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# OVW STOP TA RESOURCE DIGEST

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This publication is developed for STOP Administrators and sub-grantees. The purpose of the OVW STOP TA Resource Digest (Digest) is to identify resources relevant to those administering and receiving STOP funding. The Digest is not an exhaustive list of resources and events because it has been specifically curated for STOP Administrators and sub-grantees. Administrators and sub-grantees are encouraged to contact the Alliance of Local Service Organizations ([ALSO](#)), explore the OVW funded [TA2TA website](#), and contact specific OVW Technical Assistance providers identified in the Digest for additional resources and information.

**Click on your respective profession in order to find relevant trainings:**

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Victim Services and Advocates

## OVW Resource Centers



Abuse in Later Life



Disabilities and Deaf Resource - Center



Elevate/Uplift \*Sexual Assault



Firearms and Domestic Violence



National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative (NDVFRI)



Stalking, Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)



Workplace Response

Sign-up to receive the OVW STOP TA Resource Digest for exclusive insight on upcoming training and events for STOP Administrators and sub-recipients at [OVW.TAResourceDigest@usdoj.gov](mailto:OVW.TAResourceDigest@usdoj.gov).

To find more information on additional trainings, tools, and resources, check out [TA2TA](#) and [ALSO](#).

# COVID-19

*Operating During a National Emergency*



*The following resources are available to provide guidance in response to COVID-19:*

- ✚ **Alliance of Local Service Organizations**
  - [https://also-chicago.org/also\\_site/covid-19-resources-underserved-grantees/](https://also-chicago.org/also_site/covid-19-resources-underserved-grantees/)
  
- ✚ **Battered Women's Justice Project**
  - <https://www.bwjp.org/resource-center/resource-results/tools-for-advocates-responding-to-covid.html>
  - <https://www.bwjp.org/resource-center/resource-results/using-web-based-technologies-protection-orders-recording.html>
  
- ✚ **Center for Court Innovation**
  - <https://www.courtinnovation.org/covid19-updates>
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yruN2yTWrdXrEVLVcQjuwWWKe3IOQ\\_9s48NmJgut-QI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yruN2yTWrdXrEVLVcQjuwWWKe3IOQ_9s48NmJgut-QI/edit?usp=sharing)
  
- ✚ **Futures Without Violence**
  - <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/get-updates-information-covid-19/>
  - [Supervising During the Pandemic](#)
  - [COVID-19: Survivors & the Workplace](#)
  - [When Work is Safer Than Home: Supporting Workers Experiencing Violence During the Pandemic](#)
  
- ✚ **Interpretation Technical Assistance Resource Center (ITARC): Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence**
  - *Interpretation and translation: We recognize the incredible challenges grantees are facing, triaging services for your clients. If you need assistance in how best to provide services to individuals with limited-English proficiency, please contact ITARC. ITARC is funded by OVW to provide grantees TA and training on language access planning, interpretation, and translation. Cannon Han, Senior Project Manager, chan@api-gbv.org, 415-568-3314.*
  
- ✚ **Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault**
  - <https://www.iowacasa.org/covid19>
  
- ✚ **National Center for Transgender Equality**
  - <https://transequality.org/covid19>
  
- ✚ **National Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
  - <https://ncadv.org/blog/posts/what-dv-orgs-need-to-know-coronavirus>
  
- ✚ **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)**
  - <https://www.ncjfcj.org/news/covid-19-and-ncjfcj-operations-update/>

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## ✚ National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV)

- [https://nnedv.org/latest\\_update/resources-response-coronavirus-covid-19/](https://nnedv.org/latest_update/resources-response-coronavirus-covid-19/)
- <https://www.techsafety.org/covid19>
- <https://www.techsafety.org/digital-services-during-public-health-crises>

## ✚ National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

- <https://vawnet.org/news/preventing-managing-spread-covid-19-within-domestic-violence-programs>

