

FY24 OVW LAV New Grantee Orientation

Westin San Diego Bayview Hotel - San Diego, CA

January 8-9, 2025

AGENDA

Day 1

8:30-9:00 Registration *Outside Emerald Ballroom*

9:00-9:30 Joint Session: Welcome and Orientation Overview *Emerald Ballroom*

Presenters: Michelle Avery Weston, Julie Aldrich, OVW LAV Unit Members

9:30-10:45 Joint Session: Trauma-Informed Meaningful Access *Emerald Ballroom*

Presenter: Cannon Han (Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence)

This session will address language access, broadly, and will also focus on: Title VI language access requirements, the importance of trauma informed meaningful access and how to effectively communicate with clients with limited English proficiency.

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Breakout Sessions

1) ELSI Breakout: 2024 ELSI Grantee Introductions *Emerald Ballroom*

Presenters: Maricarmen Garza, Jane Zhi, Ruth Perrin (ABA); Alicia Aiken (Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy)

This session will introduce the 2024 ELSI grantees/projects.

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2) LAV Breakout: Consumer Rights for Domestic Violence Survivors

Diamond 1 Room

Presenter: Erika Sussman (Center for Survivor Agency and Justice)

"There is no safety for survivors without economic security."

This session will engage attorneys and advocates in expanding survivors' access to safety through consumer legal advocacy strategies and practice.

3) LAV Breakout: Effectively Serving Immigrant Survivors

Topaz Room

Presenter: Rebecca Eissenova (ASISTA)

In this session, ASISTA Immigration Assistance will discuss best practices for serving immigrant survivors. This will include understanding the unique barriers faced by immigrant survivors; types of immigration status available to survivors; how immigration status impacts other legal rights or processes survivors often pursue; and ASISTA's immigration law training and technical assistance for grantees.

12:00-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-2:45 Breakout Sessions

1) ELSI Breakout: 2024 ELSI Grantee Introductions *Emerald Ballroom*

Presenters: Jane Zhi, Ruth Perrin (ABA); Alicia Aiken (Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy)

This session will give 2023 ELSI grantees/projects the opportunity to share about their programs, legal projects, and lessons learned.

2) LAV Breakout: Legal Services for Sexual Assault Survivors

Diamond 1 Room

Presenter: Charissa Flege (Victim Rights Law Center)

This session will highlight considerations for meeting the legal needs of sexual assault survivors.

3) LAV Breakout: Representing Non-IPV Sexual Assault Survivors

Topaz Room

Presenter: Amanda Walsh (Victim Rights Law Center)

This will be a guided discussion of needs and legal services available for non-intimate partner violence sexual assault survivors and challenges facing organizations providing services to those survivors.

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:15 Joint Session: Facilitated Peer-to-Peer Exchange

Emerald Ballroom

Facilitator: Maria Flores, OVW LAV Unit

This session will provide an interactive peer-to-peer exchange between LAV and ELSI grantees.

4:15-5:15 Joint Session: Q & A with Presenters and Members of OVW LAV Unit

Emerald Ballroom

Facilitator: Michelle Avery Weston, OVW LAV Unit

This is an interactive session to provide presenters and OVW staff the opportunity to respond to grantee questions submitted throughout the day. We will close with a preview of Day 2 and adjourn.

5:15 Adjourn for the Day

Day 2

9:00-10:00 Joint Session: Confidentiality for LAV Grantees

Emerald Ballroom

Presenter: Alicia Aiken (Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy)

In this session, LAV grantees will learn about the VAWA confidentiality requirement, how it is different from traditional attorney-client confidentiality, and how they can practically implement survivor-centered confidentiality in a legal practice.

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:30 Breakout Sessions

1) ELSI Breakout: TA and Planning

Emerald Ballroom

Presenters: Ruth Perrin, Jane Zhi (ABA); Alicia Aiken (Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy)

In this session, ELSI grantees will learn about ABA CDSV's training and technical assistance program for ELSI grantees and begin planning their legal program's mission and goals.

2) LAV Breakout: Post-Conviction Relief

Diamond 1 Room

Presenter(s): Cindene Pezzell (Battered Women's Justice Project)

This session will focus on legal assistance to survivors in post-conviction relief proceedings for convictions relating to or arising from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking victimization of the survivor.

3) LAV Breakout: Youth in Education

Topaz Room

Presenter: Amanda Walsh (Victim Rights Law Center)

This session will address the legal needs of survivors in middle and high school education settings.

11:30-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-2:15 Joint Session: Setting the Standard(s): Best Practices for Supervision

Emerald Ballroom

Presenters: Maricarmen Garza (ABA) and Cannon Han (Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence)

This session will address supervision & mentoring of LAV-funded attorneys, multidisciplinary practice benefits and challenges, and the weighing of cases. It will include discussion of supervision and mentoring for population-specific organizations and supervising attorneys who are from various cultural backgrounds.

2:15-2:30 Break

2:30-3:45 Breakout Sessions

1) ELSI Breakout

Emerald Ballroom

Presenters: Ruth Perrin, Jane Zhi (ABA); Alicia Aiken (Danu Center for Strategic Advocacy)

This session will continue the discussion of what is needed before implementing legal services for clients.

2) LAV Breakout (Attorneys): Interstate Custody Matters

Topaz Room

Presenter: Deborah Goelman (Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women)

This session will provide participants with an overview of the various federal and state laws that govern interstate custody cases, including an introduction to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. It will help attorneys and advocates address the safety and legal issues involved when clients cross state or tribal lines with their children. It also will explain how the LRCVAW can support their practice.

3) LAV Breakout (Advocates): Legal Information vs. Advice

Diamond 1 Room

Presenter: Charissa Flege (Victim Rights Law Center)

If you've ever worked with litigants on a domestic violence case, you may have wondered "Am I allowed to provide this information?" At times the line between legal information and legal advice may seem blurry, and it's perhaps not clear what you can and cannot tell litigants.

This session will explore the distinction between legal information and legal advice and define what activities fall into the unauthorized practice of law. Participants will learn how to provide meaningful and even creative assistance on domestic violence cases.

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-4:45 **Joint Session: LAV Grantee Challenges and Successes** *Emerald Ballroom*

Facilitator: Michelle Avery Weston, OVW LAV Unit

In this facilitated discussion, grantees who have implemented projects under prior awards will share their LAV program experiences, including challenges faced and successes achieved in providing legal assistance for survivors.

4:45-5:00 **Close/Evaluations/Orientation Adjourns** *Emerald Ballroom*

Facilitator: Michelle Avery Weston, OVW LAV Unit