



Violence Against Women Act  
**Measuring Effectiveness Initiative**  
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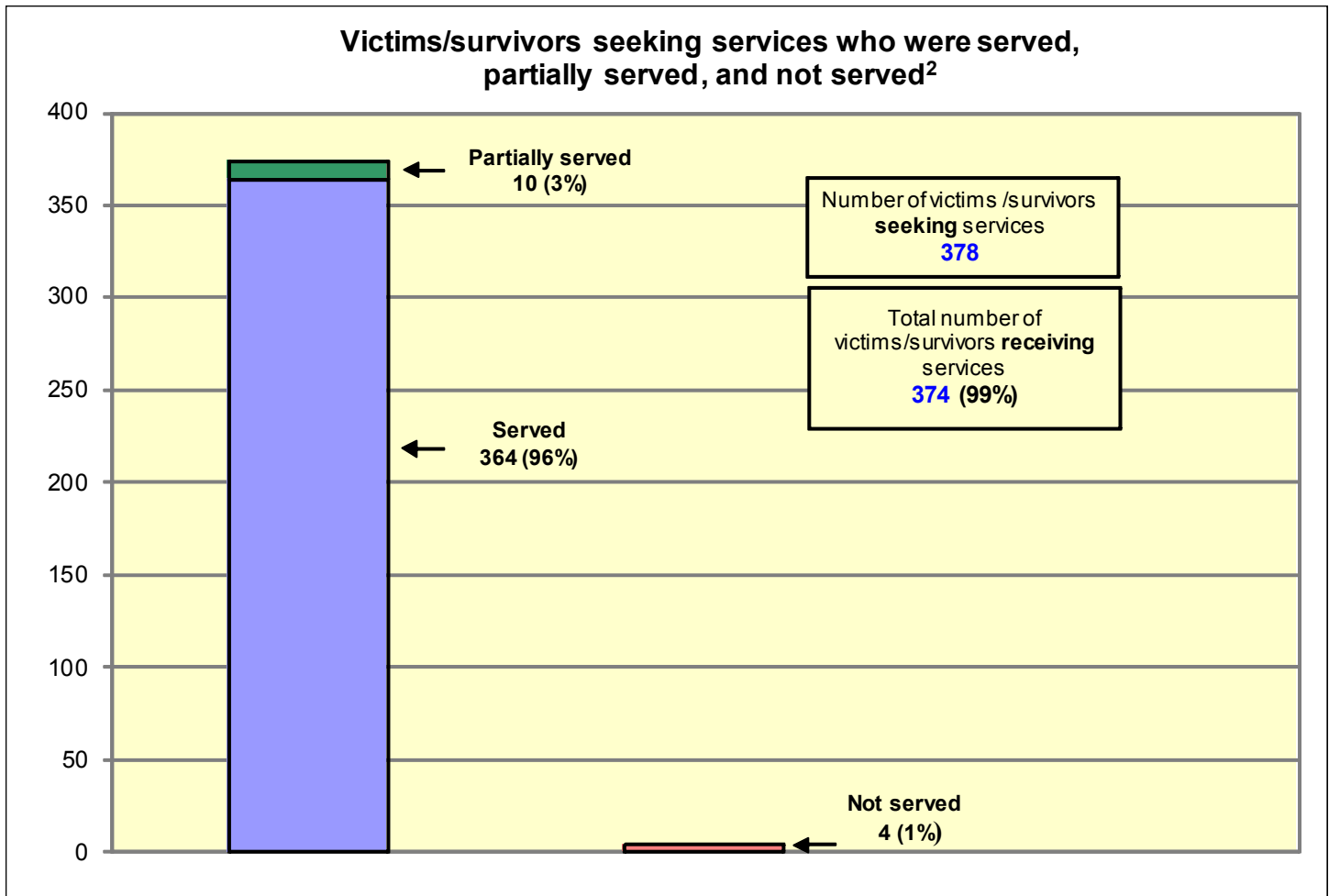
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**Sexual Assault Services Program Grants to Culturally Specific Programs Violence Against Women Grant Program (SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program)<sup>1</sup>**

The purpose of the SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program is to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services provided by culturally specific organizations, which are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims within culturally specific populations.

