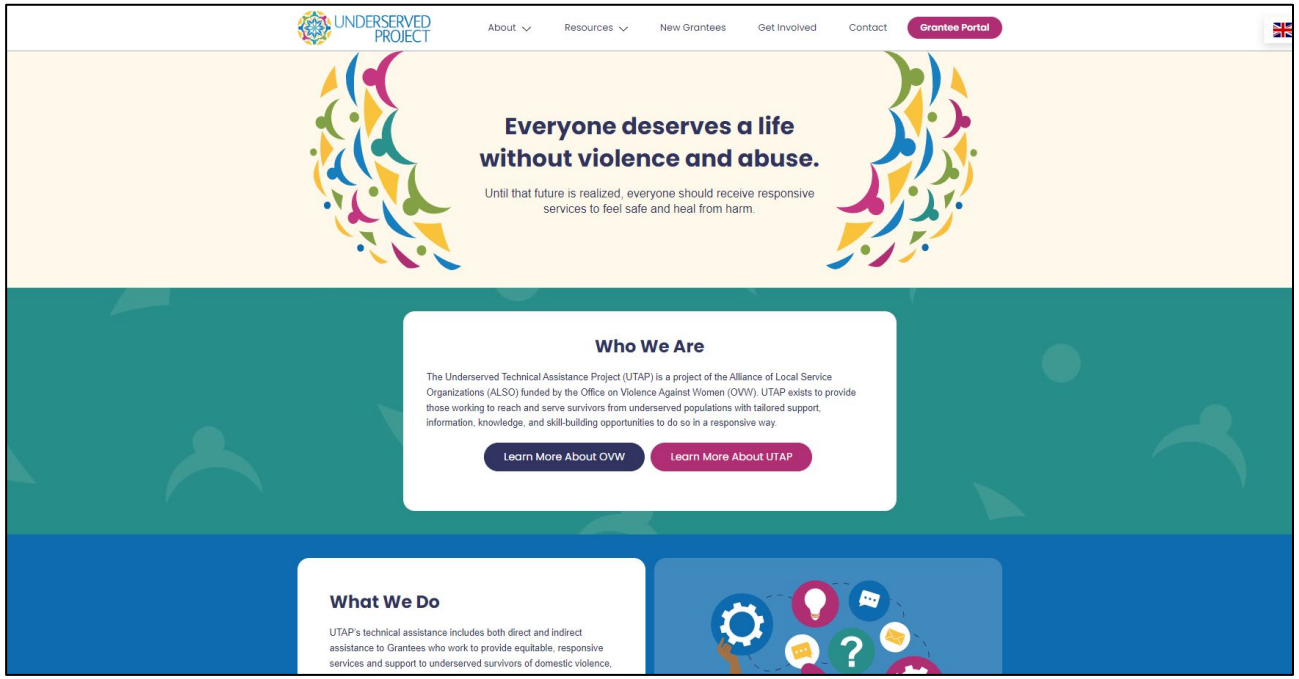
Curated Information

Online Resources

- UTAP-developed Products
- Website & Resource Library
- Monthly UTAP e-Newsletter

