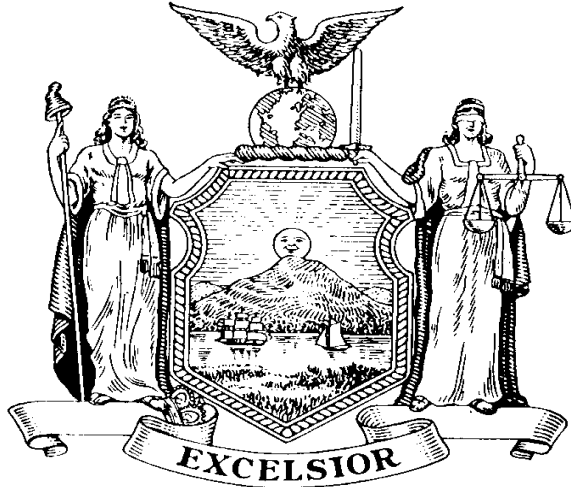




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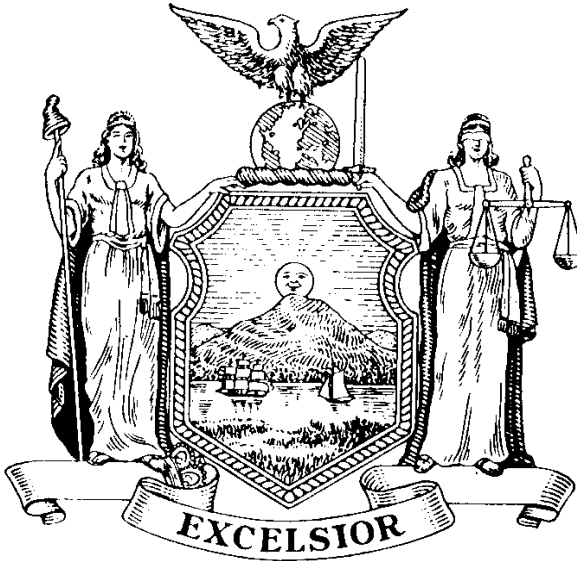
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INTRODUCTION

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) mission is to “enhance public safety and improve criminal justice.”

The Agency’s core functions include criminal history checks, fingerprinting operations, coordination of grant funds, providing timely information, public safety, law enforcement training, breathalyzer and speed enforcement equipment repair, accreditation of police departments and forensic laboratories, Uniform Crime Reporting, research, hosting criminal justice boards and commissions, providing information to criminal justice agencies and institutions, and hosting other criminal justice agencies.

Within the DCJS, the Office of Program Development and Funding is comprised of several units: Juvenile Justice, Justice Assistant Grant, Motor Vehicle and Insurance Fraud Prevention, State Legislative Items and Violence Against Women Act funding.

This State Implementation Plan for Violence Against Women is a three Year Plan as required by the Federal Office on Violence Against Women.

New York State’s population reached more than 19.42 million in 2009, an increase of 2.3% since 2000. Slightly more than half (51.5%) of the State residents are female. Seventy-seven percent of the population is 18 years and over, with 13% age 65 or older. Whites account for 67% of the population, African-Americans comprise 16% of the State’s population, Asians account for 7% and the American Indian & Alaskan Native populations is 0.3%. Hispanics and people of Latino origin comprise 16.3% of the population. There are 21% foreign born people; seventy-nine percent were native born, including 65 percent who were born in New York.

A language other than English was spoken in the homes of 29% of the population age 5 years or older. New York State’s median household income in 2009 was \$55,233. Nearly 14% of New York State residents live in poverty, equaling 11% of households overall. Of New York

State residents 25 years or older, 32% had a bachelor's degree or higher in year 2009. Total population in 2009 is 19,423,896, and total population in 2000 was 18,976,457. (All estimates in this file are based on the ACS 2005-2009 file.) (6)

Domestic violence and sexual assault are serious social problems that strike thousands of New Yorkers annually. However, accurate figures elude policy makers and concerned law enforcement agencies as researchers continue to demonstrate that both of these categories of crime are notoriously under reported.

Until recently, the only statistics available in New York State for counts of domestic violence were based on aggregate data obtained from Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). Although aggregated UCR data provide some insight into the prevalence of domestic violence within the State, aggregated reporting tends to result in the undercounting of criminal incidents and provides little detail concerning the nature of the violence and the law enforcement response.

In 1996, New York State developed a statewide, standardized domestic incident reporting (DIR) form. The DIR form is completed by law enforcement agencies for all alleged incidents of domestic violence, regardless of arrest.

The scope of the domestic violence problem for New York can be viewed from this perspective: New York State's 2001 population was 19,011,378. Of these, approximately 50.9% or 9,676,791 were women. During 2001, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) received 169,506 DIRs completed from upstate police departments and 231,843 from New York City. The total for all reporting jurisdictions for 2001 was 401,349 DIRs.

Likewise, sexual assault statistics demonstrate continued need for services across the State. Police reported 3,448 rapes to the Division of Criminal Justice Services for 2001. Another 19,920 other sex offenses were also reported to the Division for 2001. Research cited by NIJ/CDC in 1998, indicates that New York could expect 29,000 rapes to have been

committed and 183,000 other sex offenses during 2001 based on the NIJ/CDC victimization rates.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING PROCESS (1, 2, 3 AND 4)

In an on-going effort to address these issues, the New York State Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Advisory Committee meets annually, and most recently in November 2010, to discuss progress made to date on VAWA programming within New York State, and to determine program priorities for use in FFY 2010 Formula grant funding. Over the past decade, we have continually reached out and added members to our Committee in the hopes of creating a cohesive group that spans numerous disciplines and also represents the cultural diversity of New York State. The Advisory Committee is chaired by the Commissioner of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and is comprised of representatives from:

- New York State Police (NYSP);
- NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS);
- NYS Department of Health (DOH);
- NYS Unified Court System - Office of Court Administration (OCA);
- NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV);
- NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA);
- NYS Office of Victim Services (OVS) (formerly Crime Victims Board);
- NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV);
- NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives;
- New York Asian Women's Center;
- NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault
- St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

- Ad hoc members

This year, we were happy to add a sexual assault examiner from upstate New York to represent the viewpoints and needs of those providing direct services to sexual assault victims.

DCJS works very closely on joint projects with all of the State agencies on the VAWA Advisory Committee. In addition, we enjoy a very close, cooperative working relationship with both of the State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions, as well as the NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault. Also, DCJS staff has worked very closely with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe to help establish a statewide Native Domestic Violence Coalition.

See the Appendices for a list of the Advisory Committee members and a copy of this year's agenda. During this meeting, members of the Committee reviewed the State planning priorities (specific info is below). As a group, we feel the State priorities provide an even stronger emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration; "development" of training (as opposed to provision of training); possible creation of an evaluation template to encourage programs to evaluate themselves; creation of sex offense courts (similar to other New York model courts; e.g., domestic violence courts, IDV courts; drug courts, etc.); Re-entry issues; and more Probation involvement (special supervision or other forms of monitoring). In previous years, we have strengthened our System Improvement Priority. We have focused very specifically on this priority in the past year with the creation of a statewide Domestic Violence Database, and research into the feasibility of creating a centralized reporting database for all agencies. (More information to follow below.).

