### **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

### National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC)

**Officewide New Grantee Orientation** 

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### Introducing the LETTAC Program

### **Presentation Facilitator**

 Donna Jean Lindquist, LETTAC Program Leader, Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR)



# **Outline for Today**

- Three presentation takeaways:
  - 1. Where did we come from? LETTAC background and overview
  - 2. What's in it for me? The LETTAC value proposition
  - 3. How do I get it? Accessing LETTAC
- In the spotlight:
  - The power of LETTAC is our people: Meet Consortium members!
- Turning information into action:
  - How to connect with the LETTAC team

LETTAC: Background and Overview



### Aisha Battle, JD Team Lead OVW Rural Unit and Consolidated Youth & Engaging Men Program

# **Foundational Principles**

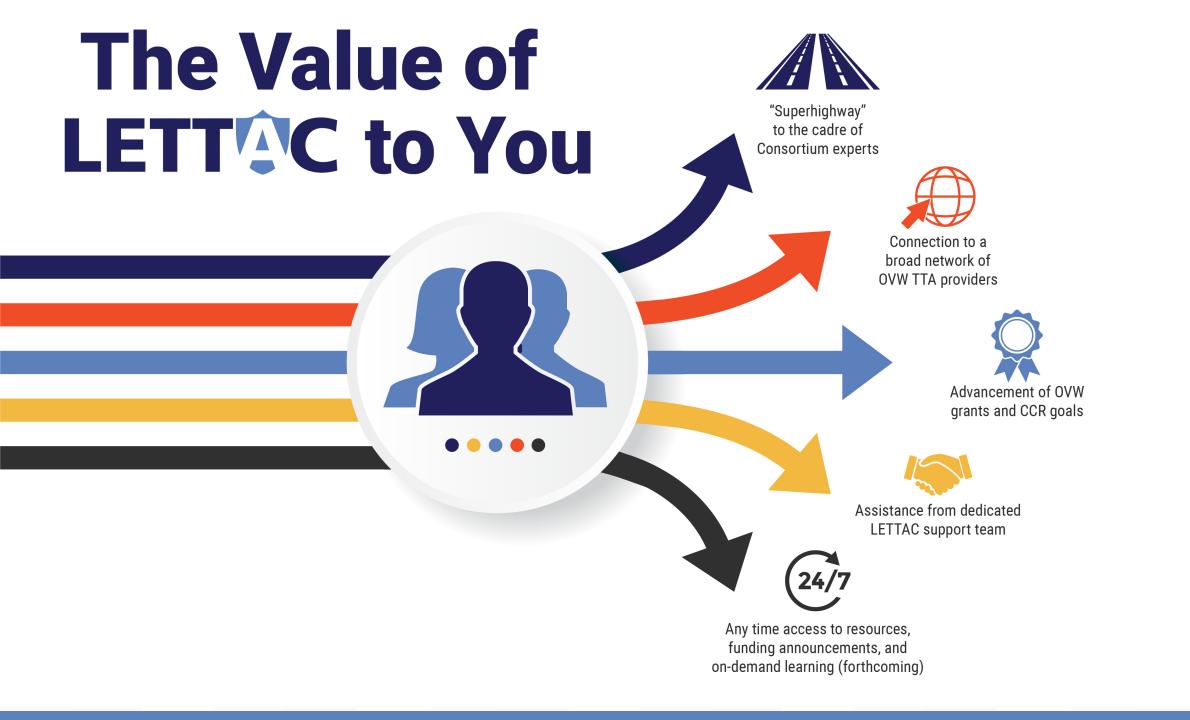
Be a **"Superhighway,"** streamlining the connection between grantees (and potential grantees) and the LETTAC Consortium of national experts

Ensure inclusivity of training and technical assistance (TTA) for justice colleagues in all roles and ranks, jurisdictions served, and crimes addresse between Exemplify coordinated community responses (CCRs), collaborating across disciplines, domains, and systems to more effectively meet survivors' needs and hold offenders accountable

> Follow our Guiding North Star: prioritizing trauma-informed, victim-centered, culturallyspecific responses for every survivor's personal journey to safety, justice, healing, and hope







### Let's Hear From You

## **Share in the chat:**

# What is your biggest law enforcementand/or justice-related priority, task, or challenge?

For example: Trauma-informed victim interviewing; police/community partnerships; sexual assault investigations

