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**NATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN  
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSORTIUM**





# LETTAC

The National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) serves as the single access point for all Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grantees (and potential grantees)—including prosecutors, civilian staff, and call center personnel—to request training and technical assistance (TTA) to best respond to, investigate, and prosecute cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. LETTAC advances criminal justice solutions that are trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally specific; aid in the successful prosecution of gender-based violent (GBV) crimes; prioritize offender accountability; and support victim healing, safety, and justice. This driving goal is captured in the LETTAC tagline: *Serving Victims by Supporting Law Enforcement.*

Because of the Consortium—the cadre of leaders, subject-matter experts (SMEs), and innovators seasoned in addressing Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and GBV challenges and priorities—LETTAC truly is a by-the-field, for-the-field resource. The LETTAC SMEs constitute a deep bench of TTA providers poised to guide and support practitioners involved in addressing VAWA- and GBV-related crime in all jurisdictions and localities (including Tribal Nations and culturally specific communities and groups). These experts are LETTAC’s strength, our unique offering to the field, and the backbone of our TTA.

Explore the 2023 Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW) LETTAC session offerings and learn from our experts in person!





### **Justin Boardman**

Detective Justin Boardman (retired) served for 15 years with the West Valley City, Utah, Police Department. As part of the Salt Lake County Sexual Assault Response Team, Detective Boardman worked to improve the investigative process to eliminate sexual assault kit backlogs and increase the prosecution of perpetrators. In 2013, he co-authored a trauma-informed interview protocol for adult victims of sexual assault that is now the standard process in Utah and neighboring states.



### **Lauren Dennis**

Lauren Dennis has worked extensively in all forms of advocacy, including crisis response, community-based advocacy, systems-based advocacy, and state-level advocacy. She has a passion for victim rights, with a particular focus on marginalized communities. Ms. Dennis is involved in the Victims Education and Enforcement Board with the State of Ohio.



### **John Guard**

Chief Deputy John Guard is with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office in Greenville, North Carolina, and has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience. For almost two and a half decades, he has specialized in investigating domestic violence cases. Chief Guard serves as the chair of the Pitt Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and was instrumental in its creation.



### **Cannon Han**

Cannon Han is a senior program manager with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence. He works to identify and address challenges for persons with limited English proficiency and who are deaf or hearing impaired. Mr. Han coauthored the Resource Guide for Advocates and Attorneys on Interpretation Services for Domestic Violence Victims and has been an active attorney since 2002.



### **Denise Jones**

Sergeant Denise Jones has worked in law enforcement for more than 20 years and has held various assignments. 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.



### **Michael LaRiviere**

Officer Michael LaRiviere is a member of the Salem, Massachusetts, Police Department and is currently assigned to the patrol division. He has served as a law enforcement officer for more than 30 years and is a trainer and educator with decades of experience in developing immigration, domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse response policies, procedures, and training programs on a national level.



### **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. For the past 40 years, she has drafted and implemented immigration relief, public benefits access, and family law protections for immigrants. 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 and has received national recognition for her work.



### **Lumarie Orozco**

Lumarie Orozco, MA, is a survivor and community psychologist with over 20 years of experience working to end violence against women and girls. She takes a survivor-led, community-centered approach to addressing GBV crimes in Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities. She specializes in culturally responsive strategies and has significantly contributed to OVW's Domestic Violence Resource for Increasing Safety and Connection (DV RISC), its Firearms Technical Assistance Project, and the Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative.



### **Sakima Romero-Chandler**

The Reverend Dr. Sakima Romero-Chandler is a sought-after trainer and published author on domestic violence and sexual violence. She specializes in culturally responsive strategies and has significantly contributed to OVW's DV RISC and the Culturally Specific Domestic Violence Homicide and Firearms Consortium. As a faith leader, she specializes in community networking, especially within diverse communities.

# Experience LETTAC in Person

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

12:00 Noon  
-1:00 p.m.

## Ready, Set, . . . LETTAC! Tailored Support for Law Enforcement Agencies, Officers, and Criminal Justice Community Partners

**Aisha Battle, OVW Team Lead, Rural Unit and Children and Youth & Engaging Men Program**

**Donna Jean Lindquist, LETTAC Program Leader, Institute for Intergovernmental Research**

The Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) connects criminal justice-focused requests (e.g., virtual training series, facilitated strategic planning sessions, keynote conference speakers) to our bench of Consortium experts ready to tailor solutions to your priorities. Lunch-and-explore the range of LETTAC opportunities, learn how to maximize this no-cost resource, and meet Consortium members . . . the heart of the program.

1:30 p.m.  
-3:00 p.m.

## Approaching the Crime of Stalking With a Coordinated Response

**Sergeant Denise Jones**

**Lauren Dennis**

**Rebecca Sinnott, Clark County, Ohio, Assistant Prosecutor**

This workshop offers inclusive insight into a coordinated response to stalking to better serve victims/survivors of this under-reported and daunting offense. Learn how to take a trauma-informed approach to educating victims on identifying, documenting, and reporting stalking, as well as simple safety planning techniques for victims to incorporate routinely. First-line officers will be able to better identify stalking and understand the value of reports and charging. Co-responding models will be reviewed.

## Beyond the Basics: Partnerships With Law Enforcement

**Chief John Guard**

This workshop identifies individual strengths that the various allied professional disciplines bring to the table and introduces the Pitt County model of multidisciplinary partnership and the road map it follows (from the initial internal discussions to the full implementation and ongoing modifications). This model, which has been in place for almost two decades, was developed to address the challenges faced by allied professionals while simultaneously increasing victim safety and offender accountability.

