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Rural Technical Assistance Providers Directory



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Rural Program Grantees have access to free or low-cost training and support through Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) technical assistance providers. This directory features OVW-TA Providers that provide training and support to Rural Program Grantees: those that are rural-specific and those that are relevant to rural program areas.

Find a full directory of OVW-sponsored TA providers and upcoming OVW-sponsored training events here:

[Directory](https://ta2ta.org/directory)
ta2ta.org/directory

[Calendar of training events](https://ta2ta.org/calendar)
ta2ta.org/calendar

Find a full directory of OVW-sponsored Tribal TA providers here:

[Tribal TA Provider Directory](https://firstnations.org/helpdesk/tadirectory)
firstnations.org/helpdesk/tadirectory



We also encourage all Rural Program Grantees to connect regularly with their local **State, Tribal, and/or Territory Coalitions**. See below for current and complete coalition lists.

✓ [Sexual Assault State & Territory Coalitions](https://nsvrc.org/organizations/state-and-territory-coalitions)
nsvrc.org/organizations/state-and-territory-coalitions



✓ [Domestic Violence State & Territory Coalitions](https://nnev.org/resources/coalitions)
nnev.org/resources/coalitions



✓ [Tribal Coalitions](https://niwrc.org/tribal-coalitions)
niwrc.org/tribal-coalitions



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Rural-Specific OVW TA Providers

The following OVW TA providers bring rural-specific experience and expertise to Rural Program Grantees:

✔ Enhancing Sexual Assault Services in Rural Dual/Multi-Service Agencies

The Rural Training and Technical Assistance Project, a program of the Resource Sharing Project, is available to OVW Rural Grantees that are dual/multi-service advocacy agencies or sexual assault coalitions. The rural team provides webinars, publications, tools, national conferences, training and technical assistance for dual and multi-service agencies seeking to enhance services to all sexual violence survivors. The Rural TA Project can assist on a range of issues related to sexual violence services, such as:

- Developing an outreach plan for sexual assault survivors in your community
- Performing a sexual assault needs assessment
- Providing culturally and linguistically specific/accessible services to sexual assault survivors
- Advocacy for the unique needs of sexual violence survivors

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✔ Online Sexual Assault Training for Rural Law Enforcement Personnel

The Criminal Justice Institute's National Center for Rural Law Enforcement offers two online courses of sexual assault training for rural law enforcement.

Introduction to Sexual Assault for the Rural Executive Online provides rural law enforcement managers with the knowledge, skills, and resources for establishing a victim-centered response from their agency personnel. *Introduction to Sexual Assault for the Rural Investigator Online* is designed to enable rural officers to better understand the impact of sexual assault upon victims as well as ensure that each step in the investigation process is thoroughly conducted to apprehend the offender. The courses are available at the links below:

- [Investigator training](#)
- [Executive training](#)

Criminal Justice Institute's National Center for Rural Law Enforcement

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cji.edu/programs/sexual-assault-training-for-rural-law-enforcement-personnel/



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✔ Outreach to and Partnerships with Faith-Based Organizations

[Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence](#) is a religiously diverse, faith-based nonprofit that provides training and technical assistance on how to build partnerships with rural faith leaders. Faith is a fundamental pillar of identity and community for many rural Americans. When faced with sexual or domestic violence, rural survivors often understand these traumas through their faith and seek help from people they trust in their faith communities. Safe Haven's resources can help rural advocates reach out to faith leaders and faith communities, help faith leaders support victims in their congregations, and help advocates and faith leaders build partnerships to support victims together.

[Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence](#)

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✔ Prevention of Adolescent Relationship Abuse

[The Center for Healthy Teen Relationships](#), an initiative of the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, provides technical assistance for Rural grantees on the prevention of adolescent relationship abuse, stalking, and sexual assault. The Center for Healthy Teen Relationships offers on-site training and capacity building, web-based trainings called *TeenThreads* on topics that build capacity of Rural programs to create catalytic collaborations to engage and educate youth, engage and educate parents and caregivers, educators, and other important youth-influencers, develop model policy, and create youth-led communications and positive social norms marketing. Check out the 2016 [Our Gender Revolution campaign materials for your community or school](#)