UTAP Website

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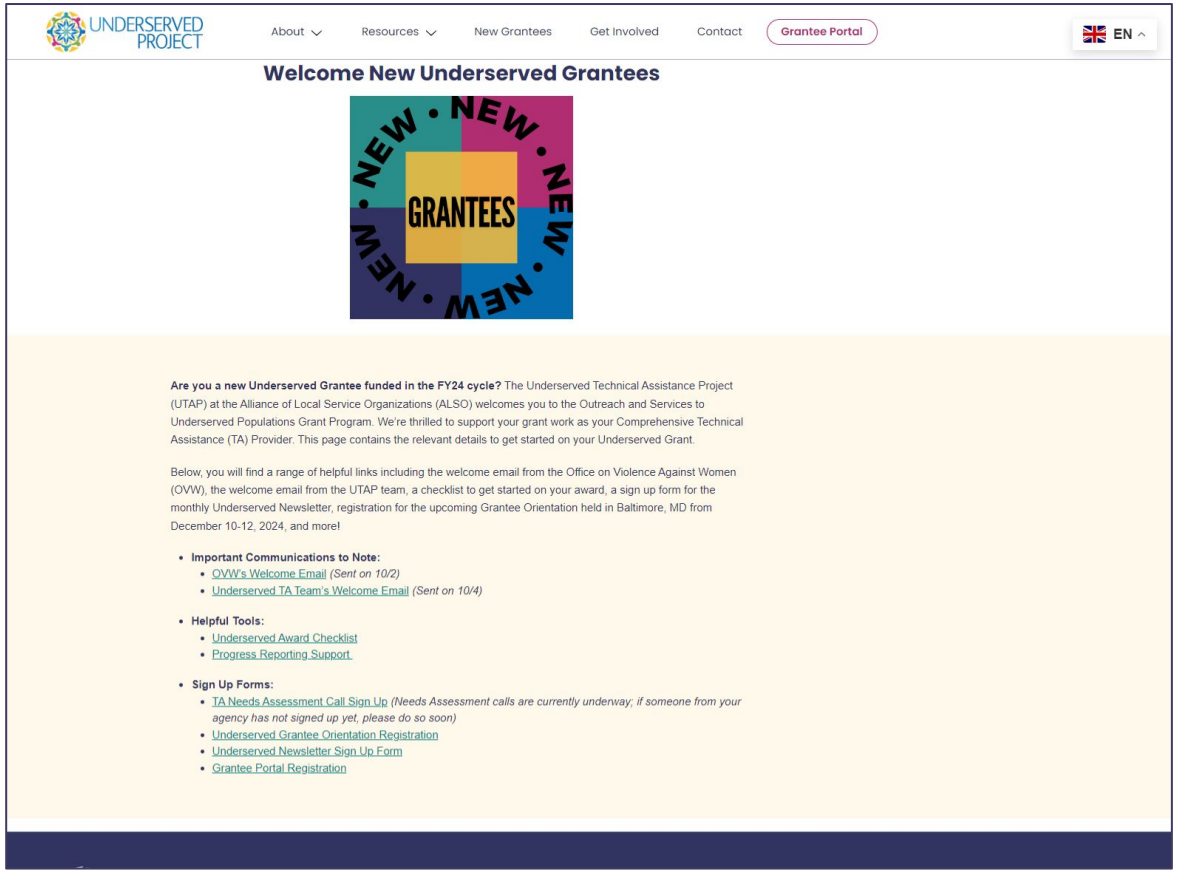


Use this scavenger hunt to explore the website!

Website Features

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- New Grantee Page



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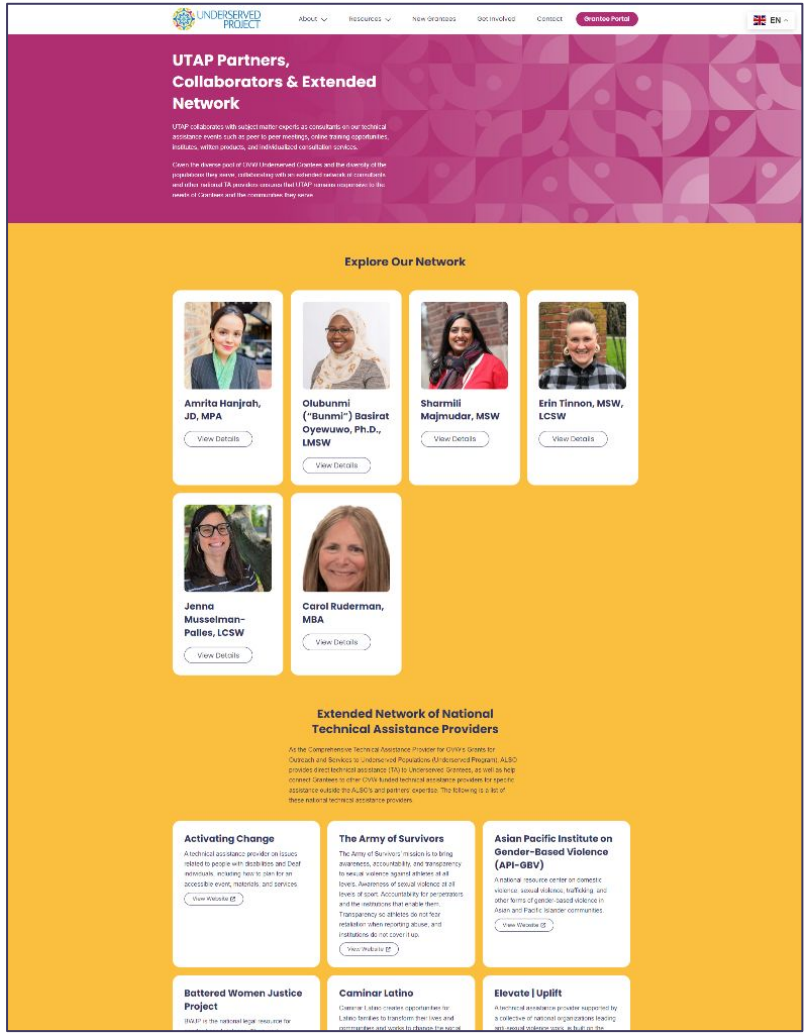
- TA Approach & Services



