

UNDERSERVED PROGRAM

Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations

January – June 2018

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}

- **32** grantees reported this period.

VICTIM SERVICES

Underserved grantees provided comprehensive services to **1,691** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **29** grantees used funds for victim services (91% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services ³		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	1,683	99.9%
Partially served	8	<1%
Not served	0	0%
Total seeking services	1,691	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:

- Victim advocacy was provided to **1,052** (62% of all victims receiving services);
- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **1,038** (61%) victims;
- Crisis intervention was provided to **714** (42%) victims;
- Transportation was provided to **282** (17%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **227** (13%) victims;
- Material assistance was provided to **169** (10%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **88** (5%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **63** (4%) victims;
- Financial counseling was provided to **52** (3%) victims;
- Employment counseling was provided to **48** (3%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **25** (1%) victims;
- Job training was provided to **20** (1%) victims; and
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **10** (1%) victims.

Immigration matters:

- **20** victims received assistance with:
 - U visa: **7** (<1% of all victims receiving services)
 - T visa: **1** (<1%)
 - VAWA self-petition: **1** (<1%)
 - Other immigration matters:⁴ **11** (1%)

Other services provided to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **1,273**
- Web-based requests: **516**
- Walk-in requests: **284**
- Outreach to victims: **171**

Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Sexual assault: **918** (54% of all victims receiving services)
- Domestic/dating violence: **741** (44%)
- Stalking: **32** (2%)

⁴ Asylum, housing assistance, child custody issues, and document assistance.

Demographics of victims served	Total	% of those receiving services
Race/ethnicity^{5,6}		
White	523	44%
Black or African American	244	21%
Hispanic or Latino	209	18%
Asian	137	12%
American Indian or Alaska Native	107	9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	1%
Gender⁵		
Female	1,058	81%
Male	244	19%
Age⁵		
13-17	67	6%
18-24	105	9%
25-59	604	52%
60+	385	33%
Other demographics⁷		
Limited English proficiency	253	15%
Disabilities	227	13%
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	197	12%
Rural	179	11%
D/deaf or hard of hearing	101	6%

Victims' relationship to offender⁸	Total	% of those receiving services
Domestic violence/dating violence		
Spouse/intimate partner	602	77%
Other family/household member	107	14%
Dating relationship	72	9%
Sexual assault		
Spouse/intimate partner	206	35%
Acquaintance	137	23%
Other family/household member	112	19%
Dating relationship	93	16%
Stranger	35	6%

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.

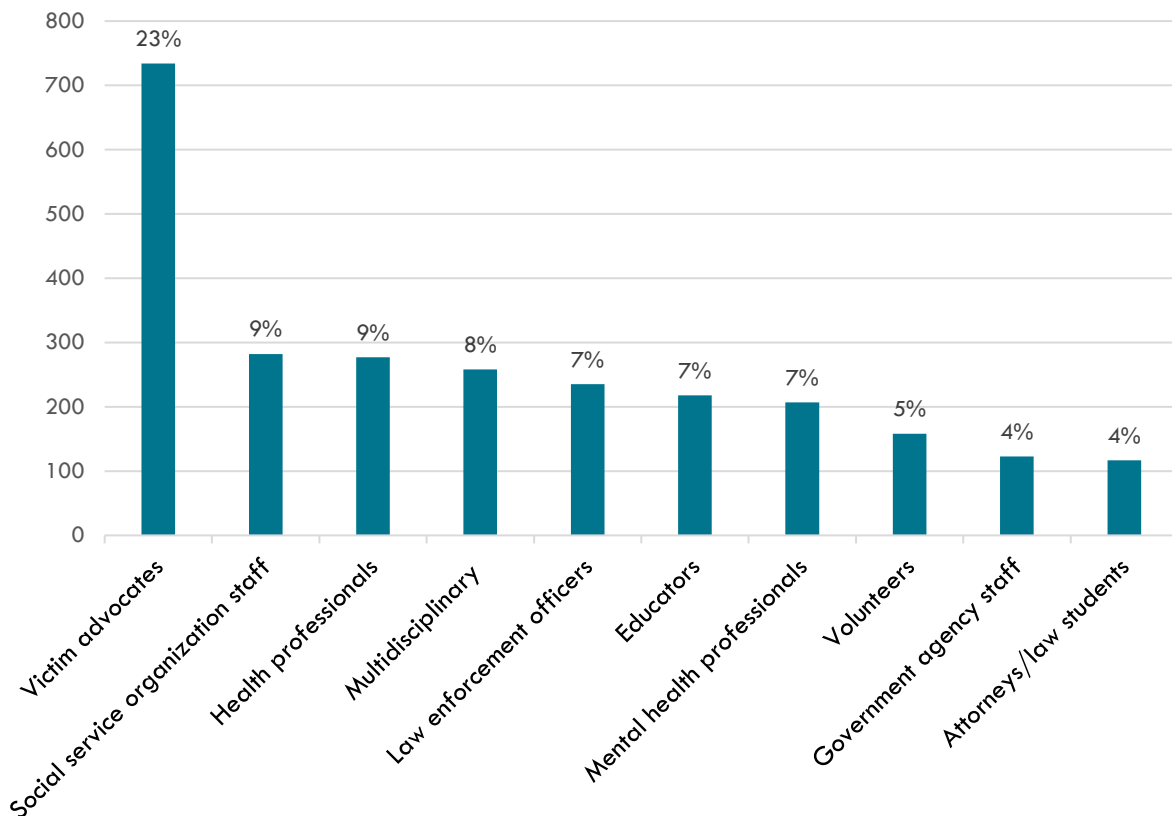
Stalking		
Spouse/intimate partner	49	52%
Acquaintance	15	16%
Dating relationship	14	15%
Stranger	9	10%
Other family/household member	7	7%

TRAINING

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

- **24** grantees used funds for training (75% of all grantees reporting).
- **3,183** professionals attended **151** events.