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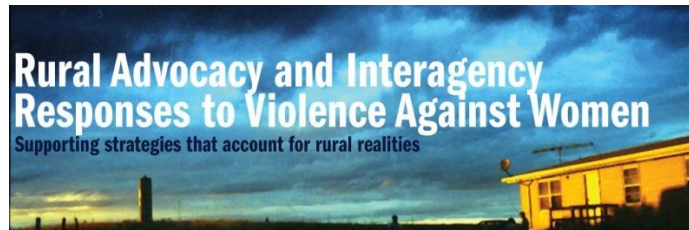
✔ Rural Advocacy and Interagency Responses to Violence Against Women

Since 1998, Praxis has been working with rural advocates and practitioners to support their goals of enhancing safety of rural survivors and addressing crimes of violence against women. Praxis organized the Rural Technical Assistance Project to help reduce the sense of isolation by providing peer-to-peer discussion, training and resources that focus on successful rural strategies. Praxis supports rural advocacy programs to orient their work and develop skills to organize an end to violence against women in rural communities: Build capacity and leadership to engage in system reform efforts, enhance skills in addressing complex issues facing rural survivors, and establish core advocacy models to engage in long term, social change-oriented advocacy. Praxis also supports rural communities in advancing criminal legal system responses to battering that enhance safety for victims and accountability for offenders: Adapting and replicating models without having to re-create the wheel, implementing model policies and practices, and establish interagency protocols and working agreements.

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✔ Rural Sexual Response Teams/Coordinated Community Responses

The [Sexual Violence Justice Institute](#) at [Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) promotes justice for victims of sexual violence through collaboration, leadership, training and technical assistance as a national resource for expertise in the criminal justice response to sexual violence. We equip Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) across the country with skills, tools and knowledge essential for a coordinated, compassionate response to sexual assault. SVJI @ MNCASA provides customized and specialized assistance to help rural SARTs/CCRs to improve their response to victims of sexual violence.

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Rural-Relevant OVW TA Providers

The following OVW TA providers bring experience and expertise on issues relevant to Rural Program Grantees:

✔ Abuse in Later Life

Through advocacy and education, the [National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life](#) (NCALL) works every day to improve victim safety, increase abuser accountability, expand coordinated community response, and ultimately, put an end to abuse in later life.

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life

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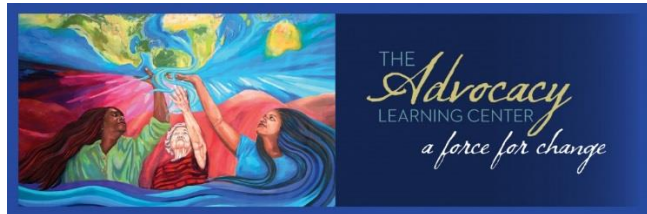
✔ Advocacy Learning Center

The Advocacy Learning Center is an 18-month experiential course created to examine the vision, identify the principles and knowledge, and practice the skills and qualities that make advocacy a powerful force in the movement to end violence against women. Working with other advocates, you will develop new ways to define and structure advocacy, from engaging and working with survivors to strategizing and acting to change systems and community responses. The Advocacy Learning Center curriculum presents conceptual frameworks and theoretical foundations that can strengthen the application of advocacy in any setting.

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✔ Analyzing Institutional Responses to Violence Against Women

Since 2003, Praxis has been providing support to communities to analyze institutional responses to violence against women through the use of Institutional Analysis, community assessment, best practice assessment, and Safety and Accountability Audits. Praxis' Institutional Analysis methods help communities to engage in system reform on behalf of survivors of violence against women. By focusing on how workers are organized to act on cases, the process uncovers 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 changes that will enhance safety and well-being for survivors and accountability of offenders.

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✔ Training and TA for Attorneys

The American Bar Association's [Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence](#) provides expert training and technical assistance to OVW grantee attorneys on critical legal issues raised when representing victims of domestic and sexual violence, including custody litigation, effective use of interpreters, legal needs of clients with disabilities, "DV 101" for lawyers, pro se assistance, implementations of the [Standards of Practice in Civil Protection Order Cases](#), etc.

American Bar Association

Service Hotline

(800) 285-2221

(312) 988-5000

Chicago Hdqts & Washington DC Office

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americanbar.org/aba.html

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✔ Blueprint for Safety

The Blueprint for Safety, originally developed and implemented in Saint Paul, MN, is a prototype that can be used by any community hoping to link its criminal justice agencies together in a coherent, philosophically sound domestic violence intervention model. Praxis provides technical assistance to communities interested in adapting The Blueprint in their jurisdiction(s), with funds from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and/or individual programs.

