



UNDERSERVED PROGRAM

Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations

July – December 2016

The Underserved Program is authorized to develop and implement outreach strategies and enhanced services to adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in underserved populations. Grantees do this by building the capacity of both mainstream organizations and organizations specifically serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services; and increasing training and outreach activities of organizations providing services to underserved populations. ^{1,2}

- **29** grantees reported this period.

VICTIM SERVICES

Underserved Program grantees provided comprehensive services to **1,079** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **15** grantees used funds for victim services (52% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services ³		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	1,076	99.9%
Partially served	3	<1%
Not served	0	0%
Total seeking services	1,079	100%

¹ This report contains selected data submitted by Underserved 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:

- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **822** victims (76% of all victims receiving services);
- Victim advocacy was provided to **670** (62%) victims;
- Crisis intervention was provided to **344** (32%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **272** (25%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **125** (12%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **125** (12%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **116** (11%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **82** (8%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **30** (3%) victims;
- Job training was provided to **23** (2%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **21** (2%) victims;
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **14** (1%) victims; and
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **8** (1%) victims.

Immigration matters:

- **9** victims received assistance:
 - T-visa: **3** (<1% of all victims receiving services)
 - VAWA self-petition: **2** (<1%)
 - Other immigration matters:⁴ **9** (1%)

Other services to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **746**
- Web-based requests: **270**
- Walk-in requests: **139**
- Outreach to victims: **157**

Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **816** (76% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **196** (18%)
- Stalking: **67** (6%)

⁴ Asylum and concerns about losing benefits.

Demographics of victims served	Total	% of those receiving services
Race/ethnicity^{5,6}		
White	399	54%
Black or African American	167	22%
Hispanic or Latino	95	13%
Asian	83	11%
American Indian and Alaska Native	7	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	1%
Gender⁵		
Female	782	84%
Male	146	16%
Age⁵		
13-17	11	1%
18-24	87	11%
25-59	436	56%
60+	243	31%
Other demographics⁷		
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	205	19%
Limited English proficiency	181	17%
D/deaf or hard of hearing	109	10%
Disabilities	94	9%
Rural	26	2%

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	580	85%
Dating relationship	89	13%
Other family/household member	11	2%
Sexual assault		
Spouse/intimate partner	60	35%
Acquaintance	44	25%
Other family/household member	26	15%
Stranger	22	13%
Dating relationship	21	12%
Stalking		
Spouse/intimate partner	48	55%
Dating relationship	30	34%
Acquaintance	5	6%
Stranger	3	3%
Other family/household member	2	2%

STAFF

Grant-funded staff provide victim services, training, outreach, advocacy, counseling, court and medical accompaniment, and community education to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

- **23** grantees used funds for staff (79% of all grantees reporting).
- **28** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions ⁹	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Victim advocate	8	29%
Program coordinator	5	18%
Trainer/educator	4	14%
Administrator	3	11%
Counselor	3	11%
Outreach worker	2	7%
Paralegal	1	4%
Support staff	1	4%

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.

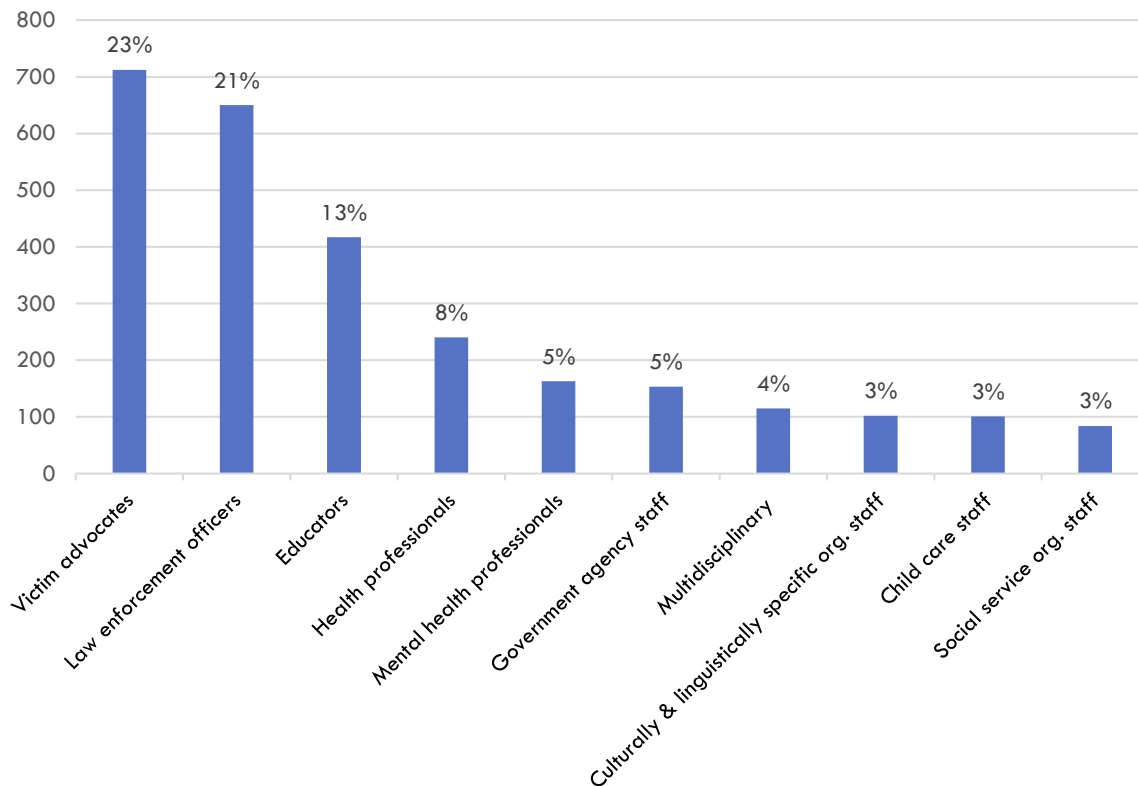
⁹ Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one FTE after rounding are included.

