



CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES PROGRAM

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

July – December 2016

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}

- **51** grantees reported this period.

VICTIM SERVICES

Culturally Specific Services Program grantees provided comprehensive, culturally competent services to **2,455** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **41** grantees used funds for victim services (80% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services ³		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	2,298	93%
Partially served	157	6%
Not served	18	1%
Total seeking services	2,473	100%

¹ This report contains selected data submitted by Culturally Specific Services Program 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 to victims:

- Victim advocacy was provided to **1,455** victims (59% of all victims receiving services);
- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **1,056** (43%) victims;
- Crisis intervention was provided to **980** (40%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **560** (23%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **559** (23%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **431** (18%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **333** (14%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **241** (10%) victims;
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **221** (9%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **200** (8%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **134** (5%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **103** (4%) victims; and
- Job training was provided to **89** (4%) victims.

Immigration matters:

- **360** victims received assistance with:
 - U visa: **149** (6% of all victims receiving services)
 - VAWA self-petition: **66** (3%)
 - Work authorization: **52** (2%)
 - Cancellation of removal: **11** (<1%)
 - T Visa: **11** (<1%)
 - Other immigration matters:⁴ **72** (3%)

Other services to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **1,488**
- Web-based requests: **171**
- Walk-in requests: **240**
- Outreach to victims: **1,633**

Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **1,832** (75% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **575** (23%)
- Stalking: **48** (2%)

⁴ Adjustment of status, asylum, citizenship application, family reunification, green card, naturalization, removal of conditions, U Visa adjustment of status.

Demographics of victims served	Total	% of those receiving services
Race/ethnicity^{5,6}		
Hispanic or Latino	1,214	54%
Asian	644	29%
Black or African American	322	14%
White	52	2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	7	<1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	<1%
Gender⁵		
Female	2,307	96%
Male	108	4%
Age⁵		
13-17	78	4%
18-24	226	10%
25-59	1,784	80%
60+	139	6%
Other demographics⁷		
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	1,649	67%
Limited English proficiency	1,642	67%
Rural	115	5%
Disabilities	59	2%
D/deaf or hard of hearing	3	<1%

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.

Victims' relationship to offender ⁸	Total	% of those seeking services
Domestic violence		
Spouse/intimate partner	1,575	85%
Dating relationship	176	9%
Other family/household member	103	6%
Sexual assault		
Spouse/intimate partner	184	36%
Acquaintance	117	23%
Other family/household member	104	20%
Stranger	55	11%
Dating relationship	51	10%
Stalking		
Spouse/intimate partner	27	52%
Acquaintance	20	38%
Dating relationship	4	8%
Stranger	1	2%

STAFF

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

- **50** grantees used funds for staff (98% of all grantees reporting).
- **78** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions ⁹	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Victim advocate	20	26%
Program coordinator	16	21%
Trainer/educator	10	13%
Administrator	9	12%
Counselor	7	9%
Outreach worker	7	9%
Attorney	3	4%
Support staff	3	4%
Legal advocate	2	3%
Translator/interpreter	1	1%

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.

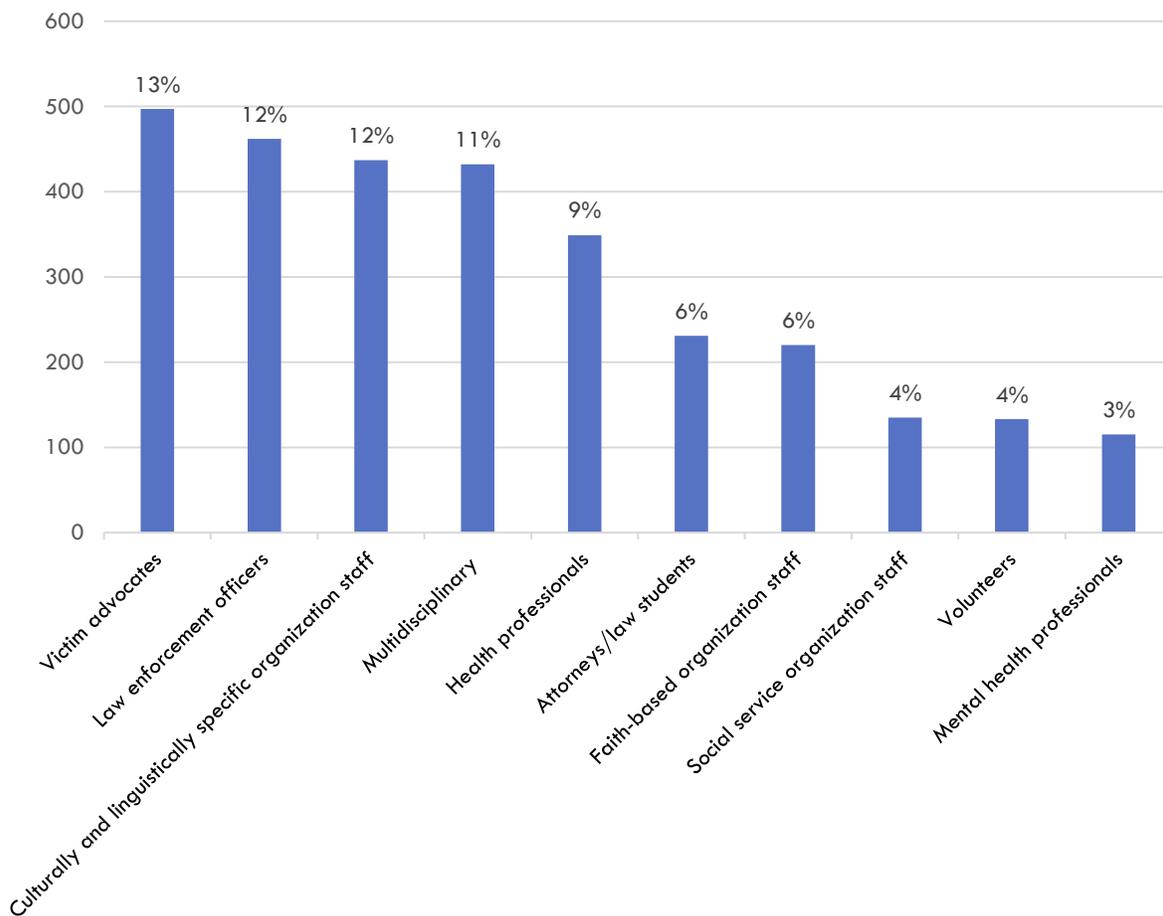
⁹ Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one FTE after rounding are included.

