

Funding Training, Collaboration & Services On Abuse In Later Life Through OVW

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Office on Violence Against Women

- Domestic violence
- Sexual abuse
- Stalking
- Dating violence

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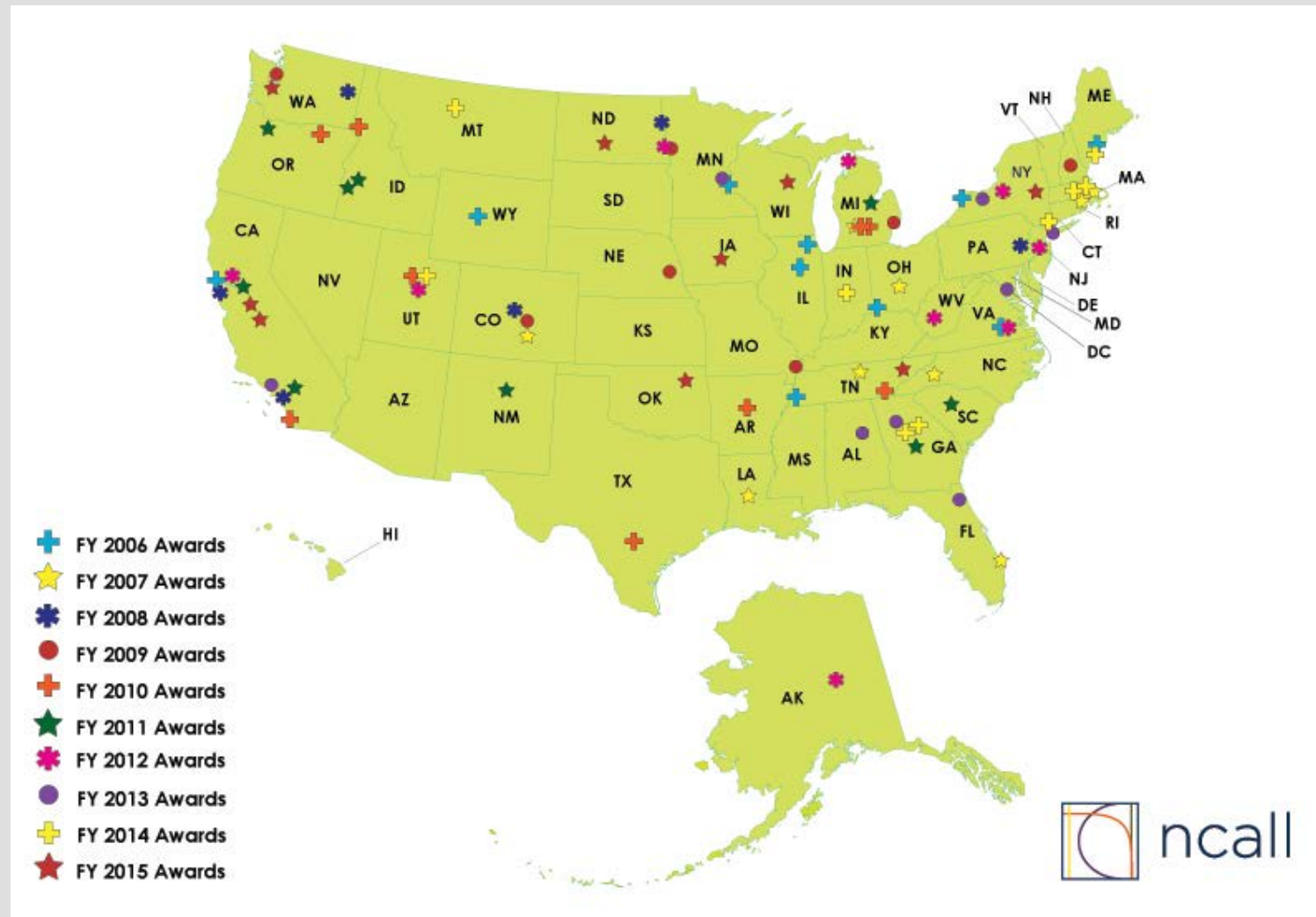
Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program

(OVW Abuse in Later
Program)

