

Community Assessment Institute

Save the Date!

A training institute on conducting community-based assessments for OVW grantees



Hosted by Praxis International

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Saint Paul,
Minnesota

Registration will open October 2016.



OVW grantees must receive approval to utilize grant funds to attend this training.



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Praxis guides communities in the use of community assessment based on [Praxis Institutional Analysis](#) methods to engage in institutional reform on behalf of survivors of violence against women. By focusing on how workers are organized to act on cases, community assessments uncover how complex institutions and systems either meet the needs of or produce negative outcomes in the lives of real, everyday people. Teams of advocates, community members, and agency representatives talk with survivors about their experiences with a system, talk with and observe people at work, map out the steps involved in processing cases, and review policies, forms, and case records. The process produces a road map for institutional change that will enhance safety and well-being for survivors and accountability of offenders.

Institute participants will learn how to:

- Determine the scope of your assessment given local resources
- Utilize the basic elements of an assessment in your OVW-funded project and adjust for the politics of your community
- Analyze different types of text that impact outcomes for victims (reports, forms, policies, recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
- Conduct effective, engaging and informative interviews with key interveners
- Get the most out of an observation of practitioners' work (such as 911 dispatchers, law enforcement officers, etc.)
- Conduct focus groups to glean insider knowledge and insights
- Facilitate interagency team meetings and data analysis sessions
- Draw conclusions from the information collected and translates it into new policies, procedures, training strategies, resource allocations, supervisory and oversight practices, linkages, and job functions that improve outcomes for victims

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