

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES PROGRAM

Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

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The Culturally Specific Services Program (CSSP) creates a unique opportunity for culturally specific community-based organizations to address the critical needs of victims of domestic/sexual violence in a manner that affirms a victim's culture and effectively addresses language and communication barriers. Grantees may either be a culturally specific community-based program with existing expertise in serving victims of domestic/sexual violence, or a culturally specific community-based program that partners with another organization with expertise in serving victims of domestic/sexual violence.^{1,2}

- **45** grantees reported this period.

VICTIM SERVICES

CSSP grantees provided comprehensive, culturally competent services to **2,140** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **42** grantees used funds for victim services (93% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services ³		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	2,012	93%
Partially served	128	6%
Not served	17	1%
Total seeking services	2,157	100%

¹ This report contains selected data submitted by CSSP grantees on a semi-annual progress report.

² Throughout this document, the sum of percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

³ Percentages are based on victims seeking services.

Services provided to victims:

- Victim advocacy was provided to **1,197** victims (56% of all victims receiving services);
- Crisis intervention was provided to **937** (44%) victims;
- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **860** (40%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **613** (29%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **556** (26%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **370** (17%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **318** (15%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **316** (15%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **246** (11%) victims;
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **135** (6%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **127** (6%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **93** (4%) victims; and
- Job training was provided to **30** (1%) victims.

Immigration matters:

- **219** victims received assistance with:
 - U visa: **62** (3% of all victims receiving services)
 - VAWA self-petition: **57** (3%)
 - Work authorization: **27** (1%)
 - T visa: **13** (1%)
 - Cancellation of removal: **1** (<1%)
 - Other immigration matters:⁴ **61** (3%)

Other services provided to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **2,178**
- Web-based requests: **286**
- Walk-in requests: **157**
- Outreach to victims: **1,468**

Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **1,508** (70% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **589** (28%)
- Stalking: **43** (2%)

⁴ Adjustment of status, applying for citizenship, asylum, DACA, green card, naturalization, special immigrant juvenile status, removal of conditions.

Demographics of victims served	Total	% of those receiving services
Race/ethnicity^{5,6}		
Hispanic or Latino	810	41%
Asian	793	41%
Black or African American	258	13%
American Indian and Alaska Native	48	2%
White	41	2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	<1%
Gender⁵		
Female	2,041	96%
Male	92	4%
Age⁵		
13-17	52	3%
18-24	275	14%
25-59	1,383	71%
60+	240	12%
Other demographics⁷		
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	1,473	69%
Limited English proficiency	1,313	61%
Rural	116	5%
Disabilities	45	2%
D/deaf or hard of hearing	4	<1%

Victims' relationship to offender ⁸	Total	% of those receiving services
Domestic/dating violence		
Spouse/intimate partner	1,310	80%
Dating relationship	185	11%
Other family/household member	133	8%
Sexual assault		
Spouse/intimate partner	289	45%
Other family/household member	112	17%
Acquaintance	105	16%
Dating relationship	73	11%
Stranger	68	11%

⁵ Percentages are based on victims receiving services for whom this information was known.

⁶ Some victims may identify with more than one race/ethnicity, so the total number reported in race/ethnicity may be higher than the total number of victims served.

⁷ Because victims may be represented in more than one of these categories, or not at all, the total for this category may be higher or lower than the total number of victims served.

⁸ Victims may have been abused by more than one offender and/or may have experienced more than one type of victimization, so the total for each victimization category (when unknowns are included) may be higher than the total number of victims served in each of those categories. Percentages presented here are based on the total number of known relationships in each victimization category.

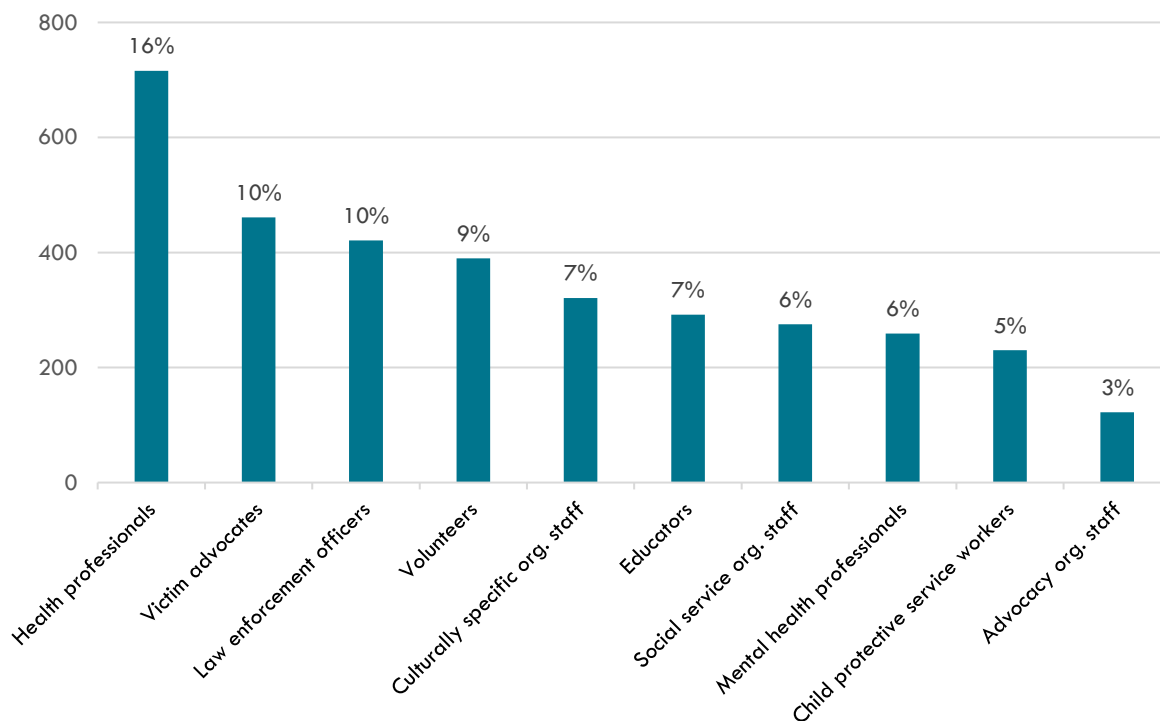
Stalking		
Acquaintance	16	40%
Spouse/intimate partner	15	38%
Other family/household member	4	10%
Stranger	3	8%
Dating relationship	2	5%