Number of grantees reporting	17
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**Victim Services:** SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program grantees provided services to **374** victims/survivors of sexual assault to help them become and remain safe from violence.



<sup>1</sup> This report contains selected data submitted by SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program grantees on a semi-annual progress report.

<sup>2</sup> Percentages are based on victims/survivors seeking services.

**Victim services and demographics:** SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program grantees provided an array of services to victims/survivors of sexual assault including victim advocacy (actions designed to help the victim/survivor obtain needed resources or services), counseling/support group, crisis intervention, and legal advocacy (assistance navigating the criminal and/or legal system). Victims/survivors receive safety planning, referrals, and information as needed.

**Number of victims/survivors receiving the following services:**

- ♦ Counseling/support group: **230** (61% of those receiving services)
- ♦ Crisis intervention: **187** (50%)
- ♦ Victim/survivor advocacy: **130** (35%)
- ♦ Material assistance: **54** (14%)
- ♦ Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment: **50** (13%)
- ♦ Hospital/clinic/other medical response: **41** (11%)
- ♦ Transportation: **29** (8%)
- ♦ Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment: **24** (6%)
- ♦ Financial counseling: **24** (6%)
- ♦ Language services: **23** (6%)
- ♦ Employment counseling: **19** (5%)

**Number of victims/survivors receiving assistance with Immigration matters:**

- ♦ U visa: **10** (3% of those receiving services)
- ♦ VAWA self-petition: **3** (1% )
- ♦ T visa: **1** (<1%)
- ♦ Other immigration matters:<sup>3</sup> **1** (<1%)

**Number of hotline calls from victims/survivors: 226**

**Number of requests for web-based information and referrals from victims/survivors: 41**

**Number of requests for walk-in information and referrals from victims/survivors: 26**

**Number of outreach activities to victims/survivors: 773**

**Demographic data:**

**Gender<sup>4</sup>**

- ♦ Female: **292** (94%)
- ♦ Male: **19** (6%)

**Race/ethnicity<sup>4,5</sup>**

- ♦ Hispanic or Latino: **126** (46% of those receiving services)
- ♦ White: **61** (22%)
- ♦ Asian: **60** (22%)
- ♦ American Indian or Alaska Native: **18** (7%)
- ♦ Black or African American: **9** (3%)
- ♦ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: **4** (1%)

**Other demographics**

- ♦ Limited English proficiency: **131** (35% of those receiving services)
- ♦ Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers: **107** (29%)
- ♦ D/deaf or hard of hearing: **38** (10%)
- ♦ Disabilities: **32** (9%)
- ♦ Rural: **13** (3%)

**Relationship to offender<sup>6</sup>**

- ♦ Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **142** (46%)
- ♦ Acquaintance: **61** (20%)
- ♦ Dating relationship: **54** (17%)
- ♦ Other family member: **43** (14%)
- ♦ Stranger: **12** (4%)

<sup>3</sup> Application for citizenship

<sup>4</sup> Percentages are based on victims/survivors receiving services for whom this information was known.

<sup>5</sup> Some victims/survivors 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/survivors served.

<sup>6</sup> Victims/survivors may have been abused by more than one offender, so the total (when unknowns are included) may be higher than the total number of victims/survivors reported as served. Percentages presented here are based on the total number of known relationships.

**Staff:** SASP Culturally Specific Grant Program staff provide victim services and outreach to increase victim/survivor safety.

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Number of grantees using funds for staff: **13** (76% of all grantees reporting)

<b>Total number of full time equivalent staff funded<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>19</b>
Victim advocate (37% of all staff funded)	7
Program coordinator (32%)	6
Counselor (16%)	3
Administrator (11%)	2
Support staff (5%)	1

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<sup>7</sup> Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one full FTE after rounding are included.