

**Office on Violence Against Women
Discretionary Grants
Education and Technical Assistance Grants to End
Violence Against Women With Disabilities
Report Period: July 1—December 31, 2008**

The purpose of the Disability Grant Program is to improve services to individuals with disabilities who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Grantees provide training, consultation, and information to service providers, including independent living centers, disability-related service organizations, and domestic violence programs providing shelter or related assistance about responding to violence against women who are individuals with disabilities.

Total number of grantees reporting	34
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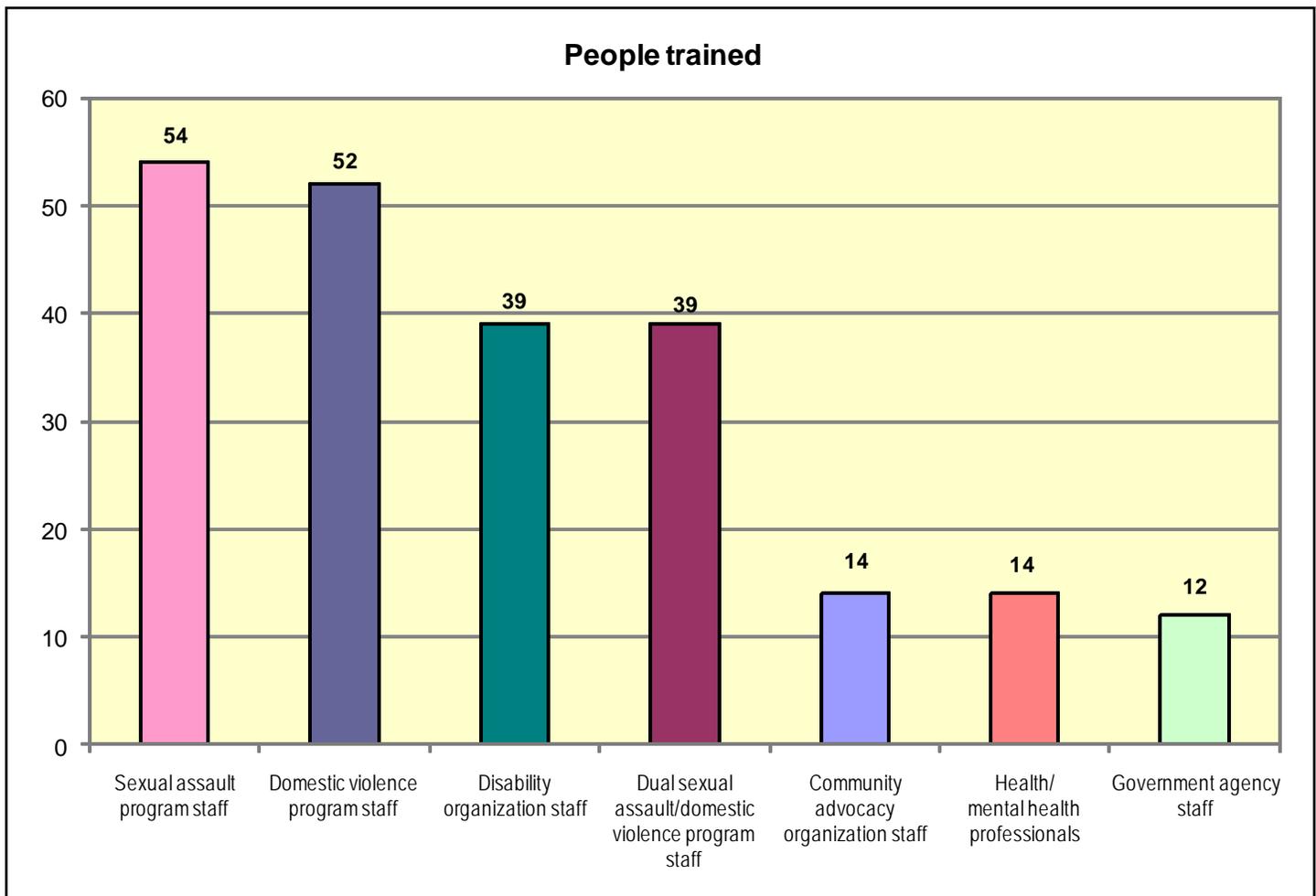
Training: Disability Grant Program grantees train professionals to improve the response to individuals with disabilities who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to increase offender accountability.

