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WHY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH?



This October, the National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) commemorates and elevates Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) and invites you to pause and reflect on how—as individuals; as criminal justice practitioners; as local, state, and Tribal communities; and as a nation—we can better serve and support those living in the shadow of domestic violence (DV). As criminal justice practitioners, advocates, and assistance providers, we can meet victims where they are and understand that “justice” and services are not one-size-fits-all concepts. We acknowledge that there are many paths to the best DV response for each individual while prioritizing trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally-specific practices in every approach. We can rededicate ourselves to the fundamental principles that DV is never tolerated and that everyone has the right to live and thrive, free from fear of abuse and violence. Members of the LETTAC Consortium—subject-matter experts, justice innovators, and fellow practitioners—recorded brief messages to encourage and inspire colleagues, communities, and victims and survivors. They are honored to add their voices to #DVAM2022.

If you or your agency are interested in receiving custom training and technical assistance (TTA) from any of the Consortium members, we look forward to hearing from you at www.LETTAC.org/TTA. For more information on LETTAC TTA, please see the back page.

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DENISE JONES

Sergeant Denise Jones has worked in law enforcement for more than 20 years and has held various assignments, including corrections, court security, patrol, jail, and professional standards. She currently serves with the Clark County, Ohio, Sheriff’s Office, where she manages the intimate partner crime unit and investigates and follows up on every incident of domestic violence, strangulation, stalking, protection order violations, and sexual assault between intimate partners. Her unit also oversees all training related to intimate partner crime for their department and outside agencies in her jurisdiction. Sergeant Jones is an instructor for the International Association of Chiefs of Police for LGBTQ+ issues and works with community partners, services providers, advocates, and members of marginalized populations to reduce gender bias and discrimination in her community. Sergeant Jones graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice administration. She also holds master of science degrees in criminal justice administration and in emergency services management. She is currently enrolled at Oregon State University in the women, gender, and sexual studies program.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Call or text 800.799.7233 (SAFE)

StrongHearts Native Helpline:

Call or text 844.762.8483 (844.7NATIVE)



JUSTIN BOARDMAN

Detective Justin Boardman (retired) served in law enforcement for 15 years with the West Valley City, Utah, Police Department. His first eight years were spent as a patrol officer. During his seven years in the special victims unit, Detective Boardman worked tirelessly on the Salt Lake County Sexual Assault Response Team investigative process to help eliminate sexual assault kit backlogs and increase the prosecution of perpetrators. In 2013, Detective Boardman co-authored a trauma-informed interview protocol for adult victims of sexual assault with former prosecutor Donna Kelly. This guideline uses the neurobiology of trauma to increase prosecutions and is now the standard process in Utah and neighboring states. Since retiring in 2017, Detective Boardman trains and consults globally on various subjects—most notably, trauma-informed victim interviews and trauma-informed investigations, which he relentlessly researches and redesigns to create processes that better protect and serve victims. He believes that police work done with compassion and empathy improves communication; builds bridges; establishes a system of consistency and belief; supports prosecution of those who harm; and, most importantly, supports survivors. A sample of Detective Boardman’s training materials is available on the LETTAC Clearinghouse.



CANDACE MOSLEY

Candace M. Mosley, JD, is the director of programs at the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), where she is responsible for several NDAA national tuition-based training programs; NDAA independent contract (custom fit) training; and two NDAA OVW grant awards. Ms. Mosley is the director of the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women, NDAA, where she manages all technical assistance requests relating to domestic violence. In addition, she oversees all NDAA national trainings that address these issues specifically, including the Prosecuting Sexual Assaults and Other Violent Crimes course. Ms. Mosley has also developed and produced international training, including the Prosecutor Training Institute in Nairobi, Kenya, (in collaboration with Lawyers Without Borders) and domestic violence-related training for the Attorney General’s Office of Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in Truk, Chuuk State, FSM. She has also custom-designed regional and individual office training for the military and state and local prosecutors. Ms. Mosley has been practicing law for more than 35 years. She earned a juris doctorate from the Southern Methodist University School of Law and a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Houston in Houston, Texas.

LESLYE ORLOFF

Leslye Orloff, JD, is an adjunct professor and the director of the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project at American University Washington College of Law. During her rich career of more than 40 years, Ms. Orloff was involved in drafting and implementing the Protection for Immigrant Victims of Violence Against Women of the Violence Against Women Acts of 1994, 2000, 2005, and 2013; the Trafficking Victims Protection Acts of 2000 and 2008; legal services access for battered immigrants in 1997 and 2005; and welfare access for battered immigrants in 1996.

Ms. Orloff was a co-founder and co-chair of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women. She has published numerous law and social science journal articles, curricula, and training materials for attorneys, law enforcement, judges, and other professionals on legal rights and services options for immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes. Ms. Orloff has received national recognition for her work, which recently includes Governor Andrew Cuomo's New York State Council on Women and Girls COVID-19 Domestic Violence Task Force 2020. Ms. Orloff earned a juris doctorate from the University of California at Los Angeles and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree from Brandeis University.



C. RENEE STAPP

C. Renee Stapp is a citizen of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma and currently serves as the program director for the Victim Assistance to Support Tribes Center for the National Center for Victims of Crime. She was recently appointed by Muscogee (Creek) Principal Chief Hill to the Muscogee Nation Lighthorse Police Commission to assist with the ever-growing responsibility of public safety on the Muscogee Reservation. Ms. Stapp has more than 20 years of experience supporting and engaging with victims of crime in Indian Country. She previously served as a federal victim specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Great Plains Region (District I) and has held previous positions as a sworn police officer in Oklahoma (Tribal and state), a Tribal domestic violence/sexual assault advocate, and a state investigator for the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System. Ms. Stapp has also worked on projects such as the Maze of Injustice with Amnesty International and has received a letter of acknowledgment from the South Dakota United States Attorney's Office for work conducted on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Ms. Stapp holds a master of science degree in human resources (criminal justice) from East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.



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LETTAC is a single, streamlined point of entry for OVW grantees and potential grantees (including prosecutors and civilian staff) to request criminal justice-focused TTA. LETTAC prioritizes inclusivity of support, including assistance for traditionally underserved and marginalized jurisdictions—such as rural, Tribal, and culturally-specific communities—to help law enforcement leaders and practitioners best respond to, investigate, and prosecute cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking in Tribal communities.

