

UNDERSERVED PROGRAM

Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations

July – December 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.^{1,2}

- **31** grantees reported this period.

VICTIM SERVICES

Underserved grantees provided comprehensive services to **1,467** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **26** grantees used funds for victim services (84% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services ³		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	1,459	99%
Partially served	8	1%
Not served	0	0%
Total seeking services	1,467	100%

¹ This report contains selected data submitted by Underserved 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 provided to victims:

- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **983** victims (67% of all victims receiving services);
- Crisis intervention was provided to **809** (55%) victims;
- Victim advocacy was provided to **800** (55%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **284** (19%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **193** (13%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **124** (8%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **110** (7%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **61** (4%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **60** (4%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **49** (3%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **38** (3%) victims;
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **8** (1%) victims; and
- Job training was provided to **1** (<1%) victim.

Immigration matters:

- **32** victims received assistance with:
 - U visa: **11** (1% of all victims receiving services)
 - Work authorization: **8** (1%)
 - VAWA self-petition: **3** (<1%)
 - T visa: **1** (<1%)
 - Other immigration matters:⁴ **16** (1%)

Other services provided to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **832**
- Web-based requests: **255**
- Walk-in requests: **242**
- Outreach to victims: **65**

Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **889** (61% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **523** (36%)
- Stalking: **55** (4%)

⁴ Asylum and DACA.

Demographics of victims served	Total	% of those receiving services
Race/ethnicity^{5,6}		
White	466	41%
Black or African American	305	27%
Hispanic or Latino	213	19%
Asian	101	9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	59	5%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	1%
Gender⁵		
Female	1,040	82%
Male	226	18%
Age⁵		
13-17	33	3%
18-24	214	18%
25-59	636	54%
60+	299	25%
Other demographics⁷		
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	342	23%
Limited English proficiency	272	19%
Disabilities	271	18%
D/deaf or hard of hearing	67	5%
Rural	61	4%

Victims' relationship to offender ⁸	Total	% of those receiving services
Domestic violence		
Spouse/intimate partner	615	85%
Other family/household member	60	8%
Dating relationship	49	7%
Sexual assault		
Spouse/intimate partner	168	39%
Acquaintance	104	24%
Other family/household member	79	18%
Stranger	42	10%
Dating relationship	38	9%

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.

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 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.

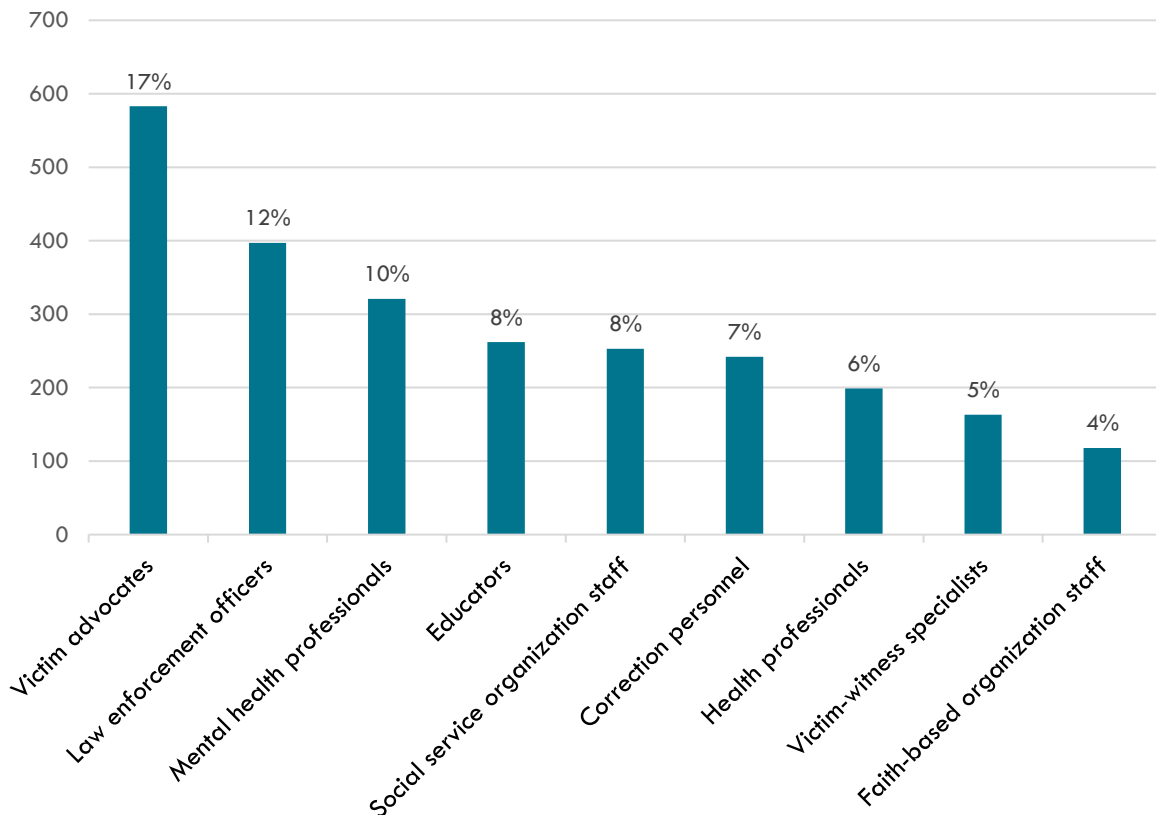
Stalking		
Spouse/intimate partner	50	69%
Dating relationship	10	14%
Acquaintance	9	13%
Other family/household member	2	3%
Stranger	1	1%

