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NSVRC Awarded \$500,000 to increase the capacity of organizations serving survivors of sexual assault nationwide

Funding supports joint efforts with the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence to bolster trauma-informed and culturally relevant services for children, individuals, and families

HARRISBURG, PA –The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) was awarded \$500,000 as one of two Sexual Assault Capacity Building Centers that will work to improve trauma-informed, developmentally sensitive, and culturally relevant services for survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault nationwide. This award was funded as a part of [39 new competitive discretionary grants](#) totaling \$9.85 million announced by the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) just ahead of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

With this new three-year funding through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), NSVRC looks forward to increased collaboration with the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV), also funded to establish a Sexual Assault Capacity Building Center through this program, and Culturally Specific Sexual Assault Centers: Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Mujeres Latinas en Acción, the National Asian and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence, and the National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault.

Through this grant program, these partners will build upon the progress of community-based sexual assault and domestic violence programs in reducing the pervasive and harmful impact of violence and trauma by implementing trauma-informed services for individuals and families.

“We are honored to receive this award from the Office on Family Violence and Prevention to work alongside our valued partners in ensuring survivors of sexual assault receive the trauma-informed and culturally relevant support they deserve,” said NSVRC Director Yolanda Edrington. “Healing and supportive services for survivors are integral to our mission to prevent and end sexual abuse, assault, and harassment.”

“The new awards build a stronger public health response to violence, trauma and abuse, increasing safe and equitable access to survivor-centered, trauma-informed interventions for adults, children, youth and individuals impacted by dating violence, family violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault every day in this country,” said ACF Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services Director Shawndell Dawson.

ABOUT NSVRC

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center is proudly a part of [Respect Together](#). NSVRC provides information and tools to organizations and advocates across the U.S. to end sexual abuse, assault, and harassment. By translating research and trends into best practices, NSVRC helps individuals, communities and service providers achieve real and lasting change. Every April, NSVRC leads Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a campaign to educate and engage the public in addressing this widespread issue. The center also works with the media to promote informed news coverage.