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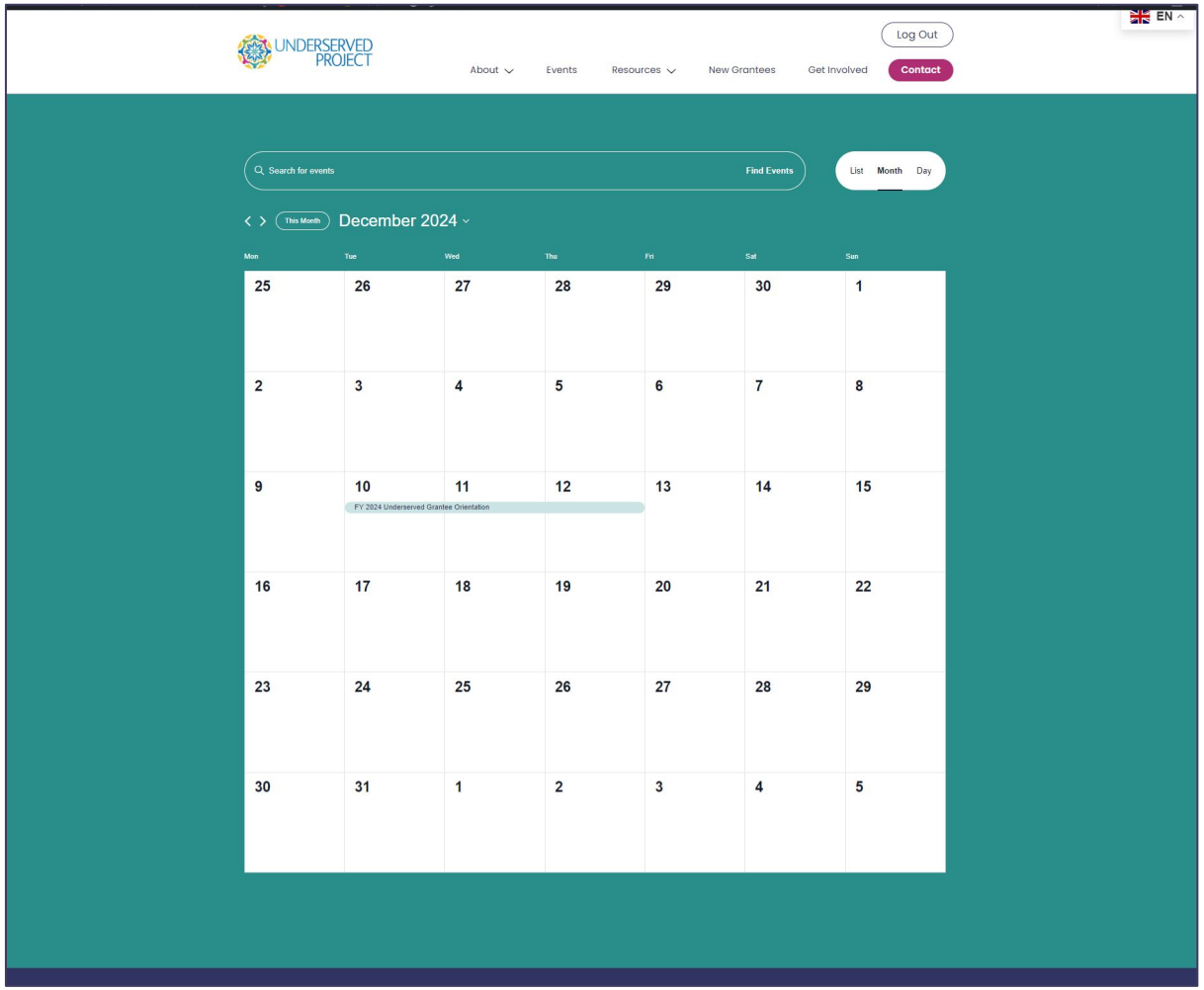
- Partners, Collaborators, & Extended Network



