

# UNDERSERVED PROGRAM

## Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations

January – June 2017

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 build the capacity of mainstream organizations as well as organizations specifically serving underserved populations to provide culturally appropriate and inclusive services. Grantees also increase training and outreach activities of organizations that provide services to underserved populations.<sup>1,2</sup>

- **28** grantees reported this period.

## VICTIM SERVICES

Underserved grantees provided comprehensive services to **1,344** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **21** grantees used funds for victim services (75% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services <sup>3</sup>		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	1,340	99.9%
Partially served	4	<1%
Not served	0	0%
<b>Total seeking services</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> This report contains selected data submitted by Underserved grantees on a semi-annual progress report.

<sup>2</sup> Throughout this document, the sum of percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

<sup>3</sup> Percentages are based on victims seeking services.

## Services provided to victims:

- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **1,044** victims (78% of all victims receiving services);
- Crisis intervention was provided to **737** (55%) victims;
- Victim advocacy was provided to **717** (53%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **397** (30%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **342** (25%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **135** (10%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **103** (8%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **57** (4%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **26** (2%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **15** (1%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **13** (1%) victims; and
- Job training was provided to **2** (<1%) victims.

## Immigration matters:

- **18** victims received assistance with:
  - VAWA self-petition: **3** (<1% of all victims receiving services)
  - Work authorization: **1** (<1%)
  - Other immigration matters:<sup>4</sup> **15** (1%)

## Other services provided to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **682**
- Web-based requests: **391**
- Walk-in requests: **280**
- Outreach to victims: **66**

## Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **973** (72% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **336** (25%)
- Stalking: **35** (3%)

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<sup>4</sup> Asylum, housing referrals and case management.

<b>Demographics of victims served</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of those receiving services</b>
<b>Race/ethnicity<sup>5,6</sup></b>		
White	472	47%
Black or African American	274	27%
Hispanic or Latino	183	18%
Asian	79	8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	6	1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	<1%
<b>Gender<sup>5</sup></b>		
Female	1,052	88%
Male	149	12%
<b>Age<sup>5</sup></b>		
13-17	8	1%
18-24	127	11%
25-59	685	62%
60+	285	26%
<b>Other demographics<sup>7</sup></b>		
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	369	27%
Limited English proficiency	252	19%
Disabilities	122	9%
D/deaf or hard of hearing	99	7%
Rural	32	2%

<b>Victims' relationship to offender<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of those receiving services</b>
<b>Domestic/dating violence</b>		
Spouse/intimate partner	816	82%
Dating relationship	148	15%
Other family/household member	27	3%
<b>Sexual assault</b>		
Spouse/intimate partner	109	38%
Other family/household member	67	23%
Acquaintance	57	20%
Dating relationship	27	9%
Stranger	27	9%

<sup>5</sup> Percentages are based on victims receiving services for whom this information was known.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.

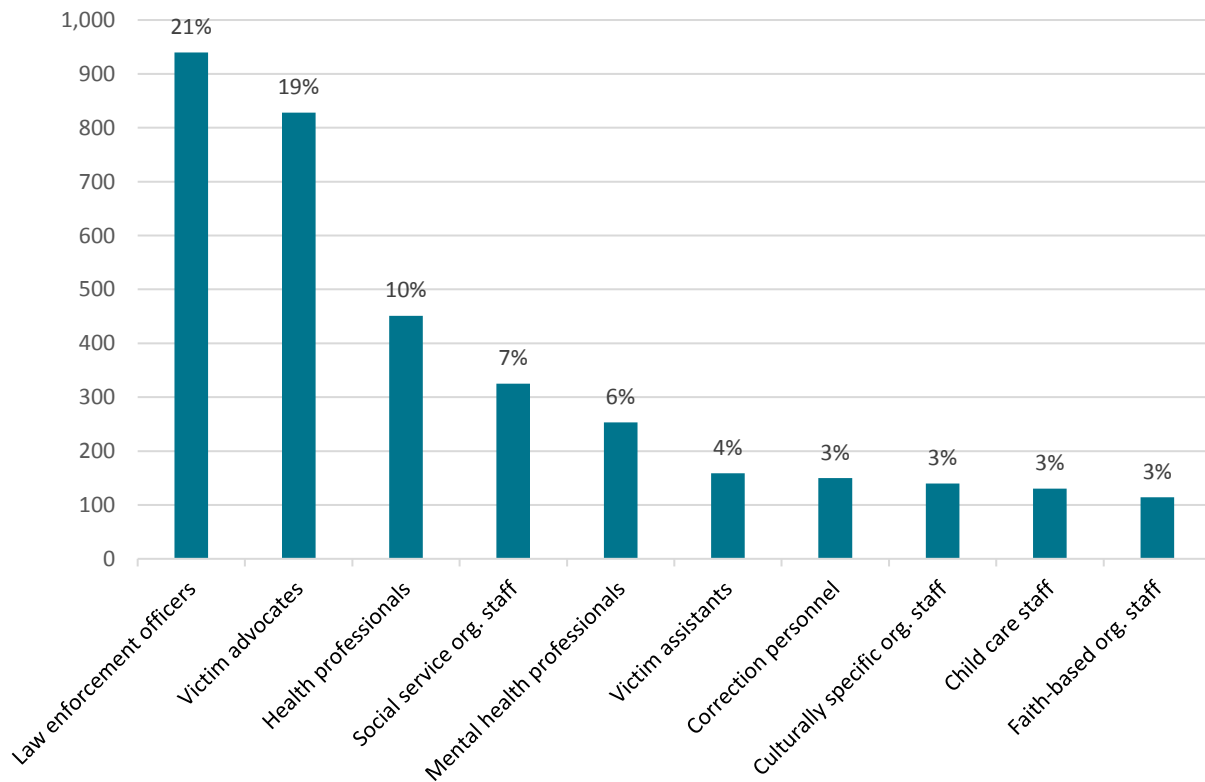
Stalking		
Spouse/intimate partner	46	71%
Dating relationship	10	15%
Acquaintance	5	8%
Stranger	3	5%
Other family/household member	1	2%