## ✚ Office on Violence Against Women

- [COVID-19 Update for Grantees - Additional Flexibilities for the STOP Formula Program](#)
- [COVID-19 Update for Grantees - Guidance to Award Recipients Impacted by COVID-19: Short-term Relief for Various Administrative, Financial Management, and Audit Requirements](#)
- [COVID-19 Update for Grantees - FAQs for OVW Grantees Regarding the Payment and Use of Leave for Grant-Funded Staff](#)
- [COVID-19 Update for Grantees - Message from the OVW Acting Director](#)

## ✚ Red Rover

- <https://redrover.org/2020/03/23/coronavirus-covid19/>
- <https://redrover.org/resource/safe-housing-grant-recipients/>

## ✚ TA2TA

- <https://ta2ta.org/calendar.html> (select COVID-19 in Topic Areas on the search panel located on the left)

## ✚ Vera Institute of Justice

- <https://www.vera.org/publications/coronavirus-guidance-for-criminal-and-immigration-legal-systems>
- <https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/coronavirus-guidance-youth-agencies.pdf>

## ✚ Victim Rights Law Center

- [Protecting Survivor Privacy When Staff Are Working from Home: A Guide for OVW-Funded Victim Service Providers](#)

# QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT

*Featuring the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
and Firearms*



## National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

In October of 2016, the Office on Violence Against Women awarded the Battered Women's Justice Project a TA award to develop the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms, which includes the Safer Families, Safer Communities project and the launch of the first-ever website wholly dedicated to addressing the role of firearms and domestic violence.

The Resource Center includes a comprehensive library of information and tools on firearms and domestic violence and a community-based peer mentor system that connects communities which have successfully implemented firearm enforcement procedures with communities that seek to do so. Tools and assessment guides are available through the Resource Center to assist communities in identifying areas within their criminal and civil legal systems where implementation and enforcement can be enhanced. Through the Safer Families, Safer Communities project, communities will have the information, training and support necessary for developing and implementing effective enforcement mechanisms to disarm domestic violence offenders.



*For more information on domestic violence and firearms and the types of technical assistance, resources, and supports the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms can provide to support your work, please visit*

<https://www.preventdvgunviolence.org/>.

# Courts and Judges



## Webinars and Remote Trainings

*There are no events available at this time.*

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## Resources and Tools

### **Center for Court Innovation**

The Center for Court Innovation provides assistance to reformers around the world, including judges, attorneys, justice officials, community organizations, and others. They offer an array of publications and digital media focused on rethinking incarceration, preventing crime, strengthening families, engaging communities, improving decision-making, aiding survivors, and advancing fairness. They also have hosted a number of court-related webinars available to grantees.

- ✚ Publications/Digital Media: <https://www.courtinnovation.org/publications>
- ✚ [Increasing Access to Safety for Rural Victims: Remote Filing in New York State](#)
- ✚ [Is This On? Nuts and Bolts of Remote Hearings and Domestic Violence Considerations](#) (Use Code: 9t\$972@O)
- ✚ [Remote Orders of Protection in Criminal and Civil Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence and Animal Abuse](#)
- ✚ [Keeping Your Courthouse Safe: Domestic Violence & Court Security](#)

### **Family Court Enhancement Project (FCEP)**

The FCEP was established to improve the family court response to custody cases and parenting decisions involving domestic violence so that resulting parenting arrangements protect the emotional and physical well-being of victimized parents and their children.

- ✚ Products and Resources: <http://familycourtenhancementproject.org/>

### **Judicial Engagement Network**

The Judicial Engagement Network has a variety of publications and other resources available that can help judges address domestic violence and sexual assault in their jurisdictions. The link below offers benchbooks, articles, guides, forms, and other information useful to courts and judicial officers.

- ✚ Publications: <https://judicialengagementnetwork.org/resources/publications>

### **National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence**

The National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence offers several domestic violence in-person trainings for judges.

- ✚ Course Schedule: <https://njudv.org/education-opportunities.html>

# Law Enforcement



## Webinars and Remote Trainings

*There are no events available at this time.*

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## Resources and Tools

### **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**

The IACP offers resources in reference to professional development, leadership, management, supervision, and ethics. They also created a series of roll-call training videos to enhance law enforcement's response to victims of domestic violence.