NEW YORK STATE PRIORITY AREAS (5, 9, 10, 11)

Complimenting the Federal purpose areas, but specific to New York State, are priorities that were developed as part of the statewide planning process. The goal of the New York State

plan is to improve and strengthen New York State's coordination of services and response to violence against women. These priorities are changed and/or added to each year based on input from the Advisory Committee members at the planning meeting. The Committee members are practitioners; their advice and input are invaluable in helping us to decide the future course of programs and funding in all areas of the State. All applicants for funding must address at least one of the New York State Priority Areas; and interdisciplinary collaboration in ALL areas is strongly encouraged. The Priorities are as follows:

Training Priorities

- Expand and/or develop training within New York State regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and trafficking ensuring that all systems deliver services in a culturally appropriate manner;
- Train and enhance skills of legal and public safety personnel to effectively respond to violence against women. This includes, but is not limited to, court clerks, court officers, law guardians, emergency medical technicians, and communication specialists;
- Train law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, town and village justices, and court staff, including interpreters, on enforcement of orders of protection, including full faith and credit, firearms provisions, and the development of dedicated resources to fight violence against women;
- Train county probation and state parole officers on effective community supervision models for sex offenders and domestic violence offenders; prepare for offender re-entry;
- Train and assist community-based advocates and victim liaisons located within local criminal justice agencies;

- Train judges and town and village justices on laws and issues concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, dating violence, and trafficking;
- Implement policies and training for law enforcement officers on issues concerning stalking, primary aggressor, strangulation, and officer-involved domestic violence.

Outreach Priorities

- Improve services to underserved populations that are unduly challenged by barriers, such as geography, language, race and/or ethnicity, physical, emotional or mental disabilities, sexual orientation, and age;
- Encourage all service providers to collaborate with community partners and share resources to increase the awareness of underserved populations and to ensure culturally sensitive services and programs are available to meet their needs;
- Include representatives of underserved populations in state and local planning activities that develop or enhance collaboration strategies.

Collaborative Priorities

- Improve direct service delivery to victims, in cooperation with criminal justice agencies, with priority given to underserved populations;
- Continue funding support to sexual assault and domestic violence providers that directly serve victims of violence;
- Encourage collaboration among diverse disciplines through the provision of cross-training, technical assistance, and team-building strategies including the use of project models such as Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART).

System Improvement Priorities

- Support community needs assessments that seek to identify members of underserved

- populations and victim needs currently not met through existing community programs; support cross discipline policy development;
- Enhance and improve automated data collection systems and data communication systems that link police, prosecutors, courts and victims service agencies. Specific examples include DIRs, Order of Protection Registry, and Child Abuse Registry;
 - Create a system for tracking and ensuring proper transfer of cases between courts. This may include strategies for handling cases in a seamless manner; e.g., the creation or replication of dedicated domestic violence courts and/or integrated domestic violence courts in each Judicial District; created of sex offense courts;
 - Encourage grant-funded projects to automate data collection for state and federal reporting;
 - Assess the number of sexual offense evidence collection kits that are released to law enforcement, the number tested and/or the number backlogged at NYS labs, and increase efforts to test all backlogged kits and have available DNA from kits entered into the DNA Databank.

AWARD PROCESS (16)

The award process for VAWA funding is highly competitive and achieved through a Request for Proposals process, although occasionally direct awards may be made. RFP notification is provided to all law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's offices, county executives, domestic violence and sexual assault providers, existing grantees, and any agency that inquires about funding. In addition, the RFP and application are posted on the DCJS website.

Upon receipt, all applications receive a thorough review by two staff members of the

Violence Against Women Unit. The application/review process is very intensive. In addition to using a scoring instrument, decisions are based on the grantee's programmatic efforts/progress; administrative capabilities; past performance; and DCJS monitoring visits. The process also provides an opportunity to weed out agencies that have been making little or no progress. Funds can then be provided to expand existing efforts of successful projects or to fund new initiatives.

After the application review process is complete, the staff of the VAWA Unit meets off-site for a day to discuss the recommendations for each application. One of the purposes of this strategy is to ensure that all knowledge about a particular organization and or geographic area can be shared. The Unit uses a map of New York State to ensure funding is distributed in a geographically appropriate fashion. Population is taken into consideration; however, it is not the defining factor. For example, a rural county may not have a large population, but may be determined to be in need due to scarcity and/or distance of services. Although New York State is not generally considered rural, 40 of its 62 counties meet the Federal definition of rural. In addition, the needs vary by county; e.g., in New York City several organizations might be funded to provide immigrant related services. Funding is also provided to counties that are underserved by virtue of being rural, or perhaps having a migrant population, or a large refugee population.

(14,15)

At the current time, VAWA funds support projects in 47 of New York's 62 counties. In addition, some awards made to organizations in New York City provide services across all five boroughs (counties). And, there are some projects that are statewide in nature. Outside of the projects that are statewide, the remaining counties are not funded simply because they did not apply, or they did not meet the highly competitive process requirements.

In addition to ensuring funds are provided in a geographically appropriate fashion - and

to underserved populations, the funds are distributed according to the statutorily mandated percentages as defined by VAWA. **(13)** Funds support a wide array of programs from dedicated prosecutors; advocates, training for law enforcement, integrated domestic violence courts, and sexual assault examiner programs. In order to ensure that domestic violence and sexual assault providers are qualified to provide services, certain documentation is required. Domestic violence service providers must be a NYS Office of Children and Family Services “approved” provider – or they must submit a letter from the approved provider in their county saying that they are qualified to provide services and that they will work together. Sexual assault examiner programs must submit a letter from the President or CEO of the hospital in which they are providing services stating that the hospital is aware and supportive of the program. In addition, they must also submit a letter from the District Attorney’s Office stating that they will work together in potential prosecution of cases.

The list of grants enclosed with this document provides a detailed narrative of all programs currently funded under VAWA.

Grants are made for a one-year period; however in recent years we have utilized a multi-year contract period with an option to renew. Contracts have various start and end dates with most running on a calendar year. The timeframe is for 12-months with no cost extensions permitted if needed. **(17, 19)** Because of funding cuts across the Nation, and because of the fiscal times that municipalities face, it has been a hardship to grantees to receive cuts in previous years. Federal fiscal year 2009 and 2010 brought increases to the VAWA STOP formula funding, for which the grantees were grateful. In addition, due to the specific financial hardships that New York State has faced, we are appreciative that we have received a waiver on the match requirements for VAWA 2009, VAWA 2010, and VAWA Recovery Act funding.

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNDERSERVED VICTIMS (20)

In addition to providing funding for rural programs, VAWA funds are provided to a wide array of organizations which provide immigrant related services, as well as direct services to victims of non-English speaking groups. Ethnic groups receiving services provided by VAWA funds include Hispanics, Asian, Indian, Russian, Haitian and numerous other groups.

New York State also funds two programs with STOP money that specifically address the needs of disabled victims of domestic violence.

Barrier Free Living, Inc. (BFL) is a non-profit victim service agency located in Manhattan that provides a variety of services to clients who have disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The agency opened the Domestic Violence Program in 1986, becoming one of the first programs in the United States to specialize in providing non-residential services to individuals with disabilities who are survivors of domestic violence. This agency continues to operate a successful domestic violence program serving women with disabilities, having received Violence Against Women funding for the past ten years. The Domestic Violence Program offers a broad range of non-residential services, including case management; short and long term individual counseling; advocacy within the medical, legal, financial, law enforcement, and child welfare systems; safety planning; occupational therapy; psychiatric services; and referrals to outside agencies. Services are offered in English, Spanish, Italian, French, Haitian Creole, Romanian, and American Sign Language. In addition, BFL staff provides a wide variety of trainings to outside social service and criminal justice agencies on topics such as domestic violence and disability.

Barrier Free Justice was launched at the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, New York in 2000 and has been running continuously for the past ten years. Barrier

Free Justice is a collaboration of the DA's Office; Barrier Free Living, (a not-for-profit organization serving people with disabilities throughout New York City); and South Brooklyn Legal Services, which provides low-cost legal consultation and representation. Whether the individual's disability is physical, psychiatric, or cognitive, the program works to more effectively prosecute cases of domestic violence and sexual assault against women with disabilities, and to best meet the needs of women with disabilities as they navigate the criminal justice system. Barrier Free Justice is the only one of its kind of program in New York City, and serves nearly 400 women annually.