TRAINING

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

- **22** grantees used funds for training (71% of all grantees reporting).
- **3,337** professionals attended **149** events.

Types of professionals most frequently trained



Topics on which the most grantees provided training:

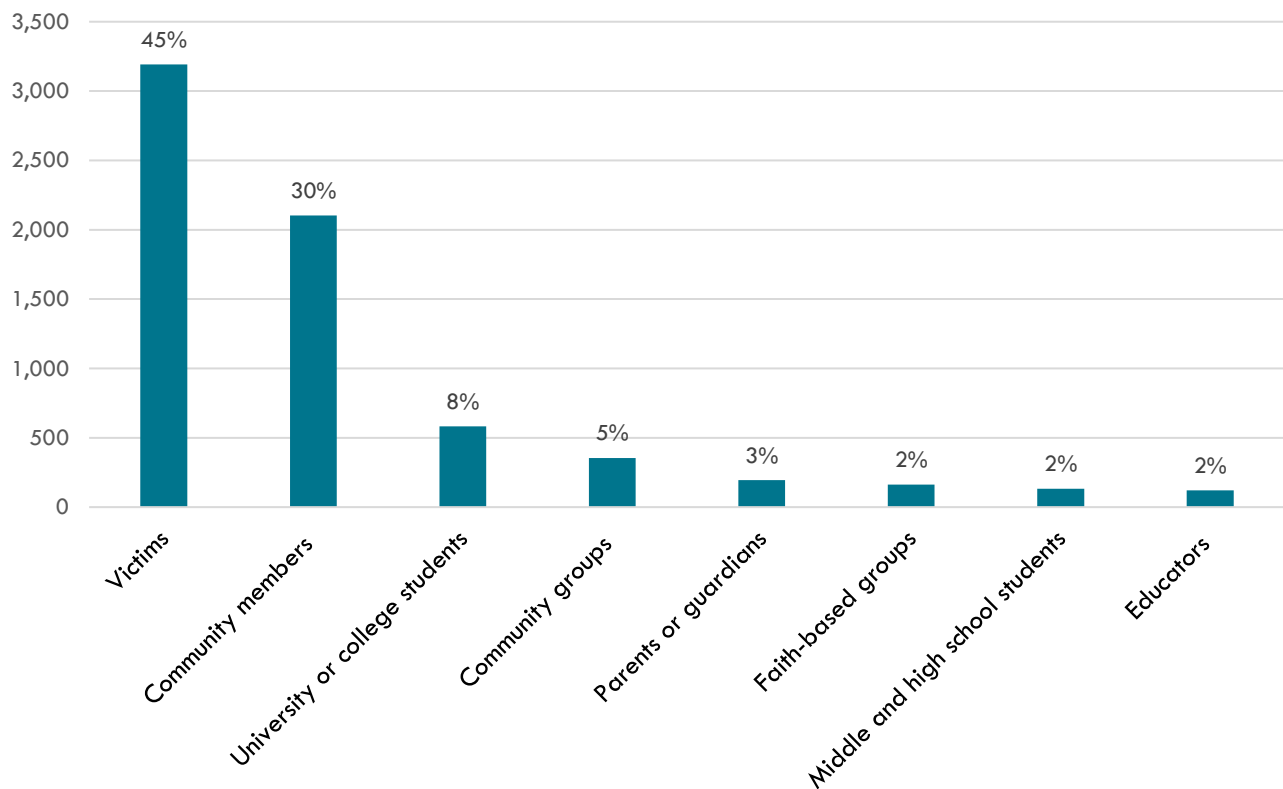
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Advocate response;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Confidentiality; and
- Barriers in accessing justice system.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

- **23** grantees used funds for education (74% of all grantees reporting).
- **7,045** people attended **232** events.

Types of people most frequently educated



Topics on which the most grantees provided education:

- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Sexual violence prevention;
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Culturally and linguistically specific prevention programs
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- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Issues specific to victims who are Hispanic or Latino; and
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency.

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.

- **29** grantees used funds for staff (94% of all grantees reporting).
- **49.07** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Victim advocate	14.64	30%
Program coordinator	11.77	24%
Counselor	5.49	11%
Trainer/educator	5.15	10%
Administrator	4.59	9%
Outreach worker	3.90	8%
Support staff	1.83	4%
Translator/interpreter	1.40	3%