TRAINING

Grantees provide training for professionals to develop an effective coordinated community response to violence. This training improves the professional response to victims and increases offender accountability.

- **31** grantees used funds for training (61% of all grantees reporting).
- **3,762** professionals attended **208** events.

Types of professionals most frequently trained



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided training:

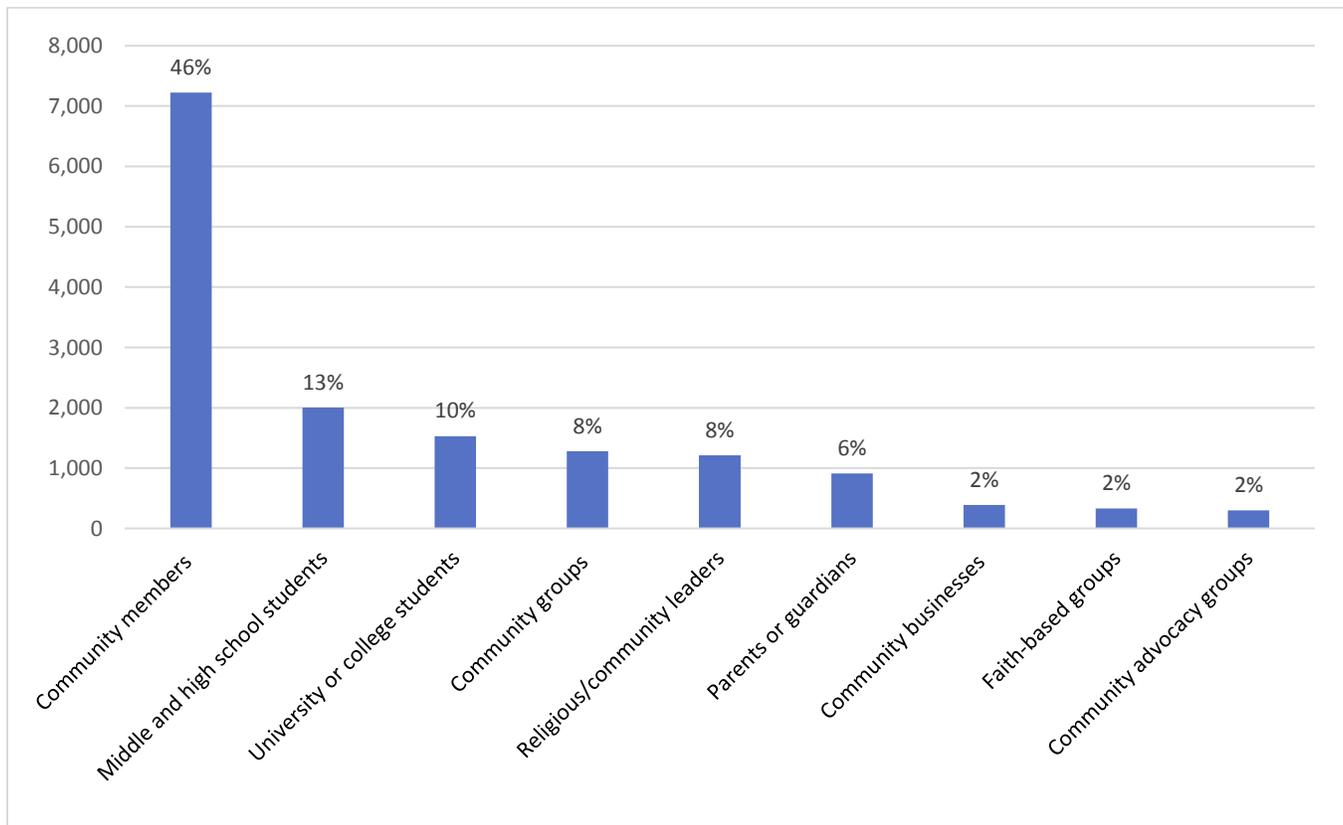
- Cultural issues;
- Issues specific to victims who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency;
- Barriers in accessing justice system;
- Advocate response;
- Cultural issues;
- Immigration issues;
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services; and
- Working with victims with limited English proficiency.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

- **36** grantees used funds for education (71% of all grantees reporting).
- **15,765** people attended **938** events.

Types of people most frequently educated



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided education:

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