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has been receiving STOP VAWA funds to support an additional case manager/advocate in its domestic violence program since 2002. The program provides services including crisis intervention, responding to domestic violence incidents with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Police, referrals to appropriate agencies, education on domestic violence, advocacy with the legal/court system and law enforcement. The program works with agencies both on and off reservation.

The St. Regis Mohawk Program faces many unique problems: multiple police jurisdictions; resident/nonresident complications; traditional tribal values versus institutional approaches to violence. Complicating issues is the multiple jurisdictions that are involved; e.g., the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; the Ontario Provincial Police; the Quebec Provincial Police; the New York State Police; the Franklin County Sheriff and the St. Regis Tribal Police. Although the Tribal Police are often the first responders, they do not have arrest powers - - they may detain only. The program also deals with three town magistrates who demonstrate widely differing sensitivities both to domestic violence and to cross-cultural issues.

The program reports that there is a growing acceptance on the reservation to its services.

Particularly important to DCJS/VAWA, we have begun a dialogue with a needy and underserved population that is already bearing positive results for victims of domestic violence. As a result of the STOP DV program on the reservation, the Tribal leadership routinely declares October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Victims receiving services rose from 32 in 1998, to 119 in 2009. Funds have been used by the program staff to attend training on Indian Law, how it pertains to St. Regis's multiple jurisdictions, the difficulties that arise with restraining orders, full faith and credit, courts of jurisdiction, and other issues that impact domestic violence on the reservation.

The St. Regis STOP Coordinator led an effort to obtain a federal tribal coalition grant and to establish a Statewide Native Domestic Violence Coalition. This year the coalition, Haudenosaunee Coalition for Women's Empowerment, received its 501-C 3 status.

New York is an incredibly diverse state, and we have long recognized and addressed the needs of underserved populations. Although we are required to provide 10% of the 30% victim services allocation to culturally specific, underserved populations – we have in fact provided 23% to such programs.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION (18, 21)

Once funds are awarded to organizations, a contract is prepared between DCJS and the funded agency. Each grantee subsequently receives a site visit at least once per year, and a desk audit as needed. VAWA staff is very pro-active and highly committed to working with the grantees. It is not unusual for a grantee to receive more than one site visit per year, especially if problems arise. In addition, VAWA staff attends numerous trainings, conferences and workshops sponsored by the grantees. This affords extra opportunities to gauge the grantees' success in implementing their project - as well as providing an educational opportunity for

VAWA staff. All grantees must also provide quarterly progress reports. These reports provide an opportunity to check on contractual compliance, discuss what the grantee may have been unable to accomplish, and alerts the VAWA staff to issues that may be present, in which case assistance can be provided.

In addition, all sub grantees are required to fill out annual “VAWA Measuring Effectiveness” reports (aka Muskie) which capture statistical data relating to victims served, not served and partially served.

DCJS INITIATIVES/CURRENT PROJECTS AND ON-GOING EFFORTS (7, 8, 9)

In October 2008, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) released an updated version of New York State’s Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kit. New York’s kit had not been fully revamped in 20 years. DCJS spearheaded a workgroup comprised of physicians, sexual assault nurse examiners, rape crisis advocates, NYSP Forensics Lab, NYC Medical Examiner’s office; several county labs; prosecutors; NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault, NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault, NYS Office of Victim Services, NYS Department of Health, PWI (which is the vendor for the Kit), and many, many other individuals who are involved in the sexual assault arena.

Because of the changes to the kit, DCJS realized there would be a need for training on it. State funds were used to create a training DVD for the new kit. The DVD is specifically geared towards untrained medical examiners, and goes through all 15 steps of the kit, including the pelvic exams on a female and male patient. It features an introduction by Mariska Hargitay who plays Det. Olivia Benson in NBC’s Law and Order SVU series, and cameo appearances by Lisa Friel, Sex Crimes Bureau Chief in Manhattan, and Julie Pizziketti, Assistant Director of Biological Sciences at the NYS Police Forensics Lab. The kit has been distributed to all hospital

emergency rooms in New York State, as well as all rape crisis centers and district attorney offices. Our initial feedback on the kit has been extremely positive, and in addition to being used to train sexual assault *nurse* examiners, it has also been used by two Medical SAFE Practitioners to train *physicians* in the proper use of the kit, and evidence collection from a sexual assault victim.

We are extremely proud of this training DVD, and our positive working relationship with all of our sexual assault partners in New York.

In 2003, DCJS reported in its State Implementation Plan that the backlog of evidence collection kits that existed in New York State was viewed as a priority, and in fact was added as one to the State Priorities that complement the Federal Program Purpose Areas. We are happy to report that the evidence collection kit backlog was eliminated a few years ago and DCJS makes every effort, including statewide outreach to law enforcement agencies, to ensure we maintain no backlog.

Although not funded with STOP VAWA monies, it is important to note the results of a \$1.2 million grant to the NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) and the results of that grant. DCJS asked the NYSCASA to do several projects for them with the above mentioned grant and gave them a timeframe of one year in which to accomplish the tasks. They accomplished all of the tasks, plus more. Because the results of this grant clearly enhanced services to sexual assault victims in New York State, we feel it is important to include them in this Plan. Please see Appendix F for the results of this grant.

OTHER INITIATIVES as reported by Members of the VAWA Advisory Committee

THE NYS COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

The mission of the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) is to end all forms of sexual violence and exploitation by advocating for the effective response to all people affected by sexual assault, providing technical support and assistance to rape crisis centers, working legislatively to improve public policy, and confronting societal denial of the impact of sexual violence through statewide outreach and education. During 2010-2012, NYSCASA will be working to fulfill its mission while emphasizing three key organizational priorities: enhancing service delivery; improving sustainability; and increasing visibility.

Building upon some of its most successful and effective projects, NYSCASA anticipates working on the following activities:

- NYSCASA will participate with New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, New York State Division of Parole, and New York State DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives on a criminal justice advocacy training project. Target audiences will be law enforcement, community corrections, and advocates. High-priority training topics will include offender accountability and interview techniques, and the products will include web-based training, a written curriculum, and an interactive electronic tool.
- NYSCASA will serve as a pass-through funder for the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) grant funds that are distributed to rape crisis programs throughout New York State. NYSCASA will provide technical assistance and other support to rape crisis programs, compile and report information collected from rape crisis programs, and monitor project progress specific to the SASP grant. In addition, an Implementation and Planning Workgroup, consisting of diverse representation, will be convened to provide recommendations regarding the use of SASP funds.
- NYSCASA will collaborate with the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault and New York State Department of Health on initiatives for the primary prevention of sexual violence. NYSCASA will provide training and technical assistance, particularly with regard to prevention curricula and expanding efforts beyond community education, to rape crisis programs throughout New York State.
- NYSCASA will advocate for policies that support appropriate response for victims of sexual assault and abuse. For example, based upon the findings of a 2009 project regarding the status of medical sexual assault and abuse examinations and forensic evidence collection in cases involving child victims, NYSCASA will encourage policy changes to improve services for children.

- NYSCASA will continue to provide training on a wide range of sexual assault topics to criminal justice, mental health, medical, campus, and other allied professionals. NYSCASA will also seek support to continue to offer the well-received Statewide Victim Assistance Academy, which trains professionals working in a wide range of victim-service disciplines.
- NYSCASA will work to reach out to those populations that continue to be underserved (such as the elder population). NYSCASA will also explore new ways of reaching out to all communities in general, including the use of social media, and will strive to increase both its membership and diversification of its funding sources.