## TRAINING

Grantees provide training for professionals to develop an effective coordinated community response to violence, improve their response to victims, and increase offender accountability.

- **21** grantees used funds for training (75% of all grantees reporting).
- **4,379** professionals attended **172** events.

### Types of professionals most frequently trained



## Topics on which grantees most frequently provided training:

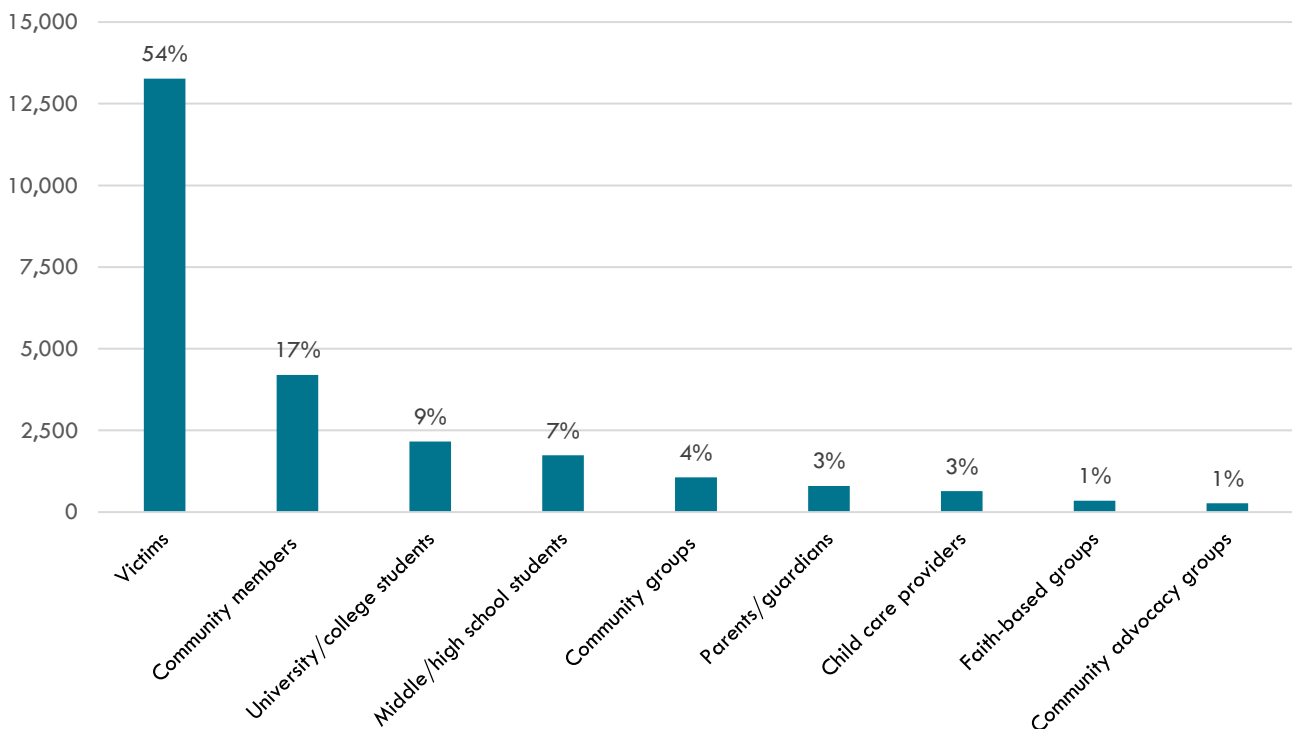
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Advocate response;
- Confidentiality;
- Issues specific to victims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex;
- Barriers in accessing justice system;
- Building relationships with community service providers;
- Cultural issues; and
- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

- **21** grantees used funds for education (75% of all grantees reporting).
- **24,695** people attended **273** events.

## Types of people most frequently educated



## Topics on which grantees most frequently provided education:

- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Sexual violence prevention;
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency;
- Stalking overview, dynamics, and services;
- Cross-cultural competence; and
- Issues specific to victims who have mental health issues.

## 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.

- **27** grantees used funds for staff (96% of all grantees reporting).
- **40** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions <sup>9</sup>	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Victim advocate	10	25%
Program coordinator	9	23%
Trainer/educator	6	15%
Administrator	4	10%
Counselor	4	10%
Outreach worker	3	8%
Support staff	3	8%
Translator/interpreter	1	3%

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