



October 2021

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In 1994 Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in recognition of the severity of crimes associated with domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. It is important to bring awareness to these issues all year round and this month specifically acknowledges efforts to end domestic violence. There is a place on TA2TA.org for information and resources and also a space to post and share what you and your community are doing in participation of domestic violence awareness month.

[TA2TA DV AWARENESS PAGE](#)

FY2021 OVW Training and TA Initiative Orientation

The FY 2021 U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Training and Technical Assistance Initiative (TA Initiative). The TA Initiative Grantee Orientation will be a virtual series and will begin on November 16, 2021. **The orientation is required for new OVW TA provider organizations and new staff of existing TA projects. Invitations will be sent by OVW to the points of contact listed in each award.**

During the registration process, you will be asked for contact information, your OVW award number and accommodation needs. While the best effort will be made, please note that requests for accommodations made less than two weeks prior to the start date cannot be guaranteed.

[REGISTER FOR TA ORIENTATION](#)

Template for Adding Events to TA2TA Calendar

The TA2TA calendar hosts all pending and approved project events of OVW TA providers and is a central location for OVW, OVW grantees, OVW TA providers, and potential grantees to be informed about TA provider events, and access in-person and online educational opportunities. OVW also uses this information to report to other Department of Justice entities how funding is being used through your work to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In an effort to standardize calendar event information, a template has been developed to assist you in posting your trainings and technical assistance.

[DOWNLOAD THE CALENDAR EVENT TEMPLATE](#)

Zoom Platform Tricks & Treats

With Zoom being a constant in today's virtual world, here are some tips and tricks for the Zoom platform:

Zoom is always updating! To have access to the latest features, make sure you are frequently updating your Zoom account. (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>)

Zoom Closed Captioning now has three options: Third-Party Service (captioning company), assign an individual in the session, and live transcription (computer-generated) (<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/207279736-Closed-captioning-and-live-transcription>)

If you offer **multiple languages in a Zoom session and need to record**, you will need to 1) assign an individual to each language line; 2) allow for these individuals to record by adjusting your recording settings or making each individual a co-host; and 3) each individual needs to record to their local computer (if you choose to record to the cloud, only one recording is allowed and that is the main session audio line).

Creating Accessible and Inclusive Training and TA Online Certificate Program

Build your skills around offering accessible training and technical assistance and meaningfully engaging people with disabilities and Deaf people in your work through our flexible, online certificate program. This certificate program is designed specifically for OVW-funded Training and Technical Assistance Providers. Completing this certificate program fulfills the special condition in the terms of your cooperative agreement on taking a training on making your TA more accessible.

The Certificate Program starts the week of November 8, 2021, and ends the week of January 10, 2022. You can take courses at your own pace, or maximize your experience and engagement with your peers, you can complete courses following our suggested schedule of completion. Please register to join the first class of the Creating Accessible and Inclusive Training and Technical Assistance Online Certificate Program. You will receive further information after you register about how to access courses and the live sessions.

Registration closes on November 3, 2021, so register soon!

If you have questions, need registration information in an alternate format, or need assistance with registration, please contact our Meeting and Events Planner, Radairis Diaz at rdiaz@vera.org or at (212) 376-3163 prior to registering.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

TA Provider Highlights



Announcing the Launch of National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC): Serving Victims by Supporting Law Enforcement

While America's law enforcement exhibit, *daily*, their dedication to addressing the epidemic behind Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), each October provides an important time to reflect. Across disciplines and communities, at every level of government and throughout all jurisdictions, we recommit to a national culture where we are all safe, empowered, and free from domestic violence. In honor of this pursuit, on October 1, the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) launched the National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) with support from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Developed for our criminal justice colleagues in the field, LETTAC is a streamlined, comprehensive program for OVW grantees (and potential grantees) to request law enforcement-related technical assistance tailored to their communities and priorities, access online materials and training 24/7, and stay up-to-date on the latest funding and other opportunities from OVW, stakeholders, and partners. LETTAC is committed to helping all members of the law enforcement family—including prosecutors, civilian staff, and call center personnel—respond to, investigate, and prosecute Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) crimes (including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking in tribal communities) in ways that hold offenders accountable and promote healing, safety, and justice for victims and survivors. The center point for LETTAC is our Resource Center, located at www.LETTAC.org. Visit today, and often, to see how **LETTAC is serving victims by supporting law enforcement**. If you would like to connect with a team member, please email contact@LETTAC.org.

[Visit LETTAC Website](#)



Announcing the Launch of a National Resource Center, the Domestic Violence Resource for Increasing Safety and Connection (DV RISC)

The Center for Court Innovation's Domestic Violence Resource for Increasing Safety and Connection (DV RISC) is a national resource center designed to help jurisdictions enhance their approaches to reducing risk and preventing homicide in intimate partner violence cases. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, the resource center features information on prominent domestic violence risk & lethality assessments and strategies, as well as access to a Technical Assistance (TA) portal that enables connection with subject matter experts, trainings, strategic planning through Community Readiness Activities, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. For more information or to connect with a team member, please email dvrisc@courtinnovation.org.

[Visit DV RISC Website](#)

Preparing for the STOP Implementation Planning Process

Alliance of Local Service Organizations

Preparing for the STOP Implementation Planning Process is the first E-Learning course focused on the STOP Formula Grants Program. Over five modules, the course offers recommendations, guidance, and resources for building a well-designed STOP Implementation Plan. The course is free and open to anyone who would like to learn more about the STOP implementation planning process. For more information, please contact the ALSO STAAR Project, AL_SOSTAARProjectTA@also-chicago.org.

[View ALSO E-Learning Course!](#)

TA Website Reminders

TA Provider Directory Update!

In preparation for the OVW new grantee orientations taking place this fall and winter, we would like to remind you to make sure that your project and directory information is up to date on the TA2TA website. Please review your project description and contact information. The information provided in the TA Provider Directory has benefitted OVW grantees, TA providers, and other interested organizations who are looking for assistance in accomplishing and improving the work they are doing. A TA2TA account is all you need to update your organization and project information at any time!

[UPDATE PROJECT INFORMATION](#)

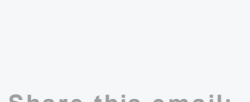
Need to Add a User?

The site is designed for individuals at a TA provider organization to have their own account, rather than one organization account that is shared, and so there is no limit to the number of people from any organization that may have an account on the site. If someone at your organization could benefit from having a TA2TA account, please share this link and have them register: <https://ta2ta.org/login.html>.

[REQUEST TA PROVIDER ACCOUNT](#)

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