NEW YORK STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - NYSCADV

NYSCADV, founded in 1978, has long been the voice of advocates and victims in New York State. Throughout the upcoming year, NYSCADV will continue to build on its long history of providing support to and advocacy for local domestic violence programs throughout the state.

The Training Project will continue to work with each of the ten regions in the State to provide tailored trainings, in-services and workshops. These trainings are specifically chosen for the regions by member programs. These trainings are offered year-round. Additionally, individual members programs as well as community partners request trainings on a variety of different topics. Over the next two years NYSCADV hopes to increase its core training series as well as offer additional topic areas.

The Rural Project will continue to work in 6 rural communities in the state to provide support and training to improve system response and services to victims of domestic violence in those areas.

The DELTA Project – now entering its 7th year, maintains its focus of prevention work. DELTA, which works collaboratively in three local domestic violence service providers, targets primary prevention throughout these communities. DELTA will be submitting its state plan in 2011 and look forward to working with additional communities statewide to make prevention an outcome measure.

Systems/Criminal Justice Project – completed a web-based interactive Fair Access Training module for advocates. This curriculum has been offered to advocates throughout the state. Moreover, NYSCADV is creating additional curricula for advocates on the subjects of Mandatory Arrest, Primary Aggressor and Interviewing Techniques. The goal is to provide training and materials to local advocates to assist them in creating or improving their relationship with local criminal justice agencies.

Roundtables Project – Throughout 2010 NYSCADV provided avenues for advocates to come together to discuss issues that are creating challenges for local DV providers. These issues include: shelter rules, confidentiality, batterer programs, child witness of domestic violence, the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence and battered women charged with crimes.

These roundtables have resulted in summary documents and hope to lead to full day training on these issues in spring of 2011.

Technical Assistance - NYSCADV will continue to work to provide technical assistance and support to member programs. In 2010, NYSCADV created technical assistance packets on the topics of DV and TBI as well as strangulation and a Legislative Summary. NYSCADV will continue to add to the technical assistance database and is currently working on a batterer's program and shelter rules packet.

Public Policy – In 2010 NYSCADV cleared almost the entire legislative agenda with signed legislation. We will continue to seek the passage of anti-discrimination bills and an address confidentiality bill. The newly formed Legislative Committee meets monthly and will continue to support and introduce legislation that provides safety and support to those affected by domestic violence and their families.

In addition to the projects listed above, NYSCADV will focus on the broader issue of funding of domestic violence and local programs as well as social service regulations that govern those agencies.

Specialized projects NYSCADV is working on are:

- Training with LGBTQ community for local programs and staff.
- Expanding the women of color project.
- Working with men to stop violence against women.
- Increased public education and outreach to member programs
- Providing an “800” for member programs and community partners.

NYC ALLIANCE AGAINST SEXUAL ASSUALT

Strategic Plan for 2010-12

1. Increase Capacity of Service Providers and Responders to Provide the Best Acute Care to Survivors.
 - a. Continue to increase the number of SAFE trained clinicians
 - i. Continue broad based SAFE training
 - ii. Begin to integrate SAFE curriculum into care training for health care professionals
 - b. Continue the education of clinicians beyond the basic SAFE course
 - i. Develop and implement needed courses
 - ii. Evaluate new courses
 - c. Creation of protocol, policy and training

- i. Continue to assemble workgroups to design and disseminate best practice
 - ii. Continue SAFE Operations and Standards Committee (Training has been separated out and there is a Curriculum Committee for the SAFETI (Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Training Institute)
 - iii. Use dissemination of research to stimulate discussion on how to overcome barriers to best practice
 - d. Develop and implement programs to celebrate the achievements and successes of the multidisciplinary team collaboration as a way to develop group cohesiveness, commitment and address burn-out.
 - e. Increase evaluation of services provided by individual sector and by sectors as they function in collaboration
 - i. Advocate for the development of systems to measure health outcomes of rape crisis centers and SAFE care
 - f. Increase the capacity of each sector (and by the sectors as they function in collaboration) to improve the quality of their services based on evaluation
 - i. Train sectors on how to better evaluate their services
 - ii. Meet with all sectors to revisit how to best facilitate oversight and improvement of multi-sector collaboration and revise structure accordingly where requested
- 2. Measure and Document the Scope of Sexual Violence in NYC.
 - a. Deepen understanding of scope of sexual violence among two disproportionately affected groups: youth (has been completed) and immigrant women
 - i. Conduct PAR projects to gather information on immigrant women
 - b. Increase dissemination of local research findings via web
 - i. Compile results into a NYS Statistics and Research section of the website – Working on 2009
- 3. Conduct Evidence-Based Advocacy to Improve Access to and Best Care for Survivors.
 - a. Determine best way to provide comprehensive care to rape victims in all five boroughs and develop an implementation plan
 - i. Consult with relevant experts
 - ii. Disseminate findings to stakeholders and work to ensure development of services
 - b. Advocate for all NYC hospitals to have volunteer rape crisis advocates available in ER

- i. Meet with RCPs that train advocates to determine their interest and capacity to train hospital-based advocates, or expand their own advocates
 - ii. Talk to EDs without advocates: What would be more feasible?
Bring external RCP advocates in or train in-house staff
 - c. Continue to increase public awareness of what services exist and where to access them
 - i. Release of BeSAFE NY iPhone application
 - ii. Evaluate BeSAFENYC website for additional ways to communicate its existence and messages to the public
 - iii. Continue to disseminate, monitor and evaluate Teen Health Map
- 4. Increase the Capacity of Individuals, Groups, Organizations and Communities in NYC to Prevent Sexual Violence.
 - a. Oversee continued implementation of primary prevention demonstration project in 3 communities in NYC
 - i. Assist in program/project development
 - ii. Evaluate program
 - b. Coordinate and train groups to address prevention of sexual violence through community organizing and participatory action research
 - i. Immigrant focused community based organizations
 - 1. ARISE Project
 - ii. Youth focused community based organizations
 - iii. SAYSO
- 5. Increase the Capacity of Service Providers and Responders to Detect and Prevent Sexual Violence.
 - a. Continue to work with first identified group of service providers (youth serving professionals) to better detect and prevent sexual violence as funding allows.
 - b. Assist youth serving organizations in developing appropriate policies and procedures on detection and preventing sexual violence as funding allows.

NYS OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES (formerly NYS CRIME VICTIMS BOARD)

The New York State Office of Victim Services is committed to promoting programs and services that address Violence Against Women goals. To that end, OVS has or will complete the following actions:

- Our March 2009 Request for Proposal for grants for victim assistance programs across the State noted that 10% of each Federal fiscal year's grant would be allocated to programs whose principal mission was to offer comprehensive specialized services to the special needs of victims

of sexual assault. While this is a mandatory VOCA priority, it is of primary importance to the Office of Victim Services as well.