- 3 years
- \$400,000 total
- 9 – 10 projects

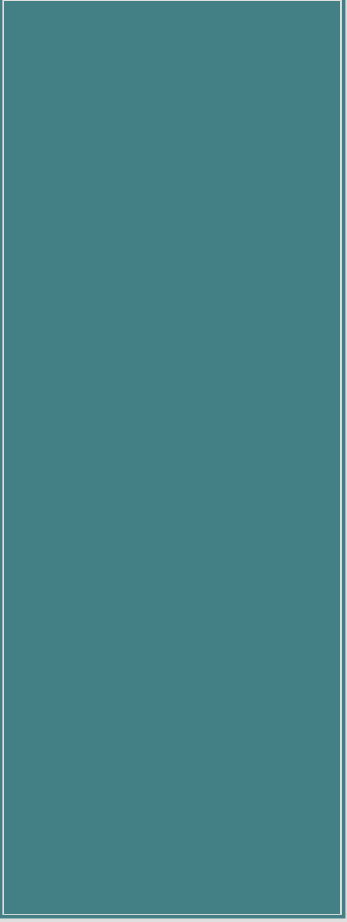


OVW Abuse in Later Life Grantees





Required MOU Partners

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- Law enforcement
 - Prosecutors' office
 - Adult protective services/aging services network
 - Domestic violence/sexual assault program

Training

- Direct
- Cross training
- Coordinated
Community Response
- Victim Services





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Direct Training

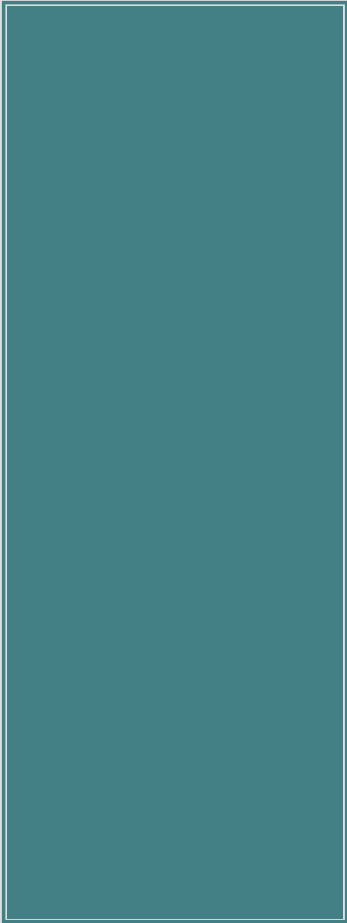
- Law enforcement
- Advanced law enforcement
- Prosecutors
- Judges

Cross Training

- Coordinated Community Response event (kick-off)
- Victim services



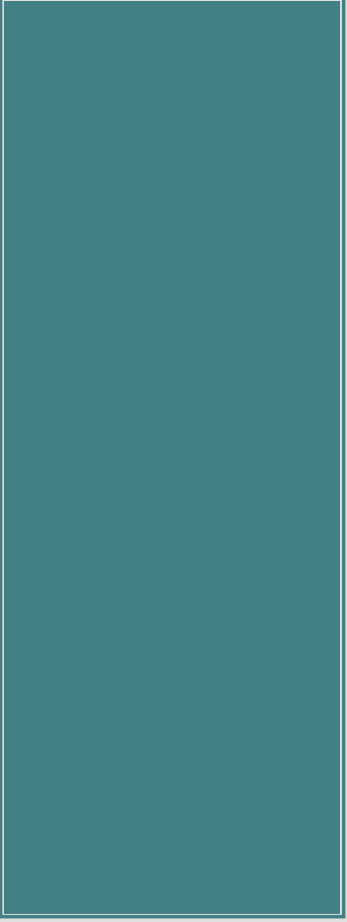
Coordinated Community Response

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Coordinated Community Response (CCR)

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- Task: Create or enhance an existing multidisciplinary team focused on coordination and systemic response to abuse in later life
 - CCR's Purpose: Systemic, organizational change to enhance victim safety and offender accountability



Victim Services

- 24 hour helpline
- Case management
- Support groups
- Counseling
- Legal advocacy
- Emergency/
Transitional housing



Who Can Be the Lead Agency(ies)

