

DC Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2022 to Sept 30, 2023]

This aggregated data is self-reported by the grantees and subgrantees in each state/territory.

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2020-V2-GX-0034	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00616-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00718-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00392-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$3,990,245.00	\$2,670,274.00	\$3,311,079.00	\$3,138,543.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$3,950,095.00	\$2,638,156.00	\$3,145,525.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	10	8	6	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$40,150.00	\$32,118.00	\$165,554.00	\$3,138,543.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
The total number of subgrants represents all subgrants funded across all federal awards active during the reporting period. The number is not unique as there are subgrantee organizations that are continuously funded from each federal award.				
Type of Organization	2020-V2-GX-0034	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00616-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00718-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00392-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	0	0	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	10	8	6	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	1	1	1	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	2	2	1	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	2	1	1	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	3	2	2	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	1	1	0	0
Multiservice agency	1	1	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	0	0	0	0

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Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	0	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	10	8	6	0

*This number is not unique across fiscal years as there are subgrantee organizations that are funded from multiple federal awards.

Subaward Purpose				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	2020-V2-GX-0034	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00616-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00718-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00392-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	10	8	6	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds				
A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique				
	2020-V2-GX-0034	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00616-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00718-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00392-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	7	7	6	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	6	5	4	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	7	6	5	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	2	1	1	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	4	3	4	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	8	7	6	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements				
Priority Area	2020-V2-GX-0034	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00616-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00718-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00392-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$649,501.00	\$409,197.00	\$666,140.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	15.00 %	20.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$1,241,651.00	\$413,492.00	\$941,596.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	31.00 %	15.00 %	28.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$1,399,754.00	\$1,162,284.00	\$1,168,066.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	35.00 %	44.00 %	35.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$659,189.00	\$653,183.00	\$369,723.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	17.00 %	24.00 %	11.00 %	

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2020-V2-GX-0034	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00616-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00718-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00392-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	206	164	164	

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	120368	84145	56148
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	170	301	464
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	13313	13351	29061

AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA

Victimization Type						
Victimization Type	Number of Subgrantees Indicating Intent to Serve This Victim Type	Number of Individuals Who Actually Received Services Based on a Presenting Victimization				
		Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average
Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	3	55	49	45	58	51
Adult Sexual Assault	4	106	68	120	78	93
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	2	12	2	0	4	4
Arson	2	2	1	0	2	1
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	1	7	7	0	7	5
Burglary	1	0	0	1	5	1
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	4	91	104	63	73	82
Child Pornography	2	2	3	3	1	2
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	3	247	154	167	157	181
Domestic and/or Family Violence	5	210	214	287	259	242
DUI/DWI Incidents	1	1	0	0	0	0
Elder Abuse or Neglect	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	2	43	42	63	54	50
Human Trafficking: Labor	2	7	5	9	7	7
Human Trafficking: Sex	3	15	17	16	26	18
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	3	43	47	48	41	44
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	2	1	0	2	3	1
Kidnapping (custodial)	1	0	0	0	1	0
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	1	0	0	0	5	1
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	1	1	2	0	6	2
Robbery	2	11	7	7	11	9
Stalking/Harassment	4	42	18	50	25	33
Survivors of Homicide Victims	3	6	7	11	12	9
Teen Dating Victimization	3	3	0	0	3	1
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	1	1	0	0	2	0
Other	2	437	437	520	494	472

Special Classifications of Individuals

Special Classifications of Individuals	Number of Individuals Self Reporting a Special Classification				
	Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	2	1	2	4	85
Homeless	7	12	18	13	426
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	234	271	317	306	1254
LGBTQ	39	31	50	28	276
Veterans	6	7	6	6	43
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	69	62	67	54	451
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	207	207	304	301	1254
Other	3	0	0	0	412

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General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	4813	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	0	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	3653	75.90 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	436	9.06 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	155	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.38 %
Asian	30	0.82 %
Black or African American	1659	45.40 %
Hispanic or Latino	773	21.15 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.05 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	175	4.79 %
Some Other Race	90	2.46 %
Multiple Races	143	3.91 %
Not Reported	461	12.62 %
Not Tracked	307	8.40 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	3654	
Gender Identity		
Male	688	18.83 %
Female	2068	56.61 %
Other	10	0.27 %
Not Reported	628	17.19 %
Not Tracked	259	7.09 %
Gender Total	3653	
Age		
Age 0- 12	1340	36.68 %
Age 13- 17	412	11.28 %
Age 18- 24	192	5.26 %
Age 25- 59	1328	36.35 %
Age 60 and Older	78	2.14 %
Not Reported	177	4.85 %
Not Tracked	126	3.45 %
Age Total	3653	

Direct Services				
Service Area	# of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category	# of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services	Specific Service	Frequency of Service
A. Information & Referral	6	1467	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	978
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	886
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	1004
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	1514
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	12
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	33
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	44
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	791

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	3	1204	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	366
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	709
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	133
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	12
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	133
			B10. Interpreter services	74
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	5	1694	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	1416
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	0
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	0
			C4. Individual counseling	213
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	142
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	36
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	497
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	0	0	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	0
			D2. Transitional housing	0
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	0
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	4	1533	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	161
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	5
			E3. Assistance with restitution	6
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	296
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	169
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	3
			E7. Immigration assistance	1135
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	46
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	47
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	94
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	206			

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions	
Question/Option	Count
Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?	
Yes	0
No	1
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	0
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	0
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	0
Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
None	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
None	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	

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OVSJG did not change program policies during the reporting period.

Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.

Network for Victim Recovery, DC (NVRDC) was featured in several local papers and news segments highlighting that survivors of violence are not a monolith as it relates to overhauling the DC criminal code. In November of 2022, DC made national news for introducing criminal code reform to create clear sentencing guidelines and update outdated definitions. NVRDC was featured on the local Fox News highlighting comments we made to ensure that victims voices are not left out of important discussions. Tzedek DC was mentioned in the following articles over FY23. The Crushing Weight of Medical Debt, Washington Lawyer, November/December 2023 The Broader Impact of the District's Clean Hands Mandate, Washington City Paper, November 6, 2023 Consumer Agency Moves to Ban Medical Debt From Credit Reports, New York Times, September 29, 2023 Eat Well, Do Justice! Cook-Off Raises Nearly \$350K for Tzedek DC, DC Bar, September 21, 2023 Poor, minorities hurt most by US expansion of traffic cameras, PhilNews, August 16, 2023 Biden urged to tackle medical debt beyond credit cards, Roll Call, July 20, 2023 How some cities are buying medical debt, Scripps News, June 25, 2023 Street Vendors File Lawsuit Against D.C. Law That Denies Licenses Over Unpaid Debt, DCist, June 21, 2023 May 15, 2023 DCVLP, Executive Director Sara Tennen was interviewed on WJLA ABC News regarding budget advocacy for the Domestic Violence Program. The interview was scheduled after the mayor released her initial budget for FY24 which reflected substantial cuts to victim services. Sara Tennen aimed to increase awareness about the implications these budget cuts would have for people in the community.

Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.

VOCA funding supported coordination with new and existing service providers which resulted in improved and increased services for clients. DC Volunteer Lawyers Project(DCVLP) established the following MOUs with partners: 6/5/2023: MOU with District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) and My Sister's Place to establish the terms and conditions of the partnership between DASH, DCVLP, and MSP for the provision of holistic supports to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and their families. 6/12/2023: MOU with Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) and Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment (DC SAFE), prescribing the terms under which the three organizations agree to collaborate to provide instructors for MPD's Professional Development Training (PDT) 2023 and additional training opportunities as agreed by the parties. 6/28/2023: MOU with Community of Hope, memorializing the intent of the Partners to collaborate in providing holistic counseling, behavioral services, housing assistance and legal services to low-income families and children in Washington, DC.

Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.

Network for Victim Recovery, DC (NVRDC) had the continued opportunity to provide direct payments in the form of flexible spending dollars for survivors of sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and domestic violence. The payments made a significant impact on survivors ability to ensure safe housing, access to food, transportation, and other necessities. Serving abusers in CPO matters has been a huge barrier ability to obtain CPOs for clients in a timely manner. We are seeing an increased number of abusers evade service which has required requests for numerous continuances in order to attempt service, pay for private process servers, and at times file motions for alternative service. MPD is available to serve but they are not able to find the abuser in all cases. When MPD can't serve, private process servers are hired to serve the abusers personally. This is an added expense in need of dedicated funding.

Please describe ways that your agency promoted the coordination of public and private efforts within the community to help crime victims during the reporting period.

Tzedek DC has been able to coordinate with other community-based organizations to offer outreach covering knowing your rights as a victim of crime as well as offering preventative tips to protect oneself from financial crimes. These organizations include Carlos Rosario International PCS, La Clinica del Pueblo, CARECEN, Capital Area Asset Builders. Tzedek, DC also coordinated with the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and the DC Metro Police Department to better coordinate service to victims of crime. Network for Victim Recovery, DC (NVRDC) leads the District's Collaborative Training and Response for Older Victims (DC TROV). This multidisciplinary elder abuse team meets quarterly to coordinate public/private efforts around training law enforcement, long-term care facilities, and community members about elder abuse prevention and response.

Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.

None.