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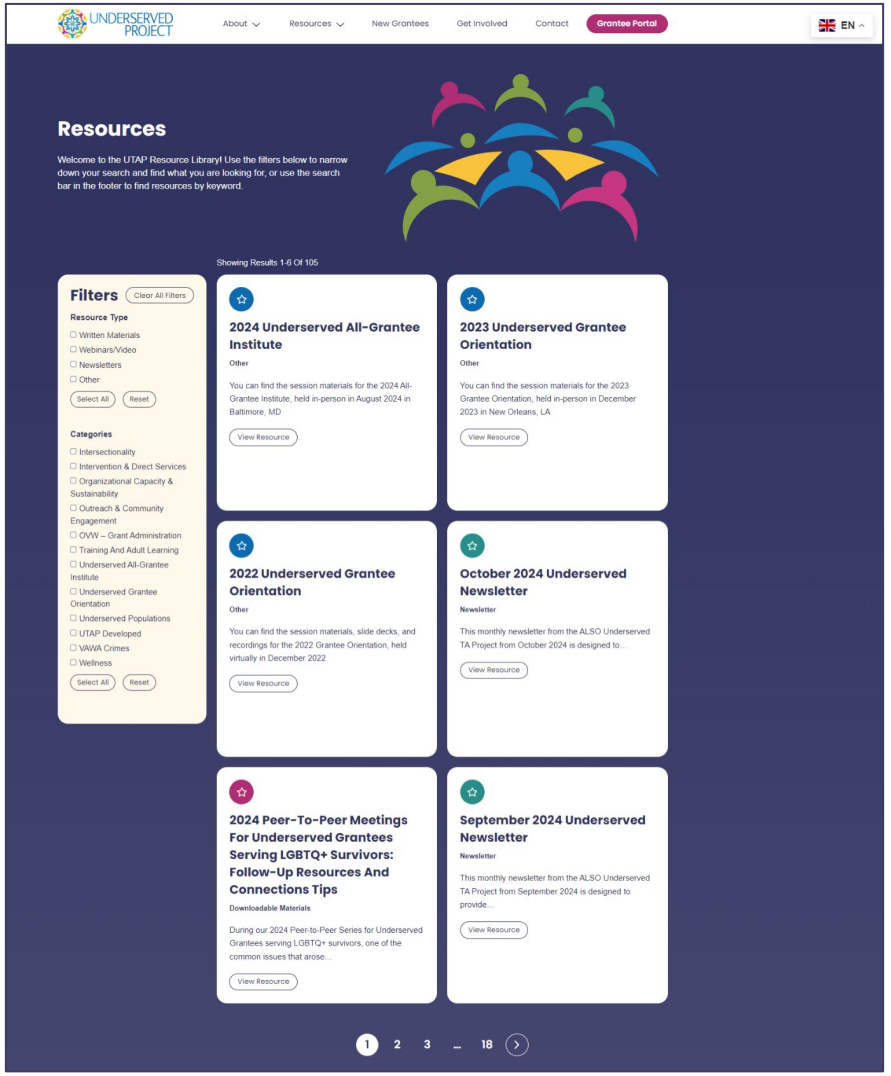
- Event Calendar