TRAINING

Grantees provide training for professionals to develop an effective coordinated community response to violence, improve their response to victims, and increase offender accountability.

- **35** grantees used funds for training (78% of all grantees reporting).
- **4,408** professionals attended **239** events.

Types of professionals most frequently trained



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided training:

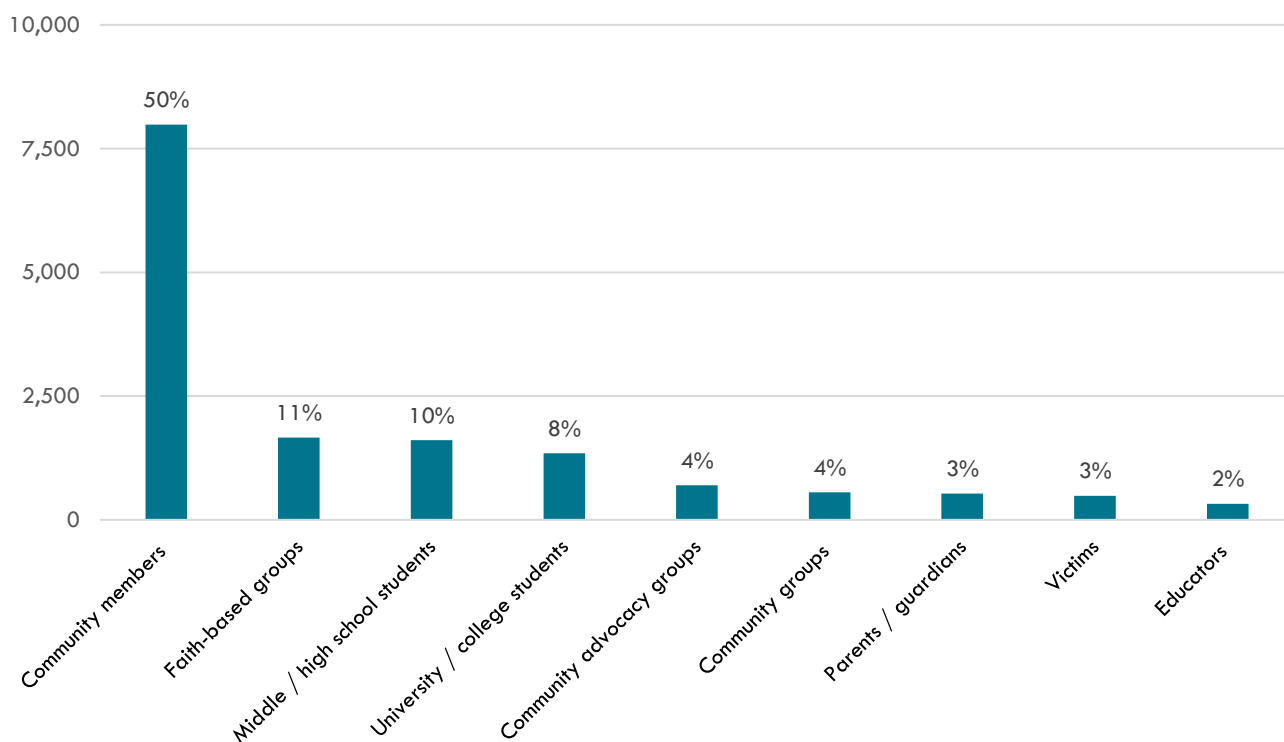
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency;
- Issues specific to victims who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Immigration issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Advocate response; and
- Safety planning for victims.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Grantees provide general information to the community, highlighting culturally specific issues and resources, to increase awareness of domestic/sexual violence.

- **38** grantees used funds for education (84% of all grantees reporting).
- **15,817** people attended **520** events.

Types of people most frequently educated



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided education:

- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Issues specific to victims who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers;
- Cultural issues;
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency;
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Healthy relationships/domestic violence/dating violence prevention (community);
- Barriers to accessing support services;
- Culturally and linguistically specific programs;
- Immigration issues; and
- Sexual violence prevention.

STAFF

Grant-funded staff provide victim services, training, outreach, and community education to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

- **45** grantees used funds for staff (100% of all grantees reporting).
- **78** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions ⁹	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Program coordinator	18	23%
Victim advocate	18	23%
Outreach worker	10	13%
Administrator	9	12%
Trainer/educator	8	10%
Counselor	7	9%
Legal advocate	2	3%
Support staff	2	3%
Attorney	1	1%
Paralegal	1	1%
Translator/interpreter	1	1%

⁹ Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one FTE after rounding are included.