- Our March 2009 Request for Proposal for grants for victim assistance programs across the State noted that another 10% of each Federal fiscal year's grant would be allocated to programs whose principal mission was to offer comprehensive specialized services to the special needs of victims of domestic abuse; this, too, is a mandatory VOCA priority, but also reflects the Office of Victim Services priorities.
- In June of 2009, 54 grants were awarded to programs that serve sexual assault victims. Three year funding totals for these programs will amount to \$24.5M and will serve approximately 45 counties in the State.
- In June of 2009, 70 grants were awarded to programs that serve domestic violence victims. Three year funding totals for these programs will amount to \$28.1M and will serve approximately 50 counties in the State.
- The Office of Victim Services implemented the Forensic Rape Exam (FRE) Direct Reimbursement Program effective April 1, 2005. This program affords additional measures of personal privacy and financial relief for sexual assault survivors in the aftermath of violent and traumatic events. The FRE Direct Reimbursement Program provides for direct payment by OVS to qualifying healthcare providers for covered costs of forensic rape examinations provided to sexual assault patients who do not have or who decline to use their private insurance benefits or any other insurance including Medicaid or Medicare. With roll-out of the program, OVS provided regional training across the State to service providers. Since the last report, the Office has conducted four trainings to various providers, including a statewide webcast to SANEs and other forensic examiners.
- The Forensic Rape Exam (FRE) Direct Reimbursement Program module was one of the first modules to be implemented on Claims Assistant, OVS's new automated system for processing claims. Implementation has eliminated several manual processes for FRE processing. With claims assistant processing time has improved significantly. During the period of February 1, 2006 to October 31, 2010, OVS has processed 21,059 FRE claims, paying out well over \$416M in FRE claims.
- One of OVS's primary missions is to provide compensation to innocent victims of violent crime for their out-of-pocket losses related to that crime. Our claims types are essential personal property, physical injury and death claims. Recognizing that any of these claim types may fall into the category of domestic violence, our application asks claimants to specifically identify if the crime for which they are seeking compensation is a domestic violence crime. While there may be some under-reporting as this is not a required field, we can state that in calendar year 2009, OVS paid over 1,700 claims related to domestic violence with payments to these claimants amounting to just over \$25M. During the same reporting period, OVS also paid over \$1M for 814 sexual assault claims.

Clearly, the Office of Victim Services is committed to addressing the needs of female victims of violent crime. This is evident through the agency's funding priorities for Victim Assistance Programs, the FRE

program, claims processing, and advocating for the rights and interests of this population, such as the regulations being advanced for the crimes of trafficking. It is OVS's intention to continue these efforts to advance programs and services to women victims of violent crime.

NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

In 1987 the Domestic Violence Prevention Act was passed. This required, for the first time, every county to provide and pay for residential and nonresidential DV services. As a result of this act the office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) developed regulations for residential and nonresidential DV services. Once regulations had been established OCFS began approving DV providers.

OCFS has 6 regional offices across the state responsible for approving (licensing) all of the residential programs in NYS. The nonresidential programs are approved by the local social services districts.

The act authorized OCFS to establish annual per diem rates for each county that are used to reimburse residential programs for each bed night utilized.

It also requires an annual report to the Governor and legislature. A variety of statistical information is required and OCFS collects this from approved providers throughout the year and then collates the data into the required report.

OCFS also administers the Federal Family Violence Prevention funding. This funding is a non-competitive grant available to all approved DV providers in NYS. It is usually just under \$3 million annually and is distributed evenly across all approved providers in the state. OCFS also allocates \$1.4 Million in TANF funds to counties for non-residential domestic violence programs and through the Children and Family Trust Fund, also supports supervised visitation/DV programs and other services for child victims growing up in households where there is DV.

There is evidence that suggests a high correlation between child abuse and maltreatment and domestic violence in a household. As a result, since 1997, OCFS has been managing CPS/DV collaboration projects around the state. The collaborations place a domestic violence advocate employed by the local DV agency at the local CPS office to work together with the CPS caseworkers to serve CPS/DV involved families. The collaborations involve cross-training between the agencies, regular workgroup meetings and protocol development and implementation. The agencies are encouraged to work jointly with the families ideally doing home visits and safety planning together. The goal of the collaborations is to improve outcomes for families experiencing both DV and child abuse/maltreatment.

NYS OFFICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) is a unique independent state agency with its mission to improve the state's response to and prevention of domestic violence. The three priority areas of the office are the provision of advice to the Governor, the legislature, and other state agencies on the best ways to integrate domestic violence into the work of the state; training government professionals and providing model policies; and promoting general public awareness and education. OPDV functions as the technical assistance provider to all state agencies looking to address domestic violence in their work, and serves to ensure that the nonprofit provider community, as well as victims themselves, has an avenue through which they can make their concerns heard by the State of New York.

Recent accomplishments of OPDV, as well as future plans, include:

Policy and Legislation

- **Domestic Violence and the Workplace Policies and Training.** Implementation of Governor's executive order requiring that all state agencies issue a domestic violence and the workplace policy. All agencies now have such a policy, have trained their designated staff representatives, and OPDV and the Governor's Office of Employee Relations are issuing an interactive online training on this topic to ensure training sustainability. Since its launch, OPDV has worked with two other municipalities to develop similar programs, becoming a national expert on developing such programs in a government context;
- **Supervised Visitation.** OPDV successfully applied for a US Department of Justice Supervised Visitation Grant, which will fund two supervised visitation programs (in Kings and Oswego Counties), as well as support the development of statewide guidelines for supervised visitation programs working with families in which domestic violence is a factor;
- **OASAS enhanced screening for DV.** OPDV partnered with the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services to enhance their screening for domestic violence in all of the facilities OASAS manages or supports across the state;
- **Passage of multiple domestic violence laws.** Over the past several years, the legislature has passed, and the Governor has signed, a remarkable number of bills that improve the legal response to domestic violence in NYS. In particular:
 - In 2008, Expanded Access to Family Court was signed into law, enabling dating couples (including same sex and teen couples) to gain access to civil orders of protection, and fall within the protections of mandatory arrest. This law requires OPDV and DCJS to publish a report in 2011 regarding the impact of the law, and in preparation, OPDV has been conducting data sharing meetings and conversations with communities regarding progress on the law's implementation;
 - In 2009, the Governor's Domestic Violence Omnibus bill passed, which included provisions protection victims from employment discrimination, strengthening prosecutors' ability to charge course of conduct crimes, requiring that law enforcement share domestic incident reports with probation and parole, and enhancing the training offered to lawyers for children;

- In 2010 New York adopted a law specifically identifying strangulation as a provision of the penal code.
- **Domestic Violence Advisory Council.** As part of its enabling legislation, OPDV hosts a Domestic Violence Advisory Council, with a combination of state agencies members appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the legislature. In the past three years the Council has been re-energized, and memorializes the substantial work accomplished by all members through the virtual publication of the NYS DV Annual Report;
- **Model Domestic Incident Policy for Police Departments.** OPDV, with DCJS, completed a model Domestic Incident Policy for police departments, which should be adopted by the Municipal Police Training Council no later than spring of 2011. This will be the first step towards ensuring a consistent police policy response to domestic violence across the over 550 police departments that operate in the state of New York.

Training

- **Creation of On-Line Training for Advocates, Police, and Probation/Parole.** With a US DOJ Grant to Encourage Arrest, OPDV, in partnership with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, including the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, the NYS Division of Parole, the NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault, is developing training curricula on high-priority areas in the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault; tailor them for three stakeholder audiences (advocates, law enforcement, and probation and parole); and then make them freely available throughout the state by converting the curricula into online trainings;
- **Continued training support across government.** OPDV continues to provide high- quality training to a broad array of professionals, including child welfare and protection staff, police offices, public assistance staff, probation officers, healthcare professionals, and others. Resource limitations have restricted the amount of in-person training OPDV is currently able to accomplish, but we have responded to this challenge by strengthening online offerings. New additions to OPDV’s traditional training curriculum include the development of a special module for the Office for Children and Family Services Home Visiting Program; an interactive on-line Domestic Violence and the Workplace training; and a module on the intersection between domestic violence and traumatic brain injury;

Public Awareness and Education

- **Statewide Shine the Light Campaign.** In 2007 OPDV launched the statewide “Shine the Light” on domestic violence campaign, asking agencies, individuals, and organizations to turn something purple in October, domestic violence awareness month. This year, the campaign has grown to include 275 participants, and last year was recognized by the National Domestic Violence Hotline as one of the country’s three most inspirational public awareness efforts;

