

# STAAR

STOP Technical Assistance to Administrators Resource Project

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Hello!

Below are relevant resources that we hope you will find helpful. We encourage you to forward this email to STOP subgrantees and others in your state who you think could benefit from the material.

If you have any questions about STOP planning, implementation, or related topics, please contact us at

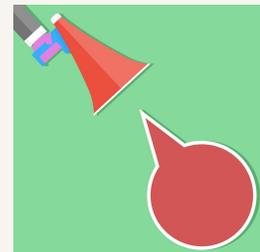
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-The STAAR Project Team

## STAAR Project Announcements

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- Our next webinar will be on the [Similarities and Differences between VOCA and VAWA Formula Grants](#) on December 5.
- Save the date for a webinar with VAWA MEI (Muskie) on January 14 at 2:30 CT. More information coming soon!
- Our most recent webinar, A-Z Advocacy Model: How Asian/Pacific Islander Programs Operationalize Culturally Specific Services, is now available on our [website](#)! One of the resources shared was this [comprehensive directory](#) that allows for the search of organizations serving API communities by state/territory, language, and specific communities served. STOP Administrators are encouraged to reach out to community based organizations that serve API communities in their state/territory to learn about community and organization needs.



## November is National Native American Heritage Month

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In reviewing RFPs or completing grant monitoring, you may see culturally specific healing options that are incorporated into what is considered to be more mainstream services. For example, tribal programs may incorporate

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handwork projects, such as bead work, into their Talking Circles. Talking Circles are culturally specific groups for primary survivors of violence and their families (secondary survivors) to receive support and education around the dynamics of violence and the [tactics that perpetrators utilize](#). It is common for service

providers to smudge themselves, participants, and the room before beginning a Talking Circle. Smudging can be done by burning sage as a way to cleanse and renew. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates may request funding for beading and smudging supplies, which are important aspects of holistic healing. Supply lists may include: sage, sweetgrass, cedar, abalone shells, feathers, pollen, leather, ribbons, red cloth, and sewing items.

## **November 29th, 2019 is Native American Heritage Day**

It's a great time to learn more about what American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in your area use for traditional healing and to find out more about culturally significant sites in your area. It's also a great time to connect with your local Tribal Coalition. This [Tribal Coalition list](#) includes descriptions of their service areas and contact information. Coalitions are essential members of your Implementation Planning teams.

Tribal coalitions are present in a number of States, and can provide input on a broad range of issues related to tribes, supporting victims, and holding offenders accountable on tribal land. If no tribal coalition exists in the State, reach out to individual tribes, regional tribal consortia, and tribal victim service advocates that have knowledge of the barriers to victim safety and offender accountability on tribal land within the State. Many States also have a tribal liaison or a similar position in State government.

Inclusion of the tribal coalition does not meet the requirement for tribal representation on the planning committee, but may be a helpful resource in meaningfully consulting with all the tribes in the State.

## **The week of November 10th was Forensic Nurses Week**

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There are so many courses, programs, and educational opportunities for Nurse Examiners to choose from, and each offers something different.

A certificate and a certification sound a lot alike, but they differ in significant ways. The International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) [has a guide](#) when considering the best training opportunities.

## **Implementation Planning Process**

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Get prepared and get started now with your IP timeline with ALSO's [A Monthly At-A-Glance Guide](#).

*The STOP Implementation Planning: A Monthly At-A-Glance Guide* offers an overview, action steps, and suggestions that can assist and help pace the STOP Grant Program Administrator's office during the STOP Implementation Planning process.

Sharing this "at-a-glance" overview with office leadership, STOP planning team members and other key partners, stakeholders, and communities is encouraged. It can quickly

provide them with an understanding of the STOP implementation planning process, what is expected, and an idea of the time and resources needed to comply with Federal requirements and accomplish STOP program goals.

As you are reviewing and making changes to the membership of your IP planning team, the [Planning Process Documentation FAQs](#) assist with guidance on documenting your IP committee participation, as well as the larger consultation group's input.

This archived [webinar recording](#) provides a detailed description of the planning guide.

Progress reports and financial reports by STOP grantees are not included in the month-by-month breakdowns. Reporting deadlines can be found in STOP grant award documentation and watch for newsletter announcements for an upcoming webinar, presented by the Muskie School of Public Service (VAWA MEI project), with detailed information on progress reporting.

[VAWA MEI](#) also has some tools and resources on their page to help with data reporting.

## VAWA Confidentiality

These resources were created by the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the Confidentiality Institute to assist service providers and agencies fully understand and comply with confidentiality regulations as mandated by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). These tools and resources may be particularly helpful to Administrators and subgrantees to ensure that current policies and procedures are in line with federal guidelines.

- [Confidentiality Toolkit](#)
- [Additional Guidance on VAWA Privacy and Effective Oversight](#)
- [Summary of all State and Territory Laws Around Advocate Confidentiality and Privilege](#)



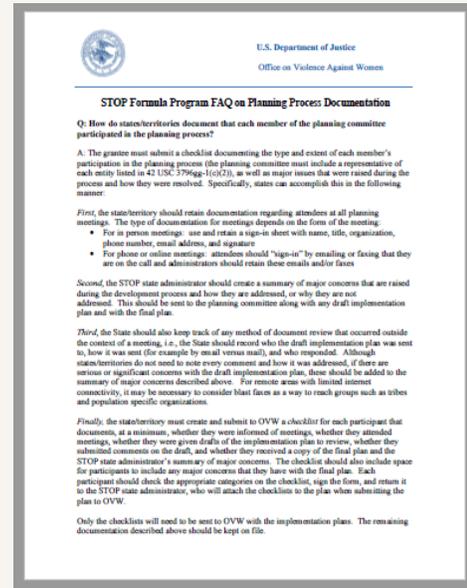
### STAAR Project Webinars

Upcoming:

- [Similarities and Differences between VOCA and VAWA Formula Grants](#)

Previous:

- [A-Z Advocacy Model: How](#)



### Email Checklist

You can now view all official emails sent by the ALSO STAAR Project in one place!



*Tip: This will be especially helpful if you are a new STOP Administrator and want to catch up on what you've missed.*

[Asian/Pacific Islander Programs  
Operationalize Culturally-Specific  
Services](#)

Visit our [webinars page](#) to access recordings and materials of all webinars convened by the STAAR Project!

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