

**Office on Violence Against Women
Discretionary Grants
Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to
End Violence Against and Abuse of
Women with Disabilities
Report Period: July 1-December 31, 2009**

The purpose of the Disability Grant Program is to improve services¹ to individuals with disabilities who are victims of domestic violence, dating 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 that provide shelter or related assistance about responding to violence against women who are individuals with disabilities.

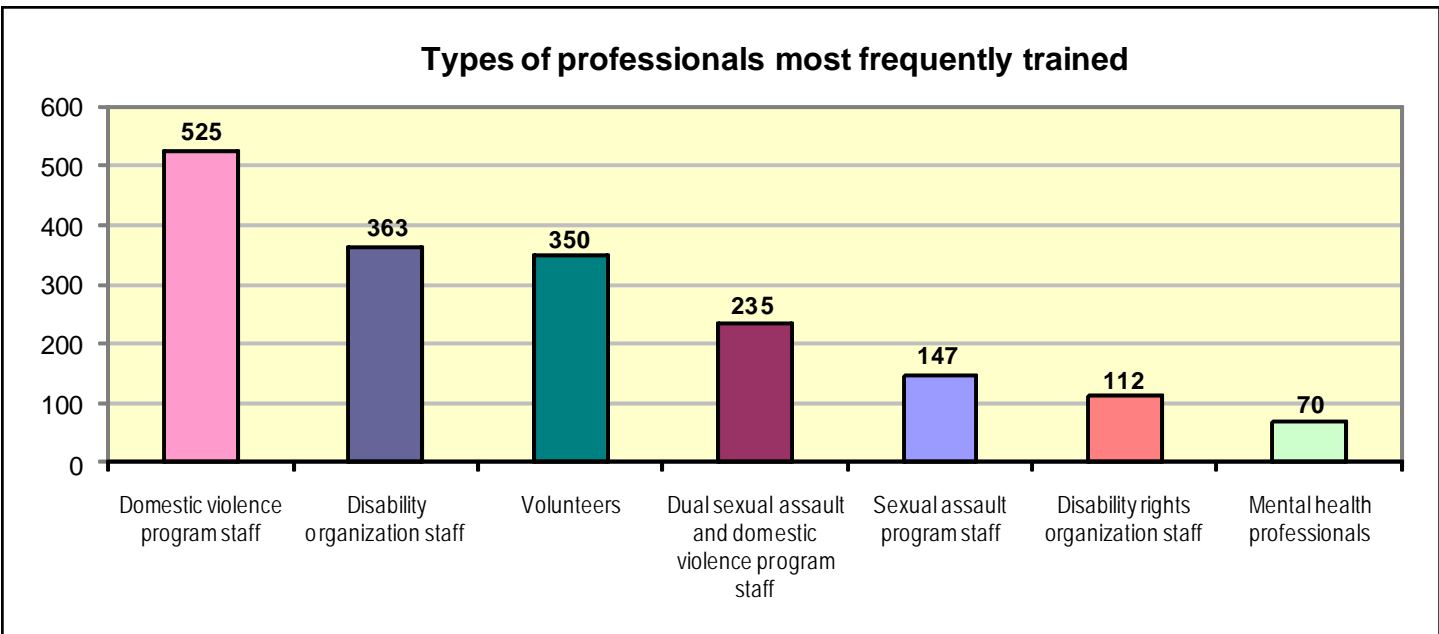
Total number of grantees reporting	40
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Planning and Development: Disability Program grantees engage in an extended process of building relationships, assessing needs, and developing strategic plans relating to their communities' responses to victims/survivors with disabilities.

- Total number of grantees using funds for planning and development: **23** (58% of all grantees reporting)
 Total number of people attending planning and development activities: **654**
 Number of planning and development meetings: **918**
 Number of technical assistance activities received from OVW TA provider: **277**
 + Consultations : **260** (94%)
 + Site visits : **17** (6%)

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

- Total number of grantees using funds for training: **11** (28% of all grantees reporting)
 Total number of people trained: **1,954**
 Number of training events: **89**
 Number of training events provided with interpretive services: **16**



¹ Only one Disability Program grantee provided services to victims/survivors during this reporting period; for that reason, no victim services data are presented here. However, it is expected that more Disability Program grantees will begin providing services to victims/survivors in 2011 and that data on victim services will be included in future reports.

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
Disability rights (P-A) organizations	10	Recognizing and responding to violence against women with disabilities	9
Guardianship issues	9	Trauma informed response	9

Staff: Disability Program staff provide 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: **38** (95% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of full time equivalent staff funded²	71
Program coordinator (44% of all staff funded)	31
Administrator (20%)	14
Support staff (8%)	6
Disability advocate (7%)	5
Trainer (7%)	5
Victim advocate (7%)	5
Deaf advocate (1%)	1

². Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one full FTE after rounding are included.