TRAINING

Grantees provide training for professionals to develop an effective coordinated community response to violence.

- **18** grantees used funds for training (62% of all grantees reporting).
- **3,147** professionals attended **142** events.

Types of professionals most frequently trained



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided training:

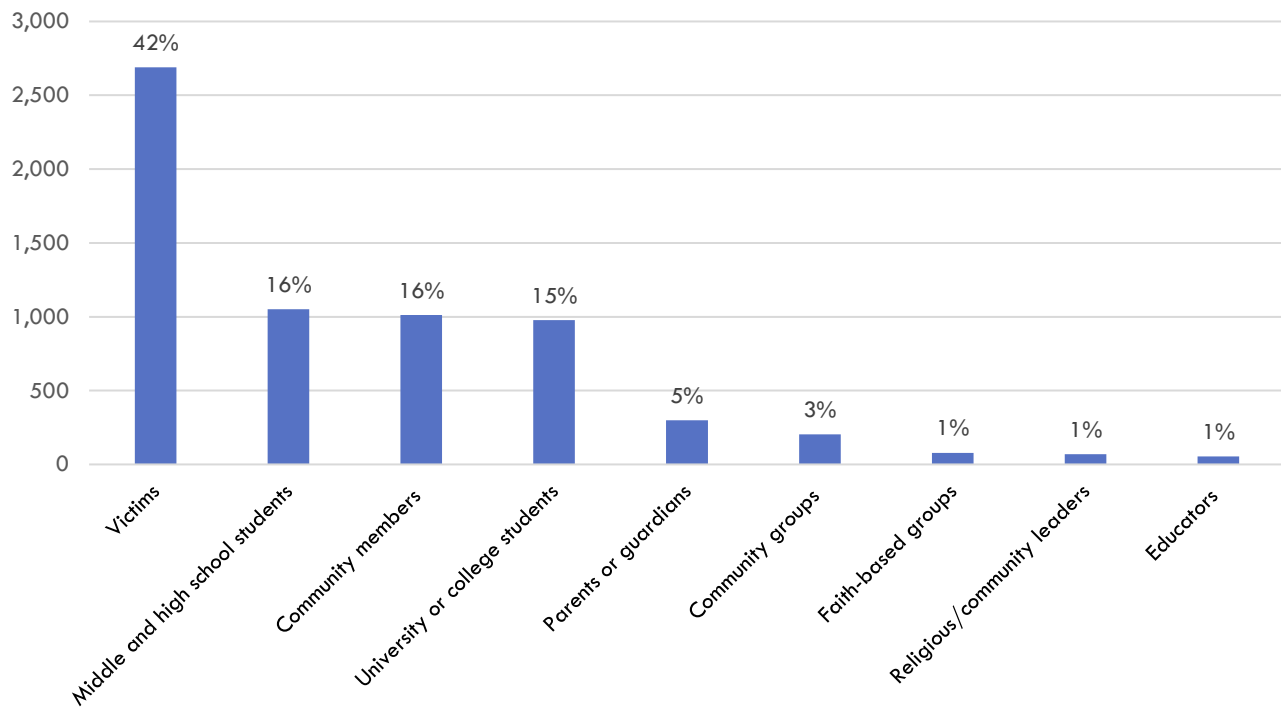
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Cultural issues;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Advocate response;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Barriers in accessing justice system;
- Confidentiality;
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services; and
- Issues specific to victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Grantees provide general information to the community to increase awareness of domestic/sexual violence.

- **15** grantees used funds for education (52% of all grantees reporting).
- **6,455** people attended **142** events.

Types of people most frequently educated



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided education:

- Cultural issues;
- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics and services;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Healthy relationships/domestic violence/dating violence prevention (community);
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Culturally and linguistically specific prevention programs;
- Issues specific to victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex; and
- Stalking overview, dynamics, and services.