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National Violence Against Women

**Law Enforcement Training
and Technical Assistance
Consortium (LETTAC)**

Officewide New Grantee Orientation

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LETTAC

Introducing the LETTAC Program

LETTAC

SERVING VICTIMS
**BY SUPPORTING
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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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



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Foundational Principles



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



Exemplify **coordinated community responses (CCRs)**, collaborating across disciplines, domains, and systems to more effectively meet survivors’ needs and hold offenders accountable



Ensure **inclusivity of training and technical assistance (TTA)** for justice colleagues in all roles and ranks, jurisdictions served, and crimes addressed



Follow our **Guiding North Star:** prioritizing trauma-informed, victim-centered, culturally-specific responses for every survivor’s personal journey to safety, justice, healing, and hope



The Value of LETTAC to You



"Superhighway"
to the cadre of
Consortium experts



Connection to a
broad network of
OVW TTA providers



Advancement of OVW
grants and CCR goals



Assistance from dedicated
LETTAC support team



Any time access to resources,
funding announcements, and
on-demand learning (forthcoming)

Let's Hear From You

Share in the chat:

**What is your biggest law enforcement-
and/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

LETTAC Resource Center

The screenshot shows the homepage of the LETTAC Resource Center. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LETTAC logo on the left, a central dropdown menu labeled "ARE YOU IN CRISIS" with a red checkmark, and "ABOUT | CONTACT" on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large hero section with a blue-tinted background image of law enforcement officers. The main heading reads "National Violence Against Women" followed by "Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium" in large yellow text. Below this is the tagline "Serving Victims by Supporting Law Enforcement" and an "ABOUT" button. On the left side of the hero section, there are social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and YouTube. On the right side, there is a dark overlay box with a red "X" icon and the text "Leave This Site Safely". The text explains that users can leave the site by selecting the "X" or pressing the Escape key, and advises regularly clearing browser history. An "I UNDERSTAND" button is located at the bottom of this overlay.

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ABOUT | CONTACT

Search

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I UNDERSTAND

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—Reimagining 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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Maximizing LETTAC: The “TA” in “TTA”

- Why should I request LETTAC technical assistance (TA)?
- How do I request LETTAC TA? www.lettac.org/TTA
- 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? Contact@LETTAC.org
- **Bonus value:** access to the constellation of OVW TTA providers!



Hear From Your Peer: My Experience Requesting LETTAC TTA

LETTAC NATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM

QUICK STEPS TO TAILORED ASSISTANCE

VISIT

- Visit your tailored assistance superhighway at www.LETTAC.org/TTA.
- Use this streamlined access point to request law enforcement-related training and technical assistance (TTA).
- LETTAC supports Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grantees and *potential* grantees in the field.
- No connectivity? LETTAC is committed to access for all. Call us at (850) 760-5383.

SHARE

- Share your request for assistance.
- Use the quick-pick menu as a starting point.
- Add more details or additional requests in free text fields.
- Submit the form and initiate the LETTAC process!

CONNECT

- Connect with the LETTAC team and Consortium experts.
- The LETTAC team will connect you to subject-matter experts (SMEs) who best match your request.
- If other (or additional) OVW resources better meet your needs, LETTAC serves as your link to those providers and opportunities.
- LETTAC TTA is supported by OVW; in most cases, there is no cost for SME services.

CUSTOMIZE

- Customize your training, event, speaker request, or consultation.
- Discuss, refine, and finalize your tailored assistance plan with your LETTAC SME.
- Determine the best delivery option—in-person, virtual, or hybrid.
- In addition to trainings, LETTAC support includes phone consultations, conference speakers, and strategic planning sessions.

GO!

- Receive your LETTAC tailored assistance!

SERVING VICTIMS BY SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Power of LETTAC Is Your People



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Candace Mosley, JD
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Sergeant Denise Jones
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Open Forum



Questions, discussion points, and ideas to share

Assistance and Feedback



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We Look Forward to Supporting You!



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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 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	Ensuring Efficiency and Agility	Sharing Solutions, Serving Victims
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).	Maximizing U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and OVW investments by leveraging existing resources, talents, and technologies.	Spotlighting grantees and innovative evidence-based projects to promote promising practices to leverage and replicate.
Serving all victims and survivors, including those in culturally specific communities, with disabilities, and the elderly.	Responding to new priorities, including DOJ's commitment to foster trust and legitimacy in communities we serve, invest in community-based efforts, strategic enforcement priorities, and capture metrics and measures.	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.
Developing resources for broadscale usability for all levels of technology expertise and independent of special equipment.	Developing a consistent TTA process for all requestors.	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.

LETTAC RESOURCE CENTER NOW LIVE!

VISIT AND SHARE
WWW.LETTAC.ORG
QUESTIONS AND NOTES WELCOMED AT
CONTACT@LETTAC.ORG

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