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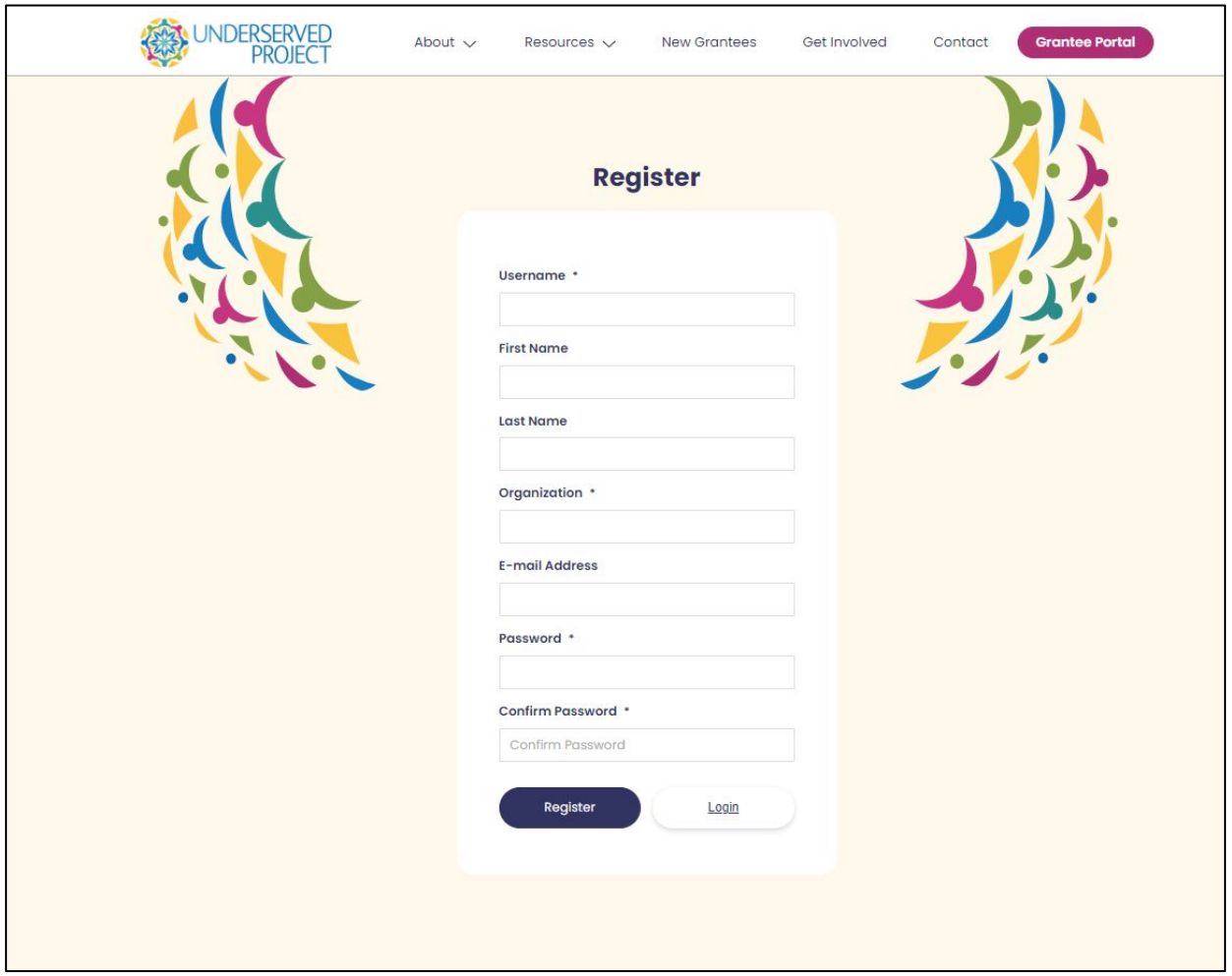
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- Resource Library



Website: Grantee Portal

underservedproject.org/register



Jayla James, BA

(She/Her)



Title: Program Coordinator

UTAP Role: Coordinate the administrative and logistical aspects of the project and events. UTAP e-newsletter producer.

Experience: Working with community-based organizations in underserved communities throughout Chicago, primarily focusing on youth engagement in connection to physical and mental health activities, and research on adolescent girl health and nutrition.

Born in: Chicago, Illinois

Fun fact: I love watching shows with supernatural creatures such as Teen Wolf or Sabrina the Teenage Witch.

Underserved e-Newsletter

- Features
- How to sign up
- Want to spotlight your Underserved work?



Sign up for the newsletter here!

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Share with us….

- Questions?
- How UTAP can best support you & your project?
- What is important for you as a Grantee?
- Ways UTAP can continue improving services?

Next steps….

- TA Point of Contact will contact your organization
- Regular one on one meetings scheduling
- Monthly Underserved e-Newsletter
  - Sign up
- Announcements about Peer to Peer opportunities and training

Keep in Touch. We are here for YOU!

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