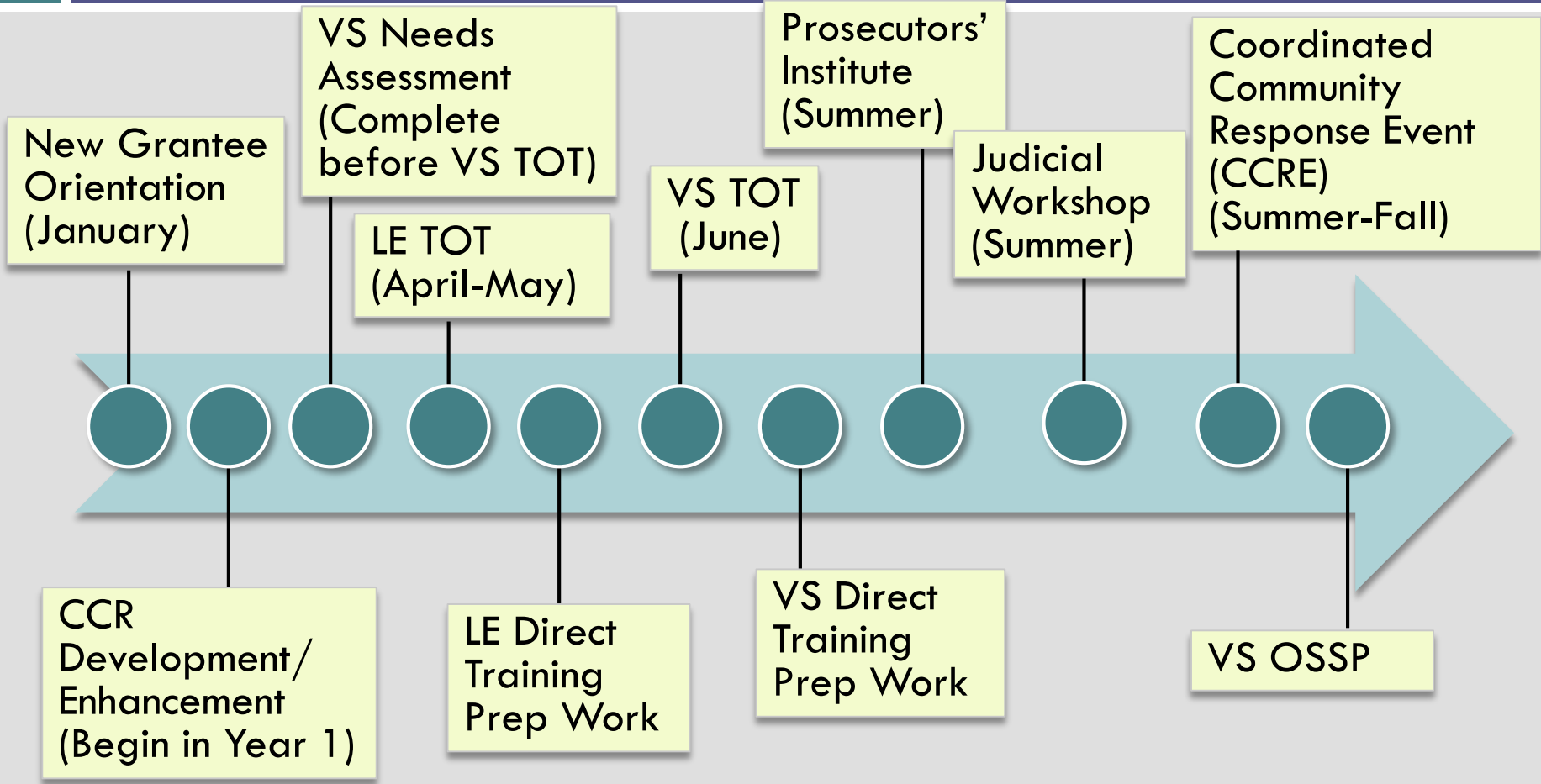
- Duties of the
lead agency



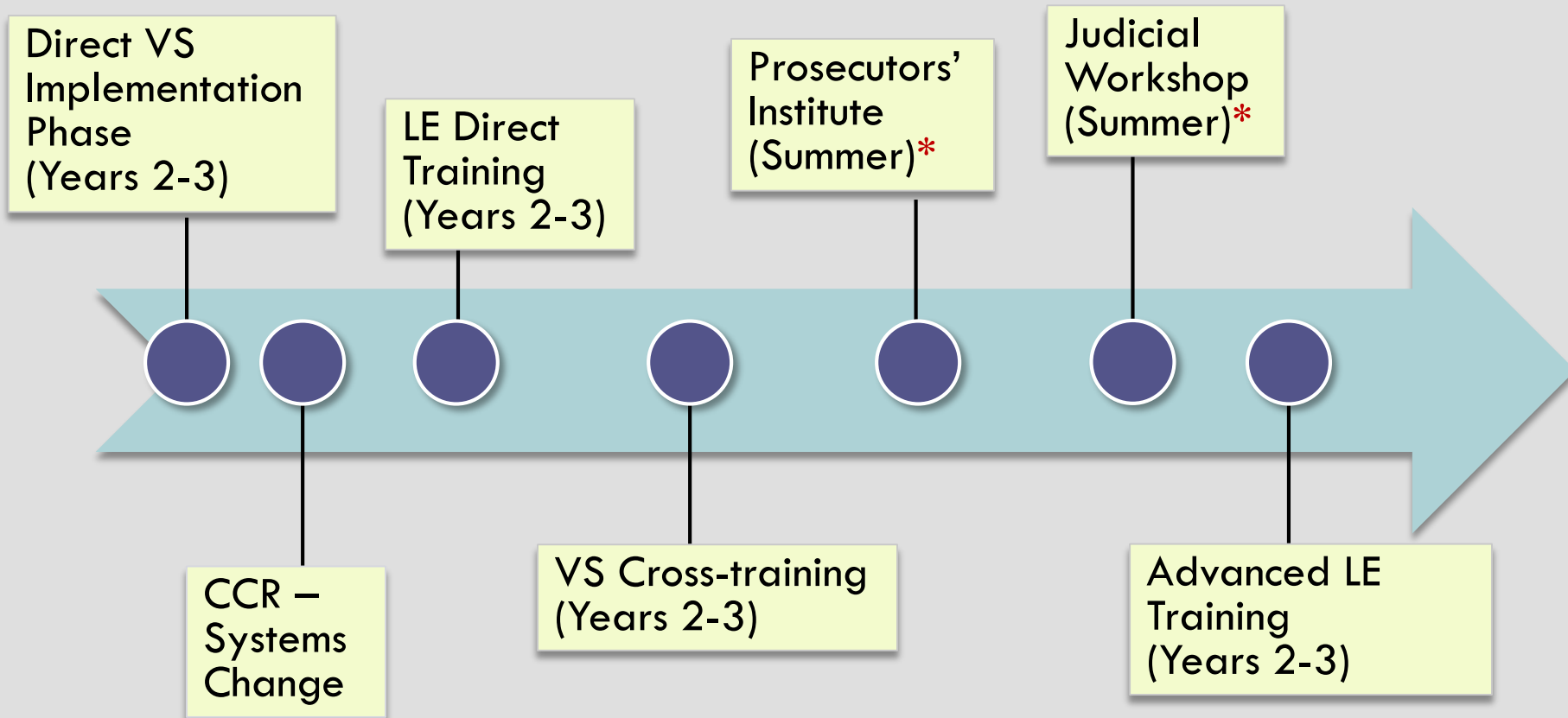
Role of the Project Coordinator

- Project advocate
- Training event organizer
- CCR meetings coordinator