3:30 p.m.  
-5:00 p.m.

## Effective Domestic Violence Response: Why Changing Mindsets Improves Victim Safety

**Chief John Guard**

This session provides an inside look at the dynamics present in violent intimate partner relationships and investigative tips to ensure that the offender's "private face" is exposed. The impact of Crawford v. Washington will be discussed along with how to utilize the Forfeiture by Wrongdoing doctrine to overcome this case. Techniques for conducting a post-arrest investigation will also be shared.

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

**8:00 a.m.  
-9:30 a.m.**

**There Is Room at the Table: Building Inclusive Collaborations to Include Culturally Specific Community-Based Organizations**

**The Reverend Dr. Sakima Romero-Chandler**

**Lumarie Orozco**

**Chief John Guard**

This session addresses barriers and challenges to collaboration between law enforcement and culturally specific community-based organizations; explores options for assessing organizations' capacities to engage in meaningful collaborations; and identifies principles and tools for developing well-intentioned, inclusive collaborations that provide culturally responsive, trauma-informed care to survivors. This session also provides opportunities for reciprocal learning through small group discussions.

**10:00 a.m.  
-11:30 a.m.**

**Mindfulness: The "Next Big Thing" to Improving and Changing Responses to Gender-Based Violence**

**Detective Justin Boardman (retired)**

Individuals come to multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) with their personalities, professions, and trauma backgrounds. These teams' work—while invaluable to victims and survivors—can deplete resilience; MDT meetings can become frustrating and even re-traumatizing. By addressing both trauma and secondary trauma through mindfulness, responders can work to prevent future dysfunction—benefiting the team and the survivors we serve. This session includes mindfulness exercises and tools to help MDTs and individuals practice self-care.

**3:30 p.m.  
-5:00 p.m.**

**The U Visa and Language Access: Tools to Increase Immigrant Victim Participation in the Justice System**

**Leslye Orloff**

**Officer Michael LaRiviere**

This interactive workshop discusses how the U Visa is a powerful tool that assists law enforcement in effectively improving community safety while promoting access to justice for immigrant crime victims. Presenters will also address the importance of language access at crime scenes and during investigations and offer best practices, practical tools, and the chance to participate in peer-to-peer learning.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

<p>8:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Hand in Hand: When Law Enforcement and Advocates Come Together to Serve</b></p> <p><b>Sergeant Denise Jones</b> <b>Lauren Dennis</b> <b>Rebecca Sinnott, Clark County, Ohio, Assistant Prosecutor</b></p> <p>Better understand the needs of victims, the benefits of law enforcement and advocacy working together with victims, and how to work these cases without victim participation. Learn strategies for cohesively communicating with each other to better understand the roles and limitations of each profession. This workshop discusses the impact of trauma and the value of trauma-informed responses from both law enforcement and advocacy in intimate partner violence cases.</p>
<p>10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Policing in All Languages: Building Capacity to Protect and Serve Communities With Limited English Proficiency</b></p> <p><b>Cannon Han</b> <b>Detective Shelli Sonnenberg, Boise, Idaho, Police Department</b> <b>Officer Natasha Haunsperger, Portland, Oregon, Police Bureau, Office of Community Engagement, Chief's Office</b></p> <p>This workshop discusses practical strategies employed by the Boise Police Department and the Portland Police Bureau related to victims with limited English proficiency (LEP). This includes an overview of language access requirements, effective community engagement strategies to overcome language divides, practices to successfully build trust with immigrant and refugee communities, and considerations for conducting criminal investigations involving women with LEP.</p>
<p>3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>More Than a Buzzword: Discussing the Meaning of "Trauma-Informed"</b></p> <p><b>Detective Justin Boardman (retired)</b></p> <p>"Trauma-informed" is more than a buzzword: being trauma-informed is the key to more robust cases, finding additional evidence, and providing procedural justice. It also means responders are supported in a trauma-informed way by focusing on and encouraging the responder's emotional and physical health. This workshop will provide an overview of the neurobiology of trauma, explain why it is foundational to being trauma-informed, and explore what "trauma-informed" looks like in practice.</p>

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

**Officer-Involved Domestic Violence . . . Now What?**

**Sergeant Denise Jones**

**Chief John Guard**

**8:00 a.m.  
-9:30 a.m.**

Unfortunately, in some communities, instead of officers preventing violence, they are the cause, with their abusive offenses hidden behind the badge. Learn how law enforcement departments can prepare themselves and their officers to better respond to officer-perpetrated GBV crimes and how departments can better help victims to come forward.

**Closing the Gaps: Leveraging Existing Resources to Improve Desired Outcomes**

**Chief John Guard**

**10:00 a.m.  
-11:30 a.m.**

This interactive session informs attendees about the strategies that offenders use to exploit the inherent gaps that are unknowingly created by the traditional responses of allied professionals, both within and outside the criminal justice system. It also identifies techniques and system adjustments to be deployed when assisting victims of intimate partner violence to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

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# About Our Federal Funder: OVW

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), an office within the U.S. Department of Justice, provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW was created following the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994; VAWA was renewed in 2005, in 2013, and again in 2021. Visit [www.justice.gov/ovw](http://www.justice.gov/ovw) for more about the Office; OVW-supported podcasts and blogs; funding information, guidelines, and resources; and links to information about the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. A listing of the OVW grant programs, designed to strengthen services to victims and hold offenders accountable, is available at [www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs](http://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs). LETTAC is supported with funding from several of these programs.

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