- **Verizon Domestic Violence Entrepreneurship Grant.** OPDV developed a unique grant program with the Verizon Foundation and Verizon Wireless that provides small “bridge” grants to domestic violence survivors looking to become entrepreneurs;
- **Campus toolkit.** OPDV developed a package of materials that was distributed to all NYS colleges and universities to assist them in complying with Sections 6431 and 6432 of NY Educational Law Article 129-A which requires that they inform incoming students about dating abuse and stalking;
- **Media toolkit.** After working with a team of students from the NYU Wagner School, OPDV developed a toolkit to assist nonprofits in communicating about domestic violence with the media, and for media professionals to report more accurately and appropriately on domestic violence;
- **Facebook page.** As part of our recognition of Teen Dating Abuse and Prevention month, and to increase our outreach to youth, OPDV launched a Facebook page. This page became a useful tool for our October outreach efforts, and will expand in the coming year to be even more responsive to the issue of teen dating violence; and
- **Domestic Violence Dashboard.** For the past three years, OPDV has worked with a broad range of State agencies to publish a cross section of data we collect on domestic violence victims who use government services, and compiled them into a NYS Domestic Violence Dashboard. The Dashboard serves as an important complement to DCJS’ Annual Domestic Violence Homicide report, by also including data from the courts, public assistance, child welfare, and hotlines. The Dashboard adds data elements every year as more and more agencies start to track the presence of domestic violence victims in their systems.

OPDV remains committed to ensuring that the State continues to improve its response to domestic violence, especially in underserved communities, and its activities are responsive to the priorities outlined in the state’s VAWA Plan. We look forward to building on this important work in the years to come.

NYS DCJS OFFICE OF PROBATION AND CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES

Guidelines Developed

- *Child Custody Investigation: Guidelines for Practice* June 2008
- *Intake Guidelines – Completing Petitions for Orders of Protection Involving Family Offenses* October 2008
- *Probation Response to Domestic Violence: A Model Investigation and Supervision Procedural Package* March 2010 (Note: Includes new Anti-Stalking section.)
- *Probation Officer Domestic Violence – New York State Policy Guidance* July 2010

Training Conducted

- NYSPOA Annual Conference 2008-2010
- Domestic Violence Training Module of *Fundamentals of Probation Practice* for all new Probation Officers 2008-2010
- Domestic Violence Training Local Probation – 20 events statewide 2008-2010
- NYS Probation Domestic Violence Liaison Training – 6 events statewide 2008-2009
- APPA Jurisdictional Team Training – White Plains, NY November 2009
- Collaboration Training Meeting Series – 11 events statewide – November 2009 - January 2010
- Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Programs: Effective Probation Tools July 2010
- NYS Minorities in Criminal Justice Annual Training Institute – Batavia, NY September 2010
- Motivational Interviewing: Practical Application for the Probation Officer – Albany, NY November 2010 (Included information on MI for domestic violence and other special offender populations.)
- Regional Domestic Violence Training: The Probation Response in Rural and Native American Communities – Statewide training series scheduled for November-December 2010

Legislative Efforts

- DIR to Probation and Parole

OPCA convened eleven Domestic Violence Regional Collaboration Meetings across New York State in late 2009 for jurisdictional teams comprised of probation officers, law enforcement, district attorneys, domestic violence advocates and court personnel on collaboration issues and the transmission of Domestic Incident Reports. These meetings were attended by almost 200 participants. In March 2010, OPCA released the *Probation Response to Domestic Violence: A Model Investigation and Supervision Procedural Package*. This comprehensive document includes important information regarding the issue of intimate partner stalking. In June 2010, OPCA convened two focus group meetings of probation officers, law enforcement and victim advocates from rural

jurisdictions and those that include Native American communities to discuss the *Probation Response to Domestic Violence in Rural and Native American Communities* for purposes of developing a new training curriculum and other resources to help practitioners address the unique issues faced by these communities. In July 2010, OPCA released the *Probation Officer Domestic Violence Policy Guidance* to assist local probation administrators in the development of consistent policies and responses to domestic violence when perpetrated by or against probation officers.

NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

Integrated Domestic Violence Courts: First established in 2001, these “one family/one judge” courts, established by the NYS Unified Court System Office of Policy and Planning (Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, Director), in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation, are designed to reduce the need for domestic violence victims and their families to appear in different courtrooms before several judges. Although criminal and civil cases are kept separate, one judge handles all criminal domestic violence cases and related family issues, such as custody, visitation, civil protection orders, matrimonial and, in some cases, child protective actions. A summary of the IDV courts statewide, as of January, 2010, is attached. Between January 1, 2000 and November 12, 2010, these 52 courts, covering all parts of New York State, have handled 110,883 cases involving 21,235 families. While *Violence Against Women Act* funds are no longer available to bring judges and staff from these courts together for regular training and meetings, some STOP funds have been used to provide several seminars, as indicated in the attached summary of Office of Policy and Planning training programs.

Domestic violence courts: Building upon the success of the ground-breaking Brooklyn Felony Domestic Violence Court, as of January, 2009, there were 38 domestic violence courts in felony and misdemeanor courts in various urban and suburban jurisdictions, large and small, statewide. These courts, established by the NYS Unified Court System Office of Policy and Planning, in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation, include three model Youth Domestic Violence Courts in Criminal Courts in Bronx and Kings Counties and in Yonkers City Court that focus exclusively upon misdemeanor domestic violence cases among teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19. As indicated in the attached summary, seminars have continued to be provided for the domestic violence courts, although VAWA funds have not been available for this purpose.

Sex offense courts: Unique in the nation, the NYS Unified Court System Office of Policy and Planning, in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation, has established seven sex offense courts in Nassau, Westchester, Oswego, Suffolk, Erie, Queens and Orange Counties. With specially trained judges and staff, these courts facilitate coordination of services for victims, as well as greater post-sentence monitoring of offenders on probation.

Family Violence Task Force: Appointed by Chief Judge Kaye in 1994, the Family Violence Task Force, now co-chaired by Hon. Sondra Miller, Associate Justice (retired) of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 2nd Dept. and Director of Family Support for the court system, and Hon. Leslie Stein, Associate Justice, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Dept., has

presented over 100 seminars on domestic violence and sex offense-related topics and is now planning its 16th season of seminars statewide. In 2006, the Task Force issued a Family Violence Resource Book, a desk-book for judges containing selected materials from prior seminars, which has been updated annually. As described more fully in the attached summary, in addition to updates on domestic violence case law and legislation, recent seminars, presented in conjunction with the New York State Judicial Institute, have addressed such topics as immigration and trafficking (2008), sex offenders and sex offenses (2009)

Additional Training on Domestic Violence and Sex Offenses: In addition to programs provided by the New York State Judicial Institute, the Office of Policy and Planning, in conjunction with Center for Court Innovation, has presented numerous seminars statewide. Following enactments of the 2008 statute requiring Supreme and Family Courts to check the sex offender and other databases before issuing custody orders [Laws of 2008, ch. 595] and the 2009 statute requiring training of attorneys for children in domestic violence issues [Laws of 2009, ch. 476], the Office of Policy and Planning, in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation, provided training programs in New York City and upstate on these issues.

Town and Village Justice Comprehensive Action Plan: The NYS Unified Court System's Office of Justice Court Support has continued to implement the comprehensive action plan to improve the quality of local courts that serve as the front-line in domestic violence and other cases. State court judges act as liaisons for town and village courts in every district, training (including web-based distance learning) is provided through the Justice Court Training Academy, ongoing support is provided through the Town and Village Justice Resource Center and additional equipment and other services are provided through the Justice Court Assistance Program.

