



Summary and Highlights from AVA Connect Call- January 16, 2025

Number of Attendees: 24

CALL HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Celebrating 2024 Milestones and Achievement

The call began with participants sharing accomplishments and achievements from 2024. The question posed was, “*What is one accomplishment or achievement that you are proud of, and why?*”

Achievements shared included:

- Achieving significant health and fitness goals
- Successfully launching pilot Housing First program
- Participating in numerous visits with tribal communities
- Expanding knowledge about VAWA
- Transitioning to empty nesting
- Bringing new LE grantees under the VSTOP grant program
- Starting first culturally specific funded project with SASP
- Joining AVA’s Board

Welcome to AVA’s Board, Jackie Hoover!

Participants were encouraged to continue sharing their milestones and accomplishments via the AVA listserv.

2. STOP Implementation Planning Discussion

AVA Board Member, Amy Baynes led a conversation on STOP Implementation Planning, emphasizing the importance of reaching out to [ALSO, OVW TA provider](#), for resources and support as needed.

Key takeaways from Discussion:

1. The importance of re-evaluating team members
2. Targeted outreach to culturally specific organizations
3. Building and sustaining relationships with tribes and tribal liaisons
4. Utilizing the template provided (<https://stopgrants.org>); answer each individual section of the guide, even if the information is repetitive.
5. Data Utilization- what sources are being used? Sources shared included, LAP data, American Community Survey, US Census Data

Action Steps:

- Amy Baynes will share sample email templates for recruiting new and returning planning team members. **See attached!**
- Explore and share data sources/metrics that could be used in the STOP Implementation Plan.

Resources Shared:

Stop Implementation Planning Guide

Stop Implementation Planning- Monthly At- A- Glance Guide

<https://stopgrants.org/implementation-planning/>

https://knowledgebase.also-chicago.org/knowledgebase/stopgrant_post/stop-implementation-planning-a-monthly-at-a-glance-guide/

<https://also-chicago.org/training-and-consultation/staar-project-overview/>

3. Announcements/Upcoming Events

- AVA-OVW Quarterly Meeting scheduled on February 3, 2025
- In Person Peer-2-Peer Meeting to be held April 29th and 30th 2025. Additional information will follow once the location has been confirmed.

Update: This in-person meeting has been cancelled.

- Next AVA Connect Call- February 20, 2025 @ 2:00pm (ET)