- Ensures needs assessment and Outreach and Services Strategic Plan (OSSP) are completed
- Ensures reports are filed

ALL Grant Timeline



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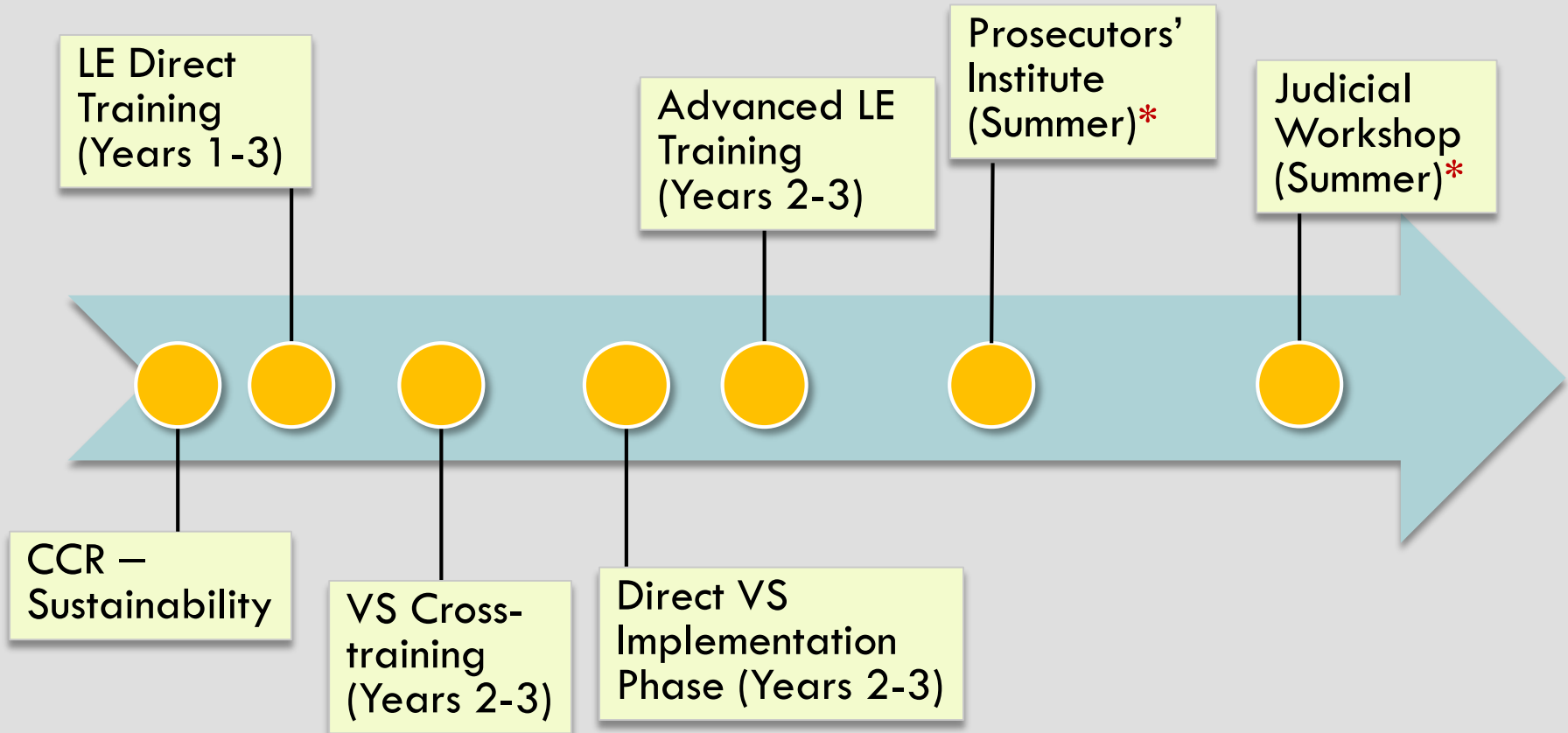