Data and Technology: The NYS Unified Court System has been gathering data in conjunction with its Domestic Violence Registry and Family Court Universal Case Management System regarding orders of protection and family offense proceedings, including, *inter alia*, information regarding implementation of the 2008 statute that expanded access to Family Court to intimate partners. [Laws of 2008, ch. 326]. This data is an important component of the NYS Domestic Violence Dashboard Project spearheaded by the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence. Additionally, the Court System's technology has been significantly upgraded with the implementation of the "WebDVS" system statewide. This system permits automatic generation of orders of protection, entry of the orders onto the NYSPIN system (the NYS Police order of protection registry connected with the national protection order file operated by the FBI as part of the National Crime Information Center) and tracking of orders in cases dismissed or sealed. With the recent statute making permanent the pilot projects for electronic transmission of orders of protection to law enforcement for service [Laws of 2010, ch. 261], the Court System has stepped up its use of technology links to law enforcement agencies. The Court System is also working with the NYS Sheriffs' Association on its ongoing project to develop a mechanism to notify complainants in Family Court family offense cases regarding service of orders of protection and with the Seneca Nation to facilitate entry of its orders of protection onto the Domestic Violence Registry.

Assistance to unrepresented litigants: Expansion of the Court System's website, www.nycourthelp.gov, as well as establishment of Help Centers in each of the New York City Family Courts, provide assistance to unrepresented litigants, including answers to frequently asked questions, access to on-line forms and information regarding obtaining counsel. With the enactment of the no-fault divorce, temporary maintenance and attorney and expert fee statutes [Laws of 2010, chs. 329, 371, 384 and 415], the Court System has provided a simple on-line temporary maintenance work-sheet and calculator, accessible through the following links: www.nycourts.gov/divorce/TMG-worksheet.pdf and www.nycourts.gov/divorce/calculator.pdf

NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Rape Crisis Sexual Violence Prevention Program of the New York State Department of Health funds a Rape Crisis Center in every county and borough of New York State, two Centers of Excellence, and a Child Abuse Medical Provider network. Through a network of 49 Rape Crisis Centers providing services at 72 sites, the program provides rape prevention and education to all age groups, including children, adolescents and adults, hotline services, and quality crisis intervention, support and counseling services, 24/7, 365 days a year. In addition, the Rape Crisis Sexual Violence Prevention Program is responsible for promulgating standards to ensure that survivors of sexual assault receive the full range of indicated medical, forensic and support services needed to promote their recovery.

The Rape Crisis Centers conduct sexual violence primary prevention efforts, which are intended to prevent sexual violence before it occurs by focusing on changing the underlying conditions, including knowledge, attitudes and behaviors that allow sexual violence to occur and result in measurable long-term change. This may include the provision of sexual violence primary prevention education to a targeted group or a community mobilization effort. Primary prevention education on sexual violence prevention is provided to local youth-serving agencies, schools, colleges/universities or other venues where youth gather using an approved multi-session approved curricula. Community mobilization efforts focus on the development and participation in a local coalition to implement primary prevention strategies through community-wide efforts to prevent sexual violence.

Rape Crisis Centers also provide direct services to survivors of sexual assault in the communities they serve. Direct services supported by the department include:

- **24-Hour Crisis Telephone Hotlines** – Rape Crisis Centers must provide seven-day-a-week, private telephone response to calls 24 hours a day, year round, to survivors and to significant others in need of crisis intervention services and information and referral. The hotlines must be free of charge in the area served and also be listed under rape crisis in local telephone directories.
- **Accompaniment Services** - These services assure the presence of a trained crisis worker for a client at hospitals, law enforcement agencies, District Attorney's offices and courts. Accompaniment must be available 24 hours a day, free of charge and the client must be met within 60 minutes.

- **Advocacy Services** - This service provides intervention on behalf of a specific individual or on behalf of all survivors. Intervention may take the form of interactions with individuals, agencies, organizations, or groups that focus on promoting responses and services that address the needs and rights of survivors. Rape crisis centers must advocate for survivors of sexual assault according to the following standards.
 - Empower every client to make their own personal decisions.
 - Provide non-judgmental, sensitive support and information.
 - Explain to the client what the medical and legal proceedings will consist of and why procedures, tests, or exams are being requested.
 - Discuss the client's rights and options regarding medical and legal procedures.
 - Help the client to become more comfortable in interacting with medical, law enforcement, or court personnel.
 - Assist the client with accessing information regarding their case within the medical or legal proceedings.

Advocacy is available to all clients free-of-charge.

- **Referral Services** – This service provides additional resources to help a client resolve an unmet need. Rape Crisis Centers provide information and referrals to both clients and the general public. Referrals must be given to clients free-of-charge and must include: what the service referred to can offer, why it may be helpful and how to obtain the service and then must provide follow-up to ascertain whether the client did receive the service.
- **Short-Term Counseling Services** - Individual short-term counseling is supportive, individual communication and interaction which helps people make choices and act on those choices. Counseling focuses on the need to provide information which enables a client to make decisions and facilitates exploration of feelings that affect such decisions. Through the decision-making process, counseling can help people correct a situational problem, expand their skills, and restore a sense of well-being. Individual crisis counseling and follow-up must be offered free of charge and all programs must make an appropriate referral when determined that a client needs counseling beyond that which is available from the project.
- **Community Education, Professional Training and Outreach**
All rape crisis programs are required to provide community education, professional training and outreach to those in their community. Educational programs provide primary prevention to prevent the initial perpetration of sexual assault or rape. They may also provide information on the incidence of rape and sexual assault in the community. Professional training is a formal training program, conference, seminar or workshop designed for a professional group for the purpose of specialized instruction about sexual assault as it relates to the profession. Outreach is educational activities that provide information about the issues of sexual assault and which highlight the availability of

services.

- **Confidentiality Assurances** - The confidentiality of communication between rape survivors and counselors is essential and should be available to all who seek services. New York State's Health Commissioner has statutory authority to grant approval to rape crisis providers for the rape crisis confidentiality privilege. Approved centers are able to certify appropriately trained counselors. Rape crisis projects must meet regulatory standards (Sub-part 69-5 to Part 69 of Title 10 (Health) of the New York State Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations (10NYCRR) (attached) to ensure the confidentiality of client communication and records.

Centers of Excellence

The department also funds two Centers of Excellence, the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) and New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault (the Alliance). NYSCASA is a statewide advocacy organization and the Alliance serves the New York City area. The Centers of Excellence (COEs) partner with the department to work collaboratively with individual programs and state and national agencies and organizations to improve primary prevention efforts. COEs act as a clearinghouse of information, resources and research related to preventing sexual violence, including collecting, reviewing, cataloging and disseminating information relating to sexual violence prevention. COEs will develop and maintain a Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Education web site that includes current information on upcoming local and national conferences, funding opportunities, research, journal articles, links to other sexual assault primary prevention web sites and special events. COEs will respond to requests to research issues and provide information on up-to-date evidence-based practice and research in the field of primary prevention of sexual violence.

The COEs provide:

- Support and technical assistance on primary prevention program development to providers.
- Training related to primary prevention on topics which may include community coalition building, networking to prevent sexual violence, healthy relationships, bullying and sexual violence, dating violence, media advocacy, gender roles and expectations, consent/coercion, bystander interventions, drug facilitated rape, dating violence, peer norms that support sexual violence, or train-the-trainer sessions from any of the national evidence-based curricula.
- Technical assistance, leadership and support related to community mobilization efforts to providers based upon primary prevention models such as the spectrum of prevention or other coalition building models to ensure a comprehensive effort to prevent sexual violence.