- ✚ Resource Center: <https://www.theiacp.org/resources>
- ✚ Roll-Call Video: <https://www.theiacp.org/resources/video/the-crime-of-domestic-violence-roll-call-video>

### **Family Violence Institute**

The Family Violence Institute established the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative (NDVFRI) at Northern Arizona University that offers resources and a series of webinars centered on domestic violence, and even risk assessments.

- ✚ NDVFRI 2020 Webinars: <https://ndvfri.org/events/>
- ✚ Community Informed Risk Assessment: The Arizona Model: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfhSJjAZuVc>

### **Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)**

SPARC, a project of Aequitas, provides numerous publications and other tools that can assist law enforcement officers in their identification and response to stalking.

- ✚ Resources for Law Enforcement: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/law-enforcement-resources/>

### **University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute**

The University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute provides information about online sexual assault trainings for rural law enforcement.

- ✚ Trainings: <https://www.cji.edu/programs/sexual-assault-training-for-rural-law-enforcement-personnel/>

# Prosecutors



## Webinars and Remote Trainings

**Title:** First, Do No Harm: Trauma-Informed Interviewing During the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Organization:** AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women

**Project:** Prosecution Comprehensive

**Date and Time:** Jul 21, 2020 3:00pm - 4:30pm EDT

**Summary:** This presentation will identify barriers to successful interviews and explore techniques for overcoming those barriers, with a special emphasis on virtual interviews that are compliant with COVID-19 social distancing measures. The presenters will discuss the limitations of a traditional fact-gathering approach and introduce alternative techniques to minimize re-traumatization and enhance our ability to re-create the reality of the crime at trial. An emphasis will be placed on strategies for integrating a trauma-informed response from the first contact with a victim through the conclusion of the case, with realistic goals for interviews and virtual meetings at every stage of the process. Objectives: At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be better able to: Identify the signs and symptoms of trauma; Conduct interviews that minimize re-traumatization and yield evidence of the victim's experience of the crime; Implement trauma-informed strategies that enhance victim safety and participation; and Incorporate evidence of trauma during direct examination of the victim at trial.

**Registration:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rTu2n8lGSY-CXVZ6R11\\_UA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rTu2n8lGSY-CXVZ6R11_UA)

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## Resources and Tools

### AEquitas

AEquitas provides past on-site or web-based trainings related to sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, human trafficking, child abuse, elder abuse, and witness intimidation. They also develop and publish a variety of resources and training materials that can be accessed using the links below:

- ✚ Past Trainings: <https://aequitasresource.org/past-trainings/>
- ✚ Webinars: <https://aequitasresource.org/resources/>

### Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)

SPARC, a project of Aequitas, published the Prosecutor's Guide to Stalking in addition to providing numerous tools and resources for Prosecutors.

- ✚ Resources for Prosecutors: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/prosecution-resources/>
- ✚ Prosecutor's Guide to Stalking: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/SPA-19.005-Prosecutors-Guide-to-Stalking-00000002-revised.pdf>

# Multidisciplinary and Others



## Webinars and Remote Trainings

**Title:** Talking Stalking: Resources for Awareness Educators

**Organization:** AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women

**Project:** Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)

**Date and Time:** Jul 14, 2020 2:00pm - 3:30pm EDT

**Summary:** Stalking is a serious, prevalent, and dangerous crime that impacts every community in the United States. While awareness and public discussion of intimate partner violence and sexual assault have increased in recent years, stalking remains frequently misunderstood and rarely discussed – on campuses, within the fields of domestic and sexual violence, and among the broader general public. This webinar highlights the newly updated "Know It, Name It, Stop It" scripted public awareness program from SPARC and provides tools and strategies to incorporate stalking education into existing programming.

