

CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES PROGRAM

Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program

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The Culturally Specific Services Program (CSSP) creates a unique opportunity for culturally specific community-based organizations to address the critical needs of victims of domestic/sexual violence in a manner that affirms a victim's culture and effectively addresses language and communication barriers. Grantees may either be a culturally specific community-based program with existing expertise in serving victims of domestic/sexual violence, or a culturally specific community-based program that partners with another organization with expertise in serving victims of domestic/sexual violence.^{1,2}

- **51** grantees reported this period.

VICTIM SERVICES

CSSP grantees provided comprehensive, culturally competent services to **2,607** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **48** grantees used funds for victim services (94% of all grantees reporting).

| Victims seeking services ³ | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Victims | Total | Percentage |
| Served | 2,452 | 93% |
| Partially served | 155 | 6% |
| Not served | 38 | 1% |
| Total seeking services | 2,645 | 100% |

¹ This report contains selected data submitted by CSSP 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 **1,444** (55% of all victims receiving services);
- Victim advocacy was provided to **1,410** (54%) victims;
- Crisis intervention was provided to **1,221** (47%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **676** (26%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **655** (25%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **650** (25%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **618** (24%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **595** (23%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **585** (22%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **207** (8%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **150** (6%) victims;
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **115** (4%) victims; and
- Job training was provided to **89** (3%) victims.

Immigration matters:

- **387** victims received assistance with:
 - U visa: **134** (5% of all victims receiving services)
 - VAWA self-petition: **57** (2%)
 - Work authorization: **38** (1%)
 - Cancellation of removal: **3** (<1%)
 - T visa: **3** (<1%)
 - Other immigration matters:⁴ **153** (6%)

Other services provided to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **2,424**
- Walk-in requests: **317**
- Web-based requests: **50**
- Outreach to victims: **541**

Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **1,793** (69% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **763** (29%)
- Stalking: **51** (2%)

⁴ 751 waiver, Adjustment of status, applying for citizenship, asylum, battered spouse waiver, conditional residency, DACA, family reunification, family visa, green card, H-4, K-1, LPR, L-2, motions, and SSI.

| Demographics of victims served | Total | % of those receiving services |
|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Race/ethnicity^{5,6} | | |
| Hispanic or Latino | 1,066 | 46% |
| Asian | 694 | 30% |
| Black or African American | 483 | 21% |
| White | 64 | 3% |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 25 | 1% |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 14 | 1% |
| Gender⁵ | | |
| Female | 2,474 | 96% |
| Male | 91 | 4% |
| Age⁵ | | |
| 13-17 | 63 | 3% |
| 18-24 | 385 | 16% |
| 25-59 | 1,592 | 67% |
| 60+ | 236 | 10% |
| Other demographics⁷ | | |
| Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers | 1,566 | 60% |
| Limited English proficiency | 1,410 | 54% |
| Rural | 215 | 8% |
| Disabilities | 63 | 2% |
| D/deaf or hard of hearing | 9 | <1% |

| Victims' relationship to offender⁸ | Total | % of those receiving services |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Domestic violence/dating violence | | |
| Spouse/intimate partner | 1,544 | 84% |
| Dating relationship | 221 | 12% |
| Other family/household member | 73 | 4% |
| Sexual assault | | |
| Spouse/intimate partner | 237 | 38% |
| Stranger | 125 | 20% |
| Acquaintance | 115 | 18% |
| Other family/household member | 80 | 13% |
| Dating relationship | 71 | 11% |

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.