In collaboration with the department, COEs will facilitate annual meetings of all Rape Crisis Centers to share information and updates regarding sexual violence prevention. The COEs will also participate with the department in quarterly meetings of the Sexual Violence Primary

Prevention Committee (SVPPC). The SVPPC is comprised of approximately 25 individuals from different agencies across New York State interested in impacting sexual violence. Representatives include community partners, youth-serving organizations, organizations working with men and boys, organizations serving marginalized communities, universities and colleges such as SUNY and Cornell, family planning providers, rape crisis centers, criminal justice agencies and other state agencies and bureaus within the department. The purpose of this committee is to provide input into issues and strategies to address preventing sexual violence in New York State.

Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Committee

In 2007, the department entered into a new cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to build and enhance capacity to prevent sexual violence from initially occurring by preventing first time perpetration and victimization. The Cooperative Agreement requires the development of a long-term statewide sexual violence prevention strategic plan that utilizes a public health approach to support comprehensive primary prevention program planning within the social-ecological model; build individual, organizational and community capacity for prevention using effective prevention strategies; apply the principles of effective prevention strategies; and, evaluate the primary prevention strategies and programs.

The CDC Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Program requires the establishment of a Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Committee (SVPPC) to help assess the current state of sexual violence primary prevention activities and provide input to the state on the development of comprehensive primary prevention programming. The New York State SVPPC was convened by the department in February 2007. The committee is comprised of key state and community partners in the prevention of sexual violence. The SVPPC met regularly to develop a sexual violence primary prevention plan for New York State and has been an integral part of the comprehensive primary prevention program planning process. At these meetings, members reviewed pertinent documents and NYS data; identified opportunities for capacity building and prevention activities; and, developed and agreed on goals, strategies and outcomes for the plan.

The NYSDOH Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Plan (SVPPP) focuses on community and population-based prevention strategies. The plan incorporates the social-ecological model developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and adapted by the CDC to understand the origins of sexual violence and the potential opportunities for prevention. This model looks at the complex interplay between individual, relationships, community, and societal factors that put individuals at risk for experiencing or perpetrating violence. Primary prevention focuses on the identification of these risk factors and the development of strategies to influence these factors. It is known that most victims of sexual assault know their perpetrators. Thus, it is increasingly important for vulnerable populations, their families, and social support systems to know how to not only provide protection, but also to promote the intolerance of sexual exploitation and sexual harassment at the community/societal level.

To develop this plan, data were reviewed related to the incidence and prevalence of sexual violence in NYS and in the nation. A literature review was performed to understand the impact of sexual violence and identify best practices related to prevention of sexual violence. Risk and

protective factors based upon personal and social characteristics that increase or decrease the likelihood of sexual violence are described, and prevention strategies are incorporated into the strategic plan. The plan also includes an overview of state and local primary prevention resources, along with an inventory of the available training and education programs. Finally, the plan includes a comprehensive set of goals, strategies and activities to guide the implementation process; a statewide infrastructure to support implementation of the plan; and a plan to monitor and evaluate the plan's success, guided by a logic model and supported by ongoing program reporting. The three key goals identified in New York's plan are:

Goal 1: Foster leadership and strengthen coordination of programs at the state level to prevent sexual violence.

Goal 2: Increase the capacity of local organizations to effectively implement evidence-based and promising strategies to prevent sexual violence.

Goal 3: Create a respectful society changing social norms to empower youth and adults to intervene with peers when necessary to prevent sexual violence.

It should be noted that the SVPP plan is a living document to guide the implementation of goals, objectives and activities over the next seven years. The plan will be adapted, as needed in response to changing needs and opportunities.

Child Abuse Medical Provider (CHAMP) Network

The Child Abuse Medical Provider (CHAMP) Network is funded by the department to improve access to quality medical care for suspected child abuse victims by providing practitioners with the assessment and diagnostic skills to treat these children. The CHAMP Network has increased the number of accessible expert child sexual abuse medical providers throughout New York State.

Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program

The Sexual Assault Reform Act, enacted in FY 2000, significantly expanded the department's role in addressing sexual assault. The legislation directs the department to designate interested hospitals in the state as sites of 24-hour sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) programs. These hospitals are centers of excellence for the provision of sexual assault services and modeled upon the state's trauma centers. To date, 38 hospitals are designated as SAFE hospitals

In conjunction with an expert workgroup, the department developed standards for certification of SAFE programs, individual sexual assault forensic examiners and training programs for sexual assault forensic examiners. The department has also approved eight SAFE training program applications. There are currently approximately 340 individual SAFE examiners who are Department of Health-certified.

Protocol for the Acute Care for the Adult Patient Reporting Sexual Assault

The department has also undertaken a number of additional actions to improve the health system's response to sexual assault. In conjunction with a panel of experts and advocates, the department developed the *Protocol for the Acute Care for the Adult Patient Reporting Sexual Assault* ("Protocol"). The Protocol is designed to ensure consistently high quality treatment of rape victims as well as to facilitate proper collection of forensic evidence in all hospital emergency departments.

Collaboration with the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

The department also funds the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) through a memorandum of understanding for OPDV to provide train-the-trainer programs on domestic violence for health professionals in New York City.

NEW YORK ASIAN WOMEN (NYAWC)

The New York Asian Women's Center (NYAWC) will continuously provide critical, comprehensive and holistic services to survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking through our culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Agency-wide goals include increasing client self-sufficiency and to expand the scope of our services to include other Asian women victims of gender-based crime. In addition to the multi-lingual 24-hour hotline, we will support women and children through these key programs: Emergency Residential Program, Shelter Vocational Program (focused on job training and placement), Non-Residential Program (work with clients not in shelter), development of the Transitional Housing Program (for extended shelter stay), Children's Program, and our Volunteer Client Advocate Program (trained volunteers assisting clients by task). Project Free, our intensive human trafficking services program works to empower human trafficking survivors to help rebuild their lives. The New York Asian Women's Center expands services to Asian survivors of crime through two new walk-in community offices in NYC.

NYAWC plans to engage in a 2-year community organizing project in partnership with three other Asian domestic violence agencies. This project will involve the partner agencies recruiting, training, and monitoring dozens of volunteers to participate in a coordinated, strategic effort to change community attitudes about domestic violence among Asian Americans living in Queens. Another initiative, the Safety First Project focuses on providing trainings on domestic violence to enable identification throughout a medical network in New York City.

The NYAWC plans to strengthen collaboration with diverse agencies and authorities throughout NYC. Maintaining partnerships in the criminal justice system will be done through our work at the Brooklyn Family Justice Center, Queens Family Justice Center, Queens Criminal and Midtown Community Courts. Staff at the NYAWC will participate in cross-trainings and taskforce meetings with law enforcement, and attorneys at the prosecutor's offices. The NYAWC will increase community linkages by connecting with advocacy groups, community health centers, and service providers. Through these networks, the NYAWC will provide education on the dynamics of domestic violence and human trafficking in the Asian community

and the critical options available so survivors can receive immediate, concrete services. Outreach activities will broaden not just on the street outreach level, but plans include increasing publications in ethnic print media such as the Chinese, Korean, South Asian newspapers and other media outlets. The NYAWC will maintain participation at multi-cultural community events and forums citywide.

NEW YORK CITY PROSECUTION HIGHLIGHTS

In 2007, it was hoped that other counties would replicate the Brooklyn Family Justice Center model. This goal has been achieved and this model has been replicated by both Queens and Bronx Counties. The model is intended to remove the “run around” experienced by so many victims of domestic violence by providing the victims with a single location for assistance with all civil and criminal issues. To this end, the Brooklyn Family Justice Center co-locates the Kings County District Attorney’s Office, New York Police Department, religious leaders, Sanctuary for Families, Brooklyn Legal Services, counseling services, Jewish Services for the Aged and a host of advocacy organizations. The Family Justice Centers have already serviced thousands of victims and continue to do so.

The Kings County District Attorney’s Office and the New York County District Attorney’s Office have successfully implemented a system to reduce the number of cross-complaints