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ALL Grant Timeline

Year
3

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Selected Outcomes from Grantees

- Increased awareness by law enforcement about how to collaborate with APS (Nashville, TN)
- Law enforcement officers are much more likely to call the local APS agency when they believe that a situation may be elder abuse. The ALL grant APS trainer talks about a significant increase in calls made to him. (Ottawa, IL)
- Law enforcement officers are now calling APS on difficult cases and APS hotline workers have reported an increased number of calls from the Police Department, resulting in better collaboration on older victims' cases. The trainings helped broaden officers' understanding of what APS can and cannot do, developed more trust between the departments, and resulted in a more collaborative response to these cases.(Denver, CO)

Selected Outcomes from Grantees

- The Police Department has a representative on the Adult Protection Review Team, The Coalition on Abuse in Later Life, and the Colorado Coalition for Elder Rights and Abuse Prevention. The Department created a full-time Crimes Against Elders staffed by one detective. (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Worked with adult foster care homes to establish emergency housing options for up to 7 days for victims. (Morehead, MN)

Selected Outcomes from Grantees

- Prosecutors have started to accept cases directly from APS. (East Prairie, MO)
- Judges' Comments after Judicial Institute (FL)
 - “I am trying to handle the cases involving seniors in my division first to avoid long waits for their cases.”
 - “The seminar sensitized me on the needs of seniors in terms of accommodating their travel, medication, etc. and the fear of the victim to agree to no violent contact when the victim is truly in fear.”



How the Grant Has Been Used to Enhance Local Efforts

- Florida Judges (Jacksonville)
- Sonoma County, CA (APS and Legal Services; continuing First Responder training)
- Washington, DC (Create advanced victim services cross training)
- Virginia Experience
- Development of Training for Faith Leaders to be offered to grantees (in progress)

Practical Suggestions

- Plan ahead and take the time to build required relationships if they do not currently exist.
- Be concrete and realistic with goals of grant in your community, history of collaboration, and expectations.
- Follow the RFP exactly in writing you application
- Make sure all partners are treated equally and fairly under grant. If there are differences briefly explain why.



Supporting Grant Communities

- ▣ NCALL TA
- ▣ Project Managers listserv
- ▣ Development of tools for Systems
- ▣ Cross Training for Faith Community (Safe Havens)
- ▣ Working with Older Survivors of Abuse: A Framework for Advocates(2016)



The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life's (NCALL) mission is to eliminate abuse in later life. Through advocacy and education, NCALL strives to challenge and change the beliefs, policies, practices, and systems that allow abuse to occur and continue.



APS

- ▣ How can APS be involved
- ▣ Role in the grant

Process

- Request for proposals:
Dec – Feb
- Peer review in
spring
- Projects start: Oct 1
- GRANT website





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OVW
(www.justice.gov/ovw)
or NCALL websites
(www.ncall.us)

QUESTIONS?

