



SERVING VICTIMS
BY SUPPORTING
LAW ENFORCEMENT



NATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM

New Resource for Our Nation's Law Enforcement

The National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) serves as the single connection point for all Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) law enforcement grantees and the field (including prosecutors, civilian staff, and campus police) to request training and technical assistance (TTA) to best respond to, investigate, and prosecute cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. LETTAC advances criminal justice solutions that are trauma-informed and victim-centered; aid in the successful prosecution of these crimes; prioritize offender accountability; and support victim healing, safety, and justice. This driving goal is captured in the LETTAC tagline: **Serving Victims by Supporting Law Enforcement.**

LETTAC STRUCTURE AND DESIGN: INNOVATIVE AND PROGRESSIVE

LETTAC is transforming the way that TTA on Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)- and intimate partner violence (IPV)-related crimes is delivered by combining funds from several OVW grant programs into one force-multiplying Consortium: LETTAC. This smart government approach maximizes resources, minimizes duplication, and enhances collaboration.

LETTAC is designed to support the full range of law enforcement TTA needs of current and potential OVW grantees. This comprehensive capability will be facilitated through the LETTAC Resource Center, composed of three main components:

- A TTA request portal.
- The LETTAC Clearinghouse, which enables users to create, save, and share unique toolkits to address priorities and interests.
- An online learning center (forthcoming) to provide quality training to justice practitioners regardless of geography, available travel budgets, or prescribed time schedules.

LETTAC PRINCIPLES

Prioritizing Inclusivity

Supporting all law enforcement, including those in areas traditionally underserved and that consistently experience challenges in leveraging resources (such as tribal communities and rural jurisdictions).

Serving all victims and survivors, including those in culturally specific communities, with disabilities, and the elderly.

Developing resources for broadscale usability for all levels of technology expertise and independent of special equipment.

Ensuring Efficiency and Agility

Maximizing U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and OVW investments by leveraging existing resources, talents, and technologies.

Responding to new priorities, including DOJ's commitment to foster trust and legitimacy in communities we serve; invest in community-based efforts; strategize enforcement priorities; and capture metrics and measures.

Developing a consistent TTA process for all requestors.

Sharing Solutions, Serving Victims

Spotlighting grantees and innovative evidence-based projects to promote promising practices to leverage and replicate.

Documenting success stories to share real-world stories of hope from the field, capture qualitative measures, and build peer connections and the LETTAC community of practice.

Keeping at the forefront LETTAC's guiding North Star: serving victims by supporting law enforcement.



LETTAC EXPERTS = LETTAC STRENGTH

Because of the Consortium—the cadre of leaders, experts, and innovators seasoned in addressing VAWA and IPV challenges and priorities—LETTAC truly is a one-stop, by-the-field/for-the-field resource. LETTAC was shaped by and continues to evolve thanks to the generous contributions of time and talents from the National Stakeholder Partnership (NSP) members and a cadre of subject-matter experts (SMEs).

The LETTAC NSP is an executive collaborative guiding LETTAC development, implementation, and evolution. The NSP comprises premier leaders at all levels of government, constituting a collective of long-standing expertise across the range of LETTAC areas of focus.

The LETTAC SMEs constitute a deep bench of TTA providers poised to guide and support all law enforcement practitioners involved in addressing VAWA- and IPV-related crime (including prosecutors, line officers, civilian staff, campus police, and call center personnel) and all jurisdictions and localities served (including tribal nations and culturally specific communities and groups). At the core of the Consortium's responses to TTA requests, these experts are the backbone of LETTAC.

ABOUT OUR FEDERAL FUNDER: **OVW**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), an office within the U.S. Department of Justice, provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW was created following the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994; VAWA was renewed in 2005 and again in 2013. Visit www.justice.gov/ovw for more about the Office; OVW-supported podcasts and blogs; funding information, guidelines, and resources; and links to information about the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. A listing of the OVW grant programs, designed to strengthen services to victims and hold offenders accountable, is available at www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs. LETTAC is supported with funding from several of these programs.

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- 1 From *Racial and Ethnic Differences in Homicides of Adult Women and the Role of Intimate Partner Violence – United States, 2003–2014* (see <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6628a1.htm>).
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