Please discuss each priority (i.e., child abuse, domestic assault, sexual assault, and underserved) in which VOCA funds have been used to assist crime victims during the reporting period

VOCA funds assisted NVRDC in May 2023, when a survivor came to us through our office screenings, and was referred for an Office Intake and On-going case management. In April 2023, the survivor experienced sexual assault and sought medical care at a local hospital. The survivor decided she did not want to report to the police, but was certain she needed our advocacy services to assist with relocation, mental health services, and additional support with funds. During this quarter, we were able to assist the survivor with completing her CVC Application, and getting her in contact with her CVC claims examiner that was able to cover the costs of her transportation out of state to her family where she would have their support, and the opportunity to heal. During this time, the survivor was unable to move due to her having a lease that wouldn't end until the end of May. Once her lease ended in May of 2023, the survivor was in need of somewhere to stay as her options were limited in terms of friends and family in the DC area. Upon weighing out her options, the survivor was able to stay with her friend for a week. Advocate submitted a referral for additional funds and was able to obtain a \$500 hotel gift card for survivor to use during her hotel stay before her departure in mid-June. Additionally, NVRDC was able to assist and approve a flexible funding request for \$1,000 in which assisted with her moving expenses and additional hotel stay as well as her groceries. The survivor's advocate also assisted with completing a CVC Application which would reimburse her for the flight back home. The advocate also sent over resources for counseling and support groups that do virtual sessions. Advocate and survivor are still checking in biweekly, survivor is currently back home with her family and plans to take the time to heal, and find hobbies that will help bring her back to feeling like herself again. Her long-term goal is to be able to come back to DC and go back to doing what she loves, which is performing and singing. VOCA funds enabled Safe Shores Client Advocacy Services and Forensic Services programs to provide direct services to child victims of sexual and/or physical abuse in the District of Columbia, and enabled the MDT Advancement & Support program to coordinate the District's multi-disciplinary response to investigations of abuse. In 2023, Restore continued its role as a critical partner in DC's coordinated community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking by (1) providing trauma informed recovery services including: individual therapy and Psychoeducation Workshops to victims of these violent crimes; (2) ensuring a unbroken referral process is maintained for Restore clients so that they are supported and aided as they move through the mental health, civil/criminal justice, and legal systems; and (3) maintaining proactive outreach to victims and DC-based service providers to inform them about sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and the services provided by Restore and its partners. Tzedek DC remains the only OVSJG grantee focused principally on standing up for the victims of economic exploitation (fraud, identity theft, and scams), which the U.S. Department of Justice has defined as an underserved population. DC Volunteer Lawyers Project provides comprehensive trauma-informed legal, advocacy, and support services to low-income victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and gender-based violence in the District. With a focus on providing holistic, victim-centric services that empower victims to retain control and make informed decisions about their next steps, our attorneys and advocates prioritize client agency and self-determination. Our goal is to provide victims and their children with the resources and supports to escape abuse and achieve safety, stability, and self-sufficiency.

Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.

Network for Victim Recovery, DC (NVRDC) works with federal prosecutors from the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. However, the majority of victims served are not federal victims. During this reporting period NVRDC served one federal victim with assistance from a pro bono firm.

Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.

During the reporting period, one notable trend that affected crime victim services was the increase in car jackings within the District. The Women's Center is experiencing a steady increase in the number of LGBTQ and male clients who have been victims of domestic violence. The Supreme Court held oral arguments in United States vs. Rahimi in November 2023. It is expected to have a notable impact on the intersection of domestic violence and gun violence, and particularly the issuance of Civil Protection Orders and Extreme Risk Protection Orders.

Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.

The impact of workforce crisis on the Women's Center and the clients served in the District is devastating. Program therapist positions have been vacant as much as 6-8 months. NVRDC saw turnover of advocacy staff. In part, the turnover was due to challenging work, need for higher salaries, and work that did not require in-person components. Additionally, with high inflation rates continuing NVRDC has struggled to keep competitive salaries for direct service staff when compared to federal and local government, and private sector roles.

Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.

OVSJG typically publishes funding opportunities in the DC Register, the District's Funding Alert, and its website. OVSJG usually issues a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to alert the community of the availability of funds. The NOFA is a brief summary description of the funding initiative; amount of funding available; eligible recipients; and instructions for obtaining a copy of the RFA. Whenever OVSJG releases a NOFA, it will typically be published in the DC Register and the District's Funding Alert at least one (1) week before the release of an RFA. OVSJG will also attempt to publish both the NOFA and RFA in its own website.

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Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.

In addition to the aforementioned sources, OVSJG will try to distribute the NOFAs/RFAs through its network of community-based and funding organizations, which may include OVSJG's current sub-grantees and a number of community-based organizations, funders, listservs and resource agencies that serve or represent a cross section of potential applicants.

Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.

There were no gaps in services during this reporting period.

Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.

Per reporting period quarter, OVSJG reports the following key performance indicators (KPI) to the City Administrator, Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice and the Mayor of the District of Columbia: -percent of victims who receive information, support, or a referral from DC Victim Hotline call takers to address caller needs -percent of victims of attempted homicide or homicide who received on-call advocacy at the time of the access to service -percent of victims who received language interpretation services of those that requested services -percent of sexual assault victims who received on-call advocacy at police and/or hospital at the time of access -percent of sub-grantees that are in full compliance of federal and local requirements -percent of budgeted federal grant funds lapse d at the end of the fiscal year -percent of budgeted local grant funds lapsed at the end of the fiscal year -percent of participants in professional education programs who reported learning.