Types of professionals most frequently trained



Topics on which the most grantees provided training:

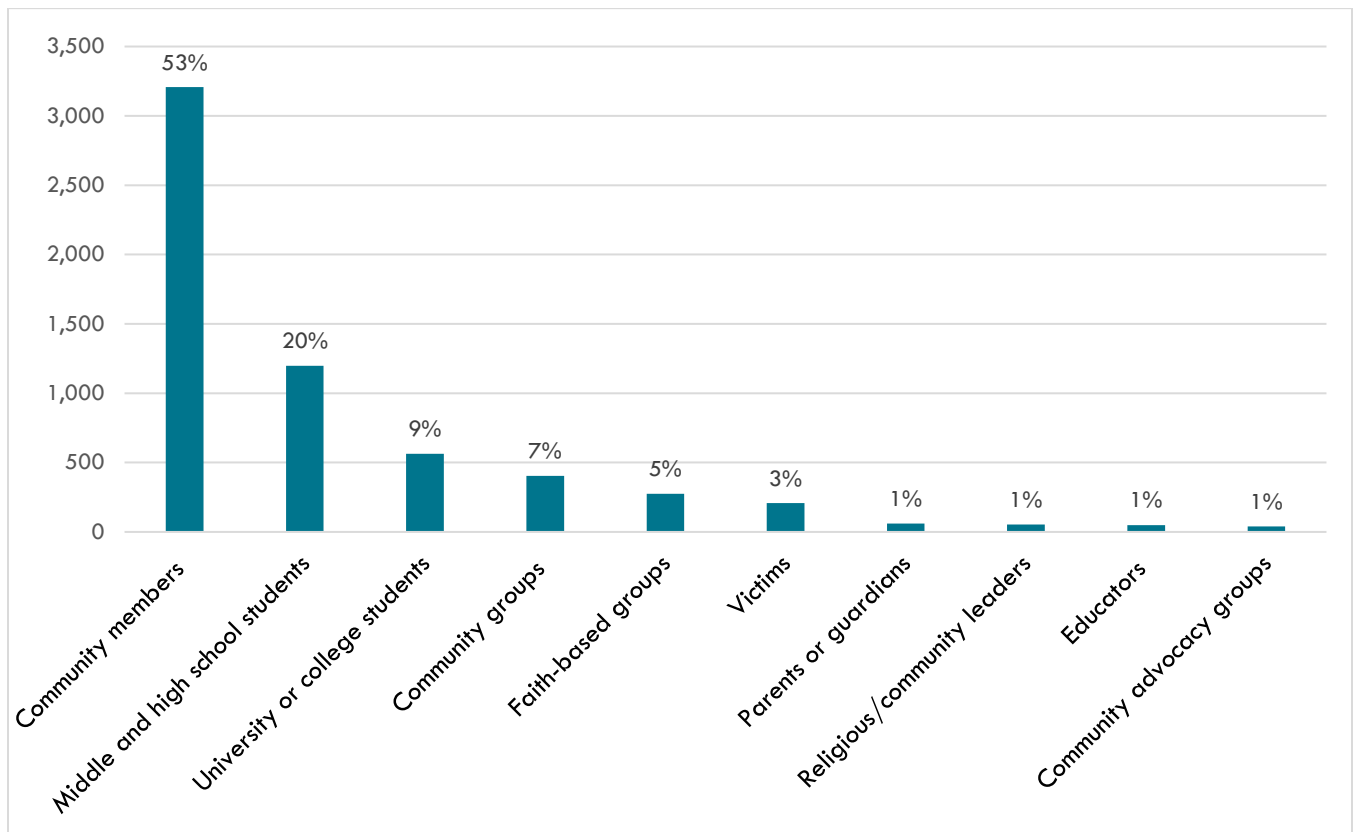
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Advocate response;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Issues specific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

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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

- **27** grantees used funds for education (84% of all grantees reporting).
- **6,081** people attended **285** events.

Types of people most frequently educated



Topics on which the most grantees provided education:

- Healthy relationships/domestic/dating violence prevention (community);
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services;
- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Cultural issues (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking);
- Barriers in accessing support services;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Culturally and linguistically specific prevention programs;
- Dating violence overview, dynamics, and services; 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.

- **32** grantees used funds for staff (100% of all grantees reporting).
- **54.82** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Victim advocate	15.32	28%
Program coordinator	12.26	22%
Trainer/educator	6.96	13%
Counselor	6.48	12%
Administrator	5.78	11%
Outreach worker	3.90	7%
Support staff	3.18	6%
Legal advocate	0.34	1%
Translator/interpreter	0.32	1%
Child care professional	0.13	<1%
Paralegal	0.12	<1%