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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 ALSOSTAARProjectTA@also-chicago.org.

-The STAAR Project Team

October is DVAM



Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) continues through the month of October.

Please explore this newsletter for resources and information related to working with survivors of domestic violence and some of the systems or services with which they might interact.

Announcement from OVW: New Grantee Orientation



Image Description: Aerial view of the skyline of Dallas, Texas in the sunset

Please see the attached letter from OVW Associate Director Amy Loder regarding a New Grantee Orientation (NGO) for new SAS and STOP Administrators and Coalition Directors. The NGO will be **March 31 - April 2, 2020 in Dallas, Texas.**

Please note that this NGO will replace the regularly scheduled STOP Administrators meeting for 2020.

Details of the NGO are in the letter, and more information will be forthcoming.

[Read more here.](#)

Intersections of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault/Intimate Partner Violence

This webinar, [Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse \(IPSA\): The Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence](#), facilitated by the [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center \(NIWRC\)](#), reviews:

- the prevalence of IPSA;
- the importance of understanding IPSA for risk assessments;
- strategies to increase victim disclosures; and
- recommendations for addressing IPSA when Domestic Violence (DV) has been the primary focus.

Because sexual violence is a common Power and Control tactic in DV, it is critical for dual DV/SA service providers to understand, acknowledge, and address any sexual abuse that occurred. Domestic Violence survivors may not be offered services that address the sexual violence; however, holistic services must include the provision of healing options for multiple/all forms of victimization. Interested in learning more about how to ensure high-quality sexual assault services



in dual programs? [Opening Our Doors: Building Strong Sexual Assault Services in Dual and Multi-Service Advocacy Agencies](#) contains information on the necessary Ten Components, as well as tools, resources, and assessments for agencies to utilize for effective implementation.

Image Description: Report Cover with title: Opening Our Doors subtitle: Building Strong Sexual Assault Services in Dual and Multi-Services Advocacy Agencies *additional text continued:* by Kris Bein, Valerie Davis, and Leah Green. Resource Sharing Project. Rural Training & Training Assistance
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“This protocol discusses the roles of the following responders: health care providers, advocates, law enforcement representatives, forensic scientists, and prosecutors, as well as interpreters. Clearly, each of these professions has a distinct and complementary role in responding to sexual assault. But rather than dictate who is responsible for every component of the response or within the exam process, the protocol is designed to help communities consider what each procedure involves and any related issues. With this information, each community can make decisions for its jurisdiction about the specific tasks of each responder during the exam process and the coordination needed among responders.”

This [National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations](#) also gives examples of considerations for jurisdictions to make when developing customized protocols, and it provides guidance on the creation of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART).

Addressing Language Access in Police Departments

Along with detailing how the Salem Police Department committed to meaningful access for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals, this feature includes the federal requirements around LEP access to services, an LEP self-assessment, information on qualified interpreters, and details how to handle exigent circumstances.

[Read more here.](#)

Developing Housing for DV Survivors

“One of our goals, however, was to build housing for ALL survivors, including survivors who are undocumented, have tarnished rental histories, or criminal records.”

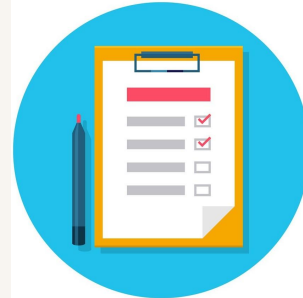
[Developing Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence](#), from the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV), gives an example of how the mixture of building collaborative partnerships and leveraging funding opportunities opened up new housing options for survivors of Domestic Violence.

Law Enforcement Checklists

We have gathered these checklists that are aimed at enhancing law enforcement response to intimate partner violence. Crimes

of gender based violence including domestic violence are complex and can be challenging to responding officers. It is critical for survivor safety and offender accountability to ensure that important details are documented in reports.

- [Firearm Checklist for Law Enforcement](#)
- [Response to Non-Lethal Strangulation Report Review Checklist](#)
- [Protection Order Violations Report Review Checklist](#)



[STAAR Project Webinars](#)

Upcoming:

- [A-Z Advocacy Model: How 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!

[Email Checklist](#)

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

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