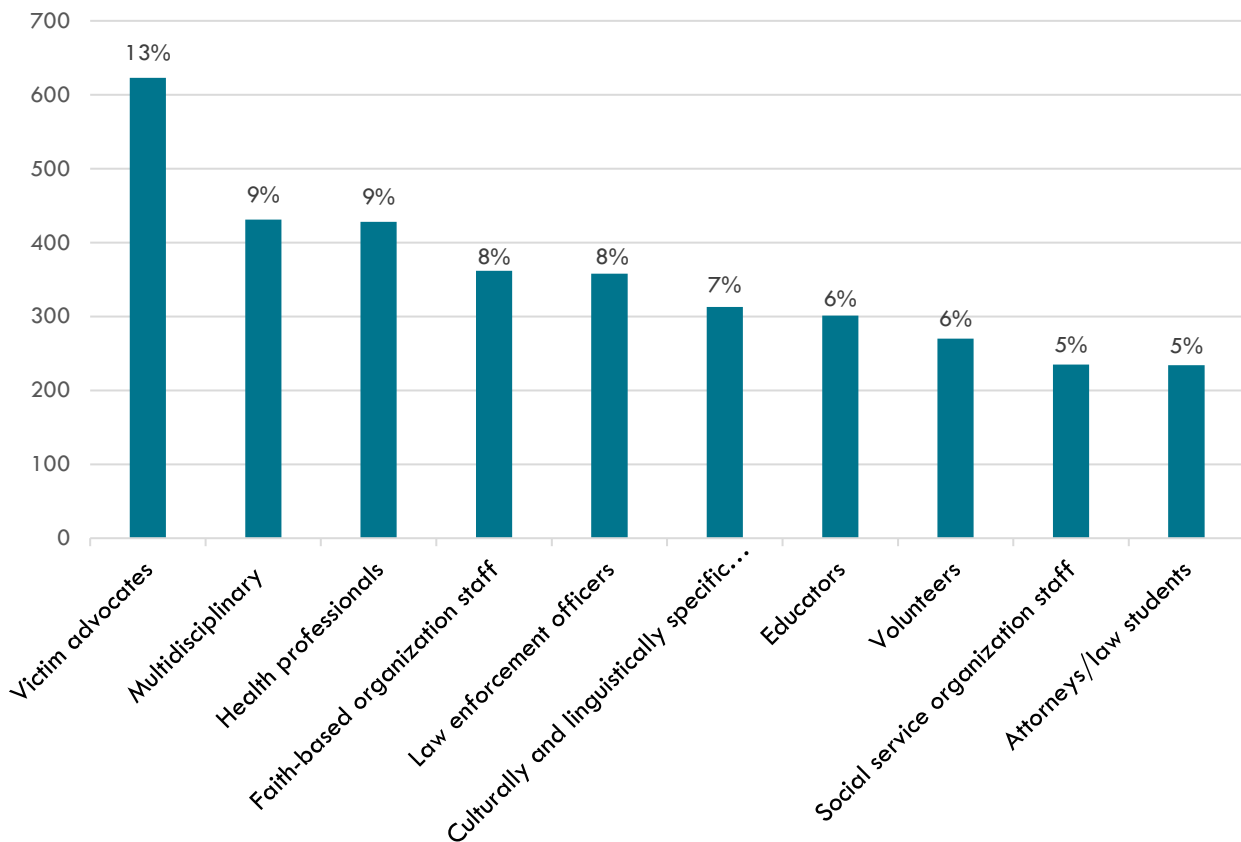
| Stalking | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----|
| Spouse/intimate partner | 39 | 64% |
| Acquaintance | 13 | 21% |
| Stranger | 5 | 8% |
| Dating relationship member | 2 | 3% |
| Other family/household | 2 | 3% |

TRAINING

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

- **37** grantees used funds for training (73% of all grantees reporting).
- **4,647** professionals attended **282** events.

Types of professionals most frequently trained



Topics on which the most grantees provided training:

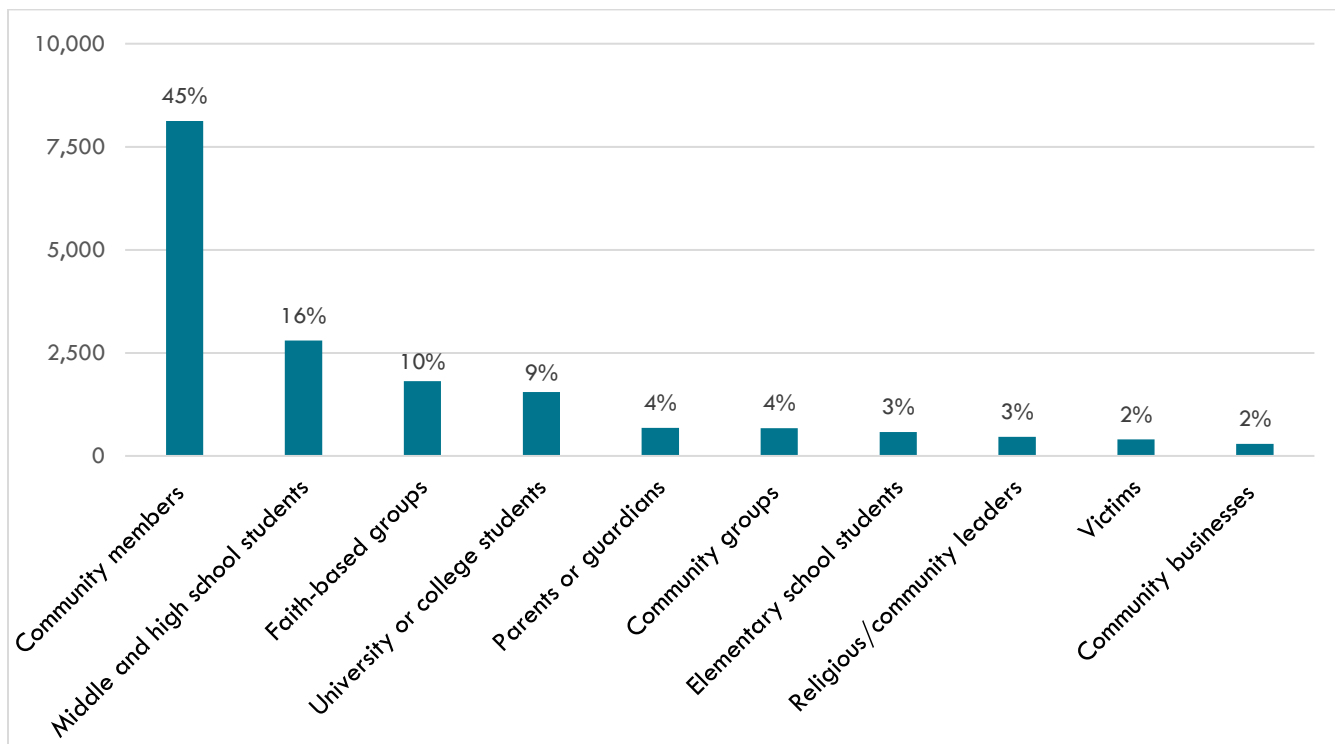
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Issues specific to victims who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers;
- Advocate response;
- Confidentiality;
- Immigration issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Working with victims with limited English proficiency (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Community engagement; and
- Safety planning for victims.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Grantees provide general information to the community, highlighting culturally specific issues and resources, to increase awareness of domestic/sexual violence.

- **37** grantees used funds for education (73% of all grantees reporting).
- **18,047** people attended **859** events.

Types of people most frequently educated



Topics on which the most grantees provided education:

- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Barriers to accessing support services;
- Cultural issues;
- Issues specific to victims who have limited English proficiency;
- Issues specific to victims who are immigrants, refugees, or asylum seekers;
- Culturally and linguistically specific programs;
- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Immigration issues;
- Safety planning for victims; and
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services.

STAFF

Grant-funded staff provide victim services, training, outreach, and community education to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

- **50** grantees used funds for staff (98% of all grantees reporting).
- **85.41** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

| Funded staff positions | FTEs | % of all funded staff |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Victim advocate | 17.71 | 21% |
| Program coordinator | 16.23 | 19% |
| Outreach worker | 12.37 | 14% |
| Administrator | 11.66 | 14% |
| Counselor | 8.33 | 10% |
| Trainer/educator | 7.41 | 9% |
| Support staff | 3.63 | 4% |
| Legal advocate | 2.37 | 3% |
| Attorney | 1.49 | 2% |
| Child care professional | 1.35 | 2% |
| Translator/interpreter | 0.97 | 1% |
| Paralegal | 0.69 | 1% |