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VALOR Receives New Funding to Prevent Sexual Violence

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SACRAMENTO, CA – ValorUS® (VALOR) received \$2 million to support VALOR’s work to continue to prevent sexual violence in underserved communities across California. VALOR received four federal grants from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and one grant from the Westside Regional Center.

OVW awarded VALOR and The Arc of California (The Arc), to continue VALOR’s California Advocates Leading in Engagement, Accessibility and Developmental Disability Services (C.A. LEADDs) that ensures rape crisis centers and disability service providers are cross-trained to support survivors with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide appropriate and accessible services.

Westside Regional Center awarded VALOR funding to create and implement educational curriculum and training for their service providers supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. The training will build capacity for service providers to utilize trauma-informed care practices for survivors of sexual assault.

OVW awarded VALOR a three-year grant for California Immigration Legal Assistance Project (CILAP). In partnership with the National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP), Lideres Campesinas (Lideres), Ya Basta Center (Ya Basta), and Crowell & Moring LLP, VALOR will tackle the significant and multiple barriers and ongoing gaps in access to direct legal and advocacy services for janitor and farmworker survivors. Funding will provide underserved survivors with trauma-informed, geographically, financially, linguistically, and culturally-accessible pro bono representation and victim advocacy.

OVW awarded a third grant to continue VALOR’s Leadership Education and Advancement for Professionals (LEAP) Project with the Women of Color Network to address the disproportionate lack of women of color leaders in the movement. LEAP’s primary purpose is to enhance the professional skills of individuals of color seeking professional advancement in the gender-based violence field.

OVC awarded VALOR the opportunity to partner with local juvenile detention facilities to provide victim services to detained juveniles who have been sexually assaulted, and train correctional officers and juvenile detention facility staff members on how to respond through a trauma-informed lens and support youth survivors. VALOR will work with Sure Helpline and Partners Against Violence to work with juvenile detention facilities in their communities.

“I am proud to have secured \$2 million in funding. These awards enable VALOR to live into its commitment of advancing equity to end violence,” shares CEO, Sandra Henriquez. VALOR continues to lead with prevention and working with community partners to break down barriers for underserved survivors and create institutional change.

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