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✔ Building Legal Capacity to Combat Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Against Immigrants

The [Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.'s](#) project on Building Legal Capacity to Combat Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Against Immigrants provides OVW grantees with substantive immigration law training and assistance with the application for Board of Appeals recognition and accreditation, the DOJ's certification of nonprofit legal immigration programs and their staff. The primary objective of the project is to create and enhance immigration legal services to battered immigrants across the country in 30 underserved communities, including rural areas.

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✔ Capacity Building for Rural, Tribal, Underserved, and Culturally Specific Serving OVW Grantees

The National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities is a project of Casa de Esperanza that builds bridges and connections among research, practice and policy to advance effective responses to eliminate domestic violence and to promote healthy relationships within Latin@ families and communities.

The National Latin@ Network provides training and TA for OVW grantees and partners to assess their organizational structure, and enhance their ability to effectively manage, operate and sustain their organizations serving in rural, tribal, underserved and culturally specific communities.

Casa de Esperanza will provide targeted technical assistance to ensure OVW grantees serving Latino communities and non-grantee Latino organizations expand their capacity to serve battered Latinas and their families.

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✔ End Abuse of People with Disabilities

The End Abuse of People with Disabilities website is managed by the Center on Victimization and Safety at the [Vera Institute of Justice](#). This website is a place to connect with others engaged in this work, to access the latest resources and research from the field, and to advance the thinking around intervention and prevention.

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✔ **Immigration (VAWA, T and U visas), Family, Public Benefits, Housing, Health Care, and Language Access**

The [National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project](#) provides direct technical assistance and training for attorneys, advocates, judges, police, sheriffs, prosecutors, and other professionals whose work affects immigrant women, children, and immigrant crime victims at the Federal, State and local levels.

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✔ Language Access and Interpretation

The Asian Pacific Institute on Gender Based Violence's [Interpretation Technical Assistance Resource Center](#) provides technical assistance and training to OVW grantees on language access and interpretation: spoken language interpretation, sign language interpretation for deaf victims who do not use ASL, compliance with federal and state language access laws and policies, distinctions between bilingual advocacy and interpretation, etc.

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✔ National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations of Adults and Adolescents

The [SAFEta project](#) of the International Association of Forensic Nurses was developed out of the need to disseminate and implement the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations of Adults (SAFE Protocol) and adolescents broadly across the United States.

The [kidsta.org](#) project is a National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations Pediatric providing all Pediatric Sexual Assault Responders Technical assistance and essential knowledge about sexual assault medical-forensic examinations and related topics.

[SAFEta project](#)

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✔ Nonprofit Sustainability

The [Nonprofit Sustainability Technical Assistance](#) (NSTA) Project is a program of the national Resource Sharing Project in partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence. The NSTA Project provides web conferences, coaching calls, and technical assistance to: support and enhance the capacity of nonprofit OVW grantees to build sustainable organizations; and strengthen OVW grantees' nonprofit management skills to successfully implement their programs and services. The NSTA Project will also produce 3 publications during the next 2 years on nonprofit sustainability issues related to Financial Management, Boards of Directors and Succession Planning.

The NSTA team is available to OVW nonprofit grantees with technical assistance on issues pertaining to nonprofit management, such as financial management, Board of Directors, succession planning, and others.

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✔ Victim and Survivor Rights to Privacy

The [Victim Rights Law Center's](#) Privacy Rights Project provides Rural and Legal Assistance to Victims Program grantees with free access to the qualified experts who can answer the myriad of confidentiality, privacy and privilege questions encounter and tools and resources needed to protect and promote victims' privacy rights.

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✔ Youth-Informed, Youth-Led Love is Advocacy Project

National Domestic Violence Hotline and Break the Cycle are partnering on the OVW TA Love is Advocacy project to deliver youth informed and youth led training and technical assistance to rural and frontier OVW grantees.

The primary target audience is rural youth advocacy organizations, or rural DV providers who are recipients of Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program Funding. The TA and training is focused on rural and frontier areas and areas that are under-resourced or face other access challenges.

Assistance available to Rural Grantees includes:

- On-site trainings to selected OVW Rural program grantee sites.
- Web-based trainings for OVW Rural Grantees and youth.

National Domestic Violence Hotline Love is Advocacy Project

loveisrespect.org

breakthecycle.org

thehotline.org

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