### **Resource Center Walk-Through:** The Hub and Home of LETTAC



## How We Can Help

### Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) crimes

- Dating violence
- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Stalking
- Trafficking in Tribal Nations/communities

### **TTA topics**

- Collaboration and partnerships
- Co-responder models
- Determining the primary aggressor
- Documentation and report writing
- Investigations
- Policy/protocol development
- Serving culturally specific and underserved communities
- Strangulation
- Trauma

#### Law enforcement (and related) roles

- Call centers/dispatch
- Chief/sheriff/executive
- Civilian staff
- Fire/emergency medical services (EMS)
- First line supervisor
- Investigator/detective
- Patrol officer/deputy
- Prosecutor
- Special Victims Unit (SVU)

#### **Jurisdictions served**

- Alaska
- College and university campuses
- Territories
- Tribal Nations/Tribes
- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban

# How We Have Helped

#### **TTA topics**

- Collaboration and partnerships
  - Law enforcement and advocates—Reimaging what "response" can look like/meeting victims where they are
  - Law enforcement and prosecutors
- Trauma-informed responses
  - Interviewing
  - Investigations
  - Report writing

#### Culturally specific law enforcement responses

Collaboration with culturally specific TTA providers and experts

#### Determining the predominant aggressor

- In culturally specific and underserved communities
- Investigations
  - Sexual assault investigations
  - Trauma-informed investigations
  - Investigative genetic genealogy
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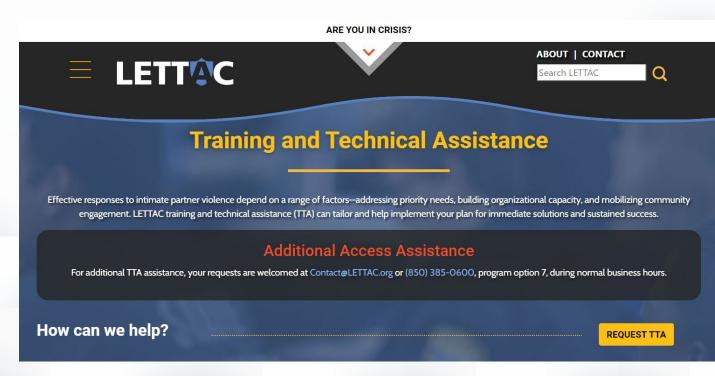
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## Maximizing LETTAC: The "TA" in "TTA"

- Why should I request LETTAC technical assistance (TA)?
- How do I request LETTAC TA? <u>www.lettac.org/TTA</u>
- What happens when I submit a request?
- What if my priority, need, or request isn't on the "menu?"
- How much will this cost?



- What if I need help to get started? <u>Contact@LETTAC.org</u>
- Bonus value: access to the constellation of OVW TTA providers!

Hear From Your Peer: My Experience Requesting LETTAC TTA

#### LETTICC NATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM



SERVING VICTIMS BY SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

### The Power of LETTAC Is Your People



**Chief Deputy John Guard** Pitt County, North Carolina, Sheriff's Office



Candace Mosley, JD Director, Education and Engagement National District Attorneys Association



Sergeant Denise Jones Intimate Partner Crimes Unit Clark County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office



**Dr. Sakima Romero-Chandler** Culturally Specific TTA Provider

### **Open Forum**

# LETTAC

### Questions, discussion points, and ideas to share

### **Assistance and Feedback**

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### We Look Forward to Supporting You!

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#### LETTAC STRUCTURE AND DESIGN: INNOVATIVE AND P

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





#### 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-thefield/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 jurisdiction 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 backbon of LETTAC

#### ABOUT OUR FEDERAL FUNDER: OVW

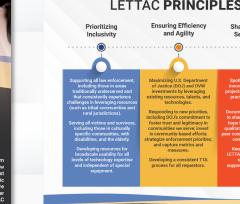
The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), an office within the U.S. Department of Justice, provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, 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

#### LETTAC RESOURCE CENTER **NOW LIVE!** VISIT AND SHARE WWW.LETTAC.ORG. QUESTIONS AND NOTES WELCOMED AT

CONTACT@LETTAC.ORG

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#### 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 untability; and support victim healing, safety, and justice. This driving goal is captured in the LETTAC tagline: Serving Victims by Supporting Law Enfor

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