**Registration:** <https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/talking-stalking-resources-for-awareness-educators.html>

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**Title:** Crafting Narratives: Tell the Stories Behind Your Data

**Organization:** University of Southern Maine

**Project:** Violence Against Women Act Measuring Effectiveness Initiative

**Date and Time:** Jul 15, 2020 2:00pm - 3:30pm EDT

**Summary:** The VAWA Measuring Effectiveness Initiative (VAWA MEI) at the Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine, provides training and technical assistance on the semi-annual progress reporting forms used by OVW grantees. Training sessions for individual grant programs will be held in July 2020. This online webinar will have closed captioning in English, and the audio also will be offered over a toll-free phone line. OVW and VAWA MEI staff will provide tips on how to effectively use the narrative questions of the progress report, provide examples, and answer questions. If you have any questions about the training session or about the progress reporting form, please email [vawamei@maine.edu](mailto:vawamei@maine.edu), or call 1-800-922-VAWA (8292). For the complete list of webinars being held, please visit:

<https://www.vawamei.org/trainings/>

**Registration:** <https://www.vawamei.org/training/crafting-narratives-webinar-telling-the-story-behind-your-data-january/>

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**Title:** Basic Interstate Custody Webinar

**Organization:** Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women, Inc.

**Project:** Helping Grantees Improve Services to Domestic Violence Survivors in Interstate Custody Cases

**Date and Time:** Jul 21, 2020 4:00pm - 5:00pm EDT

**Summary:** The Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women (LRC), in partnership with the Center for Court Innovation, will be offering a webinar on basic interstate custody issues for Justice for Families Grantees on July 21, 2020 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. EST. This training will provide participants with an overview of the various federal and state laws that govern interstate custody cases. The training is designed for professionals who wish to understand the basic framework of how these laws fit together. Case scenarios will be used to demonstrate how practitioners can help survivors address the economic, safety and legal issues involved when they cross state or tribal lines to flee abuse. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during the presentation. The LRC is a nonprofit organization based in Takoma Park, Maryland, that works to improve legal representation for domestic violence survivors in interstate custody cases.

**Registration:** For registration information, please contact the Project Coordinator at (301) 270-1550 or via email at [lrc@lrcvaw.org](mailto:lrc@lrcvaw.org)

# Multidisciplinary and Others



## *Resources and Tools*

### **Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP)**

BWJP provides trainings and a resource center that offers resources and tools such as webinar recordings, practices and policies, guides, research and statistics, and many more.

- ✚ Resource Center: <https://www.bwjp.org/resource-center.html>
- ✚ Trainings: <https://www.bwjp.org/training.html>

### **Praxis International**

Praxis International's website has a library of trainings and other resources available to organizations in efforts of addressing violence against women.

- ✚ Library: <https://www.courtinnovation.org/publications>
- ✚ Trainings: <https://praxisinternational.org/institutional-analysiscommunity-assessment-2/training/>
- ✚ Advocacy Learning Center: <https://praxisinternational.org/advocacy-learning-center/>

### **Futures Without Violence**

Futures Without Violence provides resources on their website for organizational and leadership development, education development, and supporting organizational sustainability training.

- ✚ Organizational and Leadership Development: <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/leadership-professional-development/>
- ✚ I-LED: <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/organizational-leadership-training/institute-for-leadership-in-education-development/>
- ✚ SOS Institute: <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/organizational-leadership-training/supporting-organizational-sustainability-training/>

# Victim Services and Advocates



## Webinars and Remote Trainings

**Title:** The Way Forward: Shaping the Future of Organizing

**Organization:** Vera Institute of Justice

**Project:** Advanced TA and Training on Immigration Legal Options for Survivors of Gender Based Violence

**Date and Time:** Jul 21, 2020 2:00pm - 3:30pm EDT

**Summary:** Participants will be provided with an overview of the strategies employed by organizers from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Movement in Canada and connect the dots to the experiences of survivors of color in the United States. The virtual panel will then utilize the successes, challenges and lessons learned from the Indigenous organizers to create a framework to address violence against Women of Color in the US. Join VERA for this virtual roundtable as we envision the way forward for victims of crime from communities of color. Moderated by Zoe Flowers, featuring panelists Junetta Jamerson and Annika Leonard.