Total number of grantees using funds for training: **7** (21% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people trained: **266**

Number of training events: **21**

Number of training events provided with interpretive services: **11**



Topics on which professionals were most frequently trained

Training topic	Number of grantees training on this topic	Training topic	Number of grantees training on this topic
Information on deafness or hearing loss	7	Confidentiality	5
Physical, attitudinal, and programmatic barriers to accessibility	7	Safety planning for victims/survivors with disabilities	5
Recognizing and responding to violence against women with disabilities	6	Sexual assault overview, dynamics and services	5

Staff: Disability Grant Program staff provides training, consultation, and information to service providers about responding to violence against women who are individuals with disabilities.

Total number of grantees using funds for staff: **32** (94% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of full time equivalent staff funded¹	54
Program coordinator (48% of all staff funded)	26
Administrator (24%)	13
Support staff (7%)	4
Trainer/educator (7%)	4
Technical assistance provider (6%)	3
Advocate (4%)	2

¹. Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one full FTE after rounding are included.

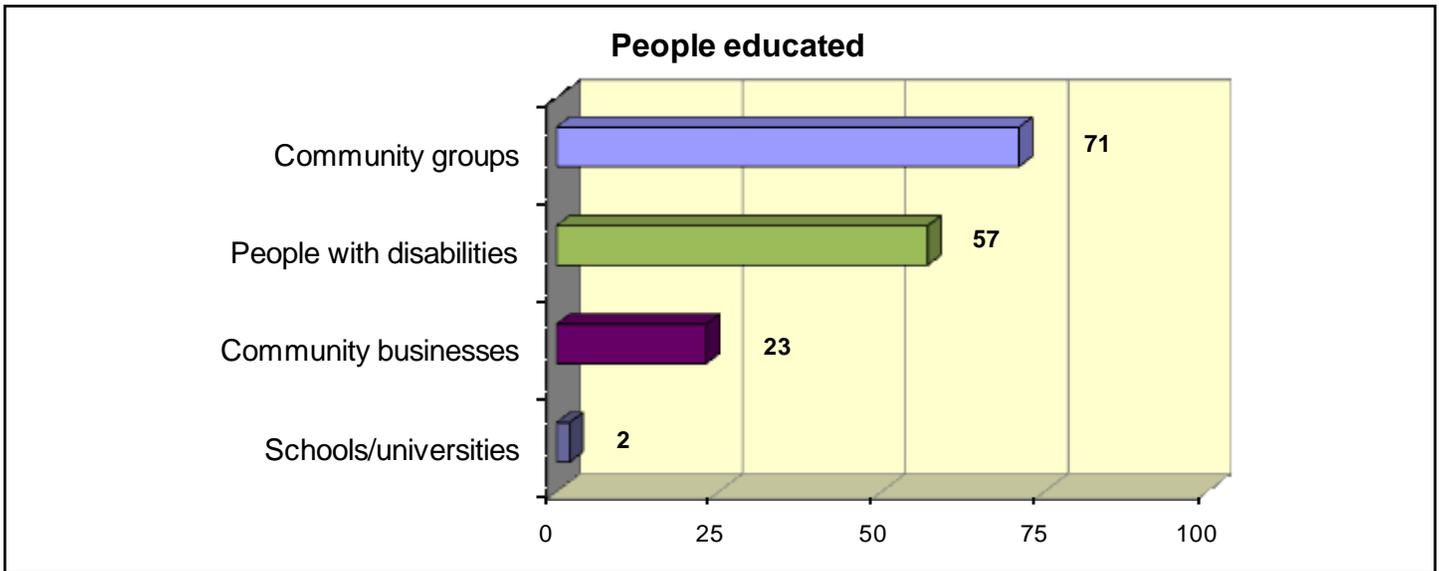
Education: Disability Grant Program grantees provide general information that will increase awareness and knowledge about sexual assault, domestic violence, and/or stalking against people with disabilities.