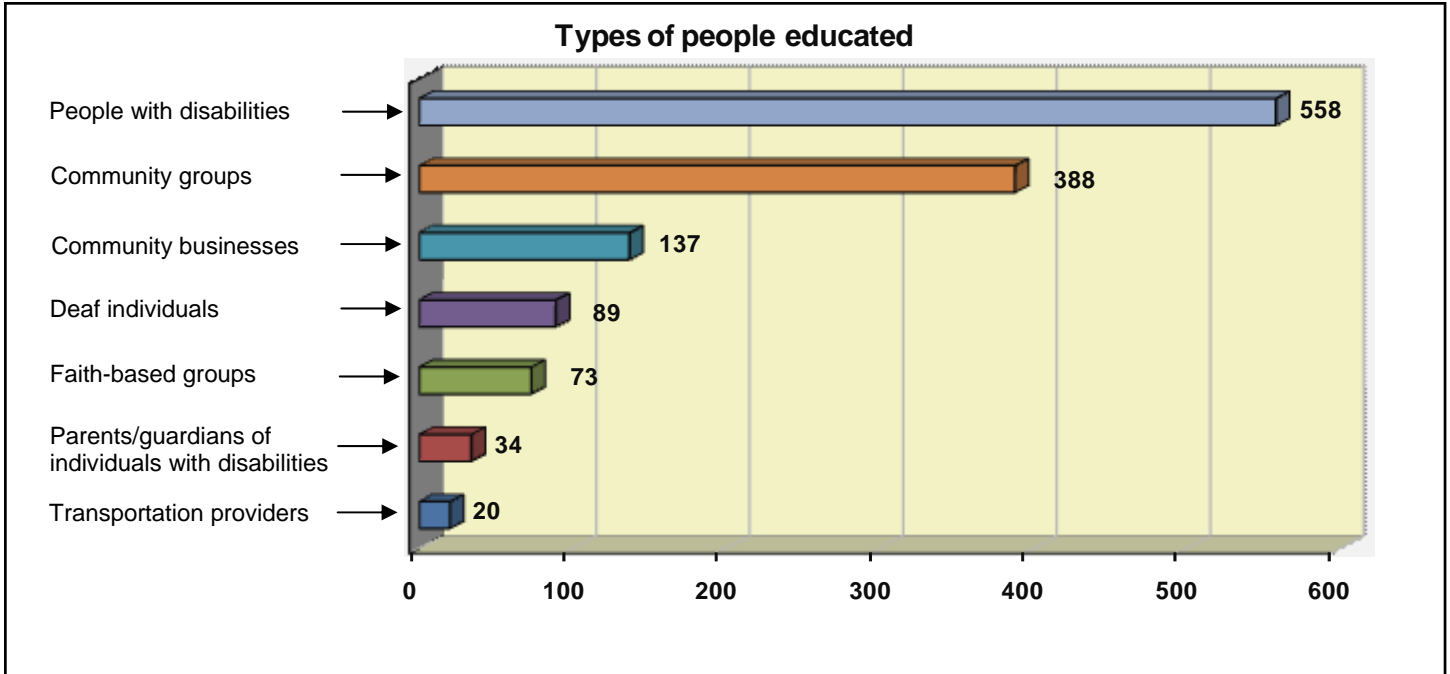
Education: Disability Program grantees provide general information that will increase awareness and knowledge about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking against people with disabilities.

Total number of grantees using funds for education: **9** (23% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people educated: **1,306**

Number of education events provided: **33**

Number of education events provided with interpretive services: **7**



Topics on which people were most frequently educated	Number of grantees providing education on this topic
Community resources for victims/survivors with disabilities	9
Overview of violence against women with disabilities	9
Accessibility	6
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services	6
Physical and attitudinal barriers to accessibility	6
Recognizing and responding to violence against women with disabilities	6
Appropriate response to victims/survivors with disabilities who are Deaf or hard of hearing	5
Appropriate response to victims/survivors with disabilities who have a physical disability.	5

Technical Assistance: Disability 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: **13** (33% of all grantees reporting)

Number of technical assistance activities provided: **2,515**

‣ Site visits: **84** (3%)

‣ Other technical assistance consultations: **2,431** (97%)

Technical assistance topics most often provided	Number of grantees providing technical assistance on this topic
Accessibility assessment	11
Disability services and resources	10
Accessible communication	9
Collaboration and cross-training for responding to victims/ survivors with disabilities	9
Disclosure, confidentiality, and safety	9
Requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other anti-discrimination laws	9
Responding to violence against women with physical disabilities	9