**Registration:** [https://verainstitute.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dt4F4\\_0TT5G3\\_eZugdsMKQ](https://verainstitute.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dt4F4_0TT5G3_eZugdsMKQ)

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**Title:** Troubleshooting Immigrant Survivor-Based Initial Filing Issues

**Organization:** ASISTA Immigration Assistance

**Project:** Advanced TA and Training on Immigration Legal Options for Survivors of Gender Based Violence

**Date and Time:** Jul 29, 2020 2:00pm - 4:00pm EDT

**Summary:** Please join ASISTA staff for a webinar addressing practice issues for initial filings of VAWA and U visa cases, including avoiding and addressing filing rejections and ensuring complete initial evidence required for Forms I-918, I-192, I-539, I-360, I-485, and I-290B.

**Registration:** For registration information, please contact Maria Lazzarino at (515) 661-9924 or via email at [manager@asistahelp.org](mailto:manager@asistahelp.org)

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**Title:** The Way Forward: Shaping the Future of Healing Justice

**Organization:** Vera Institute of Justice

**Project:**

**Date and Time:** Aug 4, 2020 2:00pm - 3:30pm EDT

**Summary:** Communities of color and aspiring allies need time to breathe, relax, re-orient themselves with their authentic self, tend to legacies of harm and untreated trauma as well as connect to lineages of resilience. This interactive virtual workshop is designed to provide a community of support. Participants will be given practices to de-stress and reconnect to their strength, creativity, and spirit. Join Zoe Flowers and Maria del Rosario Franco-Rahman to learn more about the natural responses to and effects of stress, vicarious trauma, and the various healing modalities for sustaining your wellbeing and those that you serve.

**Registration:** [https://verainstitute.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hphe9c1RSvSDAIAaqaDseQ](https://verainstitute.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hphe9c1RSvSDAIAaqaDseQ)

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**Title:** Caserounds: Current Issues in Survivor-Based Immigration Cases

**Organization:** ASISTA Immigration Assistance

**Project:** Advanced TA and Training on Immigration Legal Options for Survivors of Gender Based Violence

**Date and Time:** Aug 31, 2020 1:00pm - 3:00pm EDT

**Summary:** Please join ASISTA staff for a webinar in which they will discuss actual case questions and best practices for troubleshooting issues with U visa and VAWA cases. Participants are invited to share their case questions at registration, and questions will be selected to use for discussion during the webinar.

**Registration:** For registration information, please contact Maria Lazzarino at (515) 661-9924 or via email at [manager@asistahelp.org](mailto:manager@asistahelp.org)

# Victim Services and Advocates



**Title:** Protecting Minors' Privacy Rights: How to Use VRLC's Minors' Privacy Workbook and FAQs

**Organization:** Victim Rights Law Center

**Project:** Campus and Minors Privacy Project

**Date and Time:** Sep 16, 2020 10:00am - 11:30am PDT

**Summary:** VRLC has developed a privacy workbook to help you serve children and youth! The workbook has general information and worksheets for you to apply to your work with minors. If you do not know your child abuse mandatory reporting laws or age of consent? You will be glad to know VRLC has also developed jurisdiction-specific privacy FAQs that answer those sorts of confidentiality-related questions for you! Join VRLC for this webinar so you can better protect the privacy of children and youth.

**Registration:** <https://ta2ta.org/webinars/registration/protecting-minors-privacy-rights-how-to-use-vrlc-s.html>

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## *Resources and Tools*

### **Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC)**

SPARC, a project of Aequitas, provides numerous trainings and resources that assist victim service providers in efforts to work with stalking victims.

- ✚ Resources for Victim Service Providers: <https://www.stalkingawareness.org/victim-service-provider-resources/>

### **The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL)**

NCALL possesses a variety of guides, toolkits, and other resources that provide strategies to enhance response to elderly victims and survivors of abuse.

- ✚ Publication: [Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates](#)
- ✚ Toolkit: [Partnering to Address Faith and Safety: A Guide for Faith Leaders and Domestic and Sexual Violence Service Providers to Assist Older Victims of Abuse](#)
- ✚ Toolkit: [Reclaiming What is Sacred: Addressing Harm to Indigenous Elder and Developing a Tribal Response to Abuse in Later Life](#)