

Centered on Campus:
***Elevating Cultural Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence,
Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus***

Introduction Episode

[Aysia] Welcome to the “Centered on Campus Podcast” where we discuss topics to support college campuses with developing culturally responsive response and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking or DVSAS. My name is Aysia Evans and I am the Campus Culturally Specific Program Manager for the National Organization for Victim Advocacy (NOVA).

[Jasmine] And my name is Jasmine Uribe and I am the Associate Director of Youth Engagement for NOVA. We are excited to introduce you to the “Centered on Campus” podcast where Aysia along with some amazing guests will delve into the nuances of cultural values, societal norms, unique challenges faced by individuals from diverse backgrounds, and how the college campus community can foster a more inclusive and supportive campus environment for students and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking or DVSAS.

[Jasmine] Before you dive into the episodes, we wanted to share more about NOVA and the work we do as part of NOVA’s Training and Technical Assistance Team. Founded in 1975, NOVA is the oldest national victim assistance organization of its type in the United States and is a recognized leader in victim advocacy, education, and credentialing. We support aspiring advocates, victim assistance professionals, and crisis responders, civilian and government advocacy groups, and allied professionals working with victims of crime and crisis. NOVA’s Campus Training and Technical Assistance Program - which Aysia and I are a part of - provides trauma-informed, accessible, inclusive, and culturally responsive training, technical assistance, and support to all campus victim assistance staff and community partners working with institutions of higher education to address gender-based violence.

[Aysia] As the Campus Culturally Specific Program Manager, I work with Office on Violence Against Women grantees and prospective grantees to provide training and consultation to elevate their understanding of cultural responsiveness when engaging with diverse campus communities. Assisting with their understanding of how to apply trauma-informed approaches to diverse student populations. Supporting in developing key prevention and response efforts to address DVSA and the intersection of trauma, race, economic justice, and culture. And exploring their interest in learning more about a specific college student population and how to increase outreach/engagement. Our team also ensures language justice and accessibility when creating and delivering resource materials.

[Aysia] So, whether you're a survivor seeking empowerment and validation, an advocate eager to learn, or simply someone who wants to be a part of creating a safer, more inclusive campus, you've come to the right place. Get ready to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue as we embark on this journey together. Welcome to "Centered on Campus: Elevating Cultural Responses to Campus DVSA" Podcast!

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