Total number of grantees using funds for education: **3** (9% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people educated: **161**

Number of education events provided: **7**

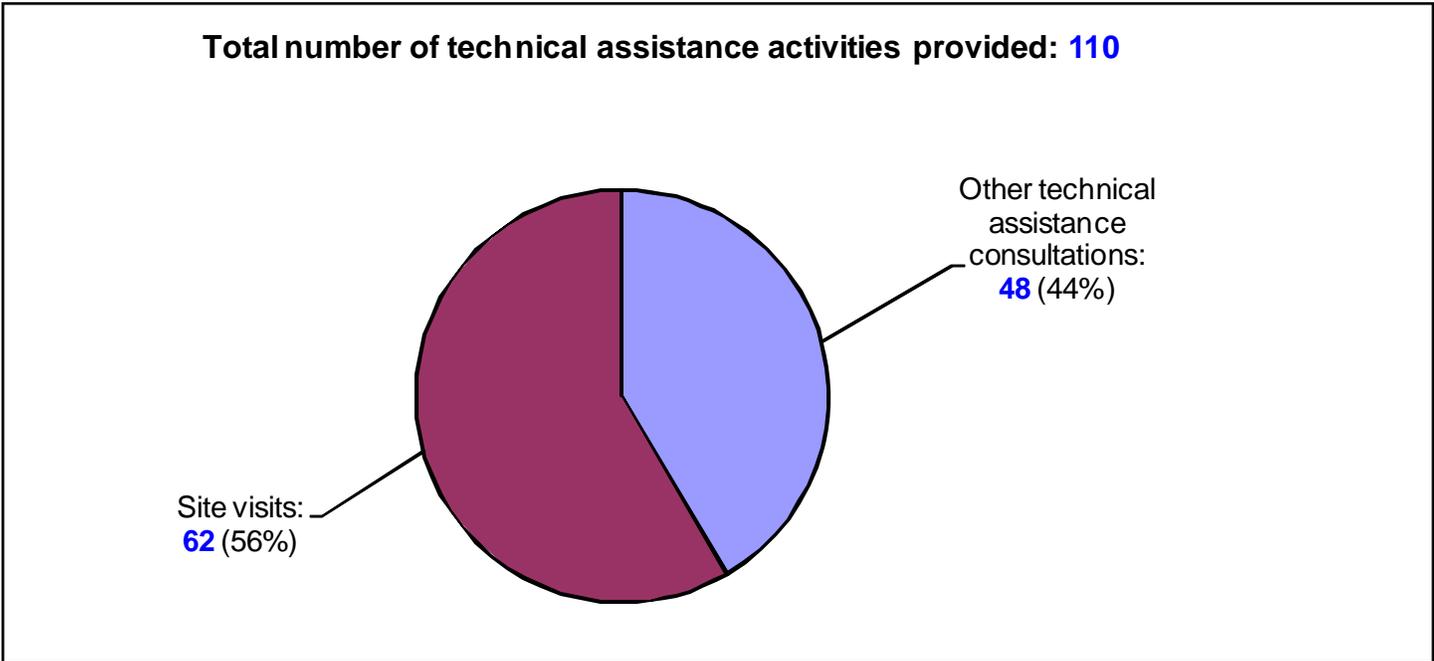
Number of education events provided with interpretive services: **1**



Topics on which the community was most frequently educated	Number of grantees providing education on this topic
Community resources for victims/survivors with disabilities	2
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services	2
Overview of violence against women with disabilities	2
Physical and attitudinal barriers to accessibility	2
Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services	2

Technical Assistance: Disability Grant Program grantees provide technical assistance to service providers through site visits and/or other types of consultations. Consultations may include in-person, telephone, electronic, or other types of contact with service providers.

Total number of grantees using funds for technical assistance: **5** (15% of all grantees reporting)



Technical assistance topics most often provided	Number of grantees providing technical assistance on this topic
Disability organizations' response to violence against women with disabilities	5
Sexual assault experienced by women with disabilities	5
Collaboration and cross-training for responding to victims/survivors with disabilities	4
Domestic violence experienced by women with disabilities	4
Effective communication with victims/survivors with disabilities	4
Accessible materials	3
Culturally and racially appropriate services for victims/survivors with disabilities	3
Disclosure, confidentiality, and safety	3
Requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other anti-discrimination laws	3
Responding to violence against women who are deaf or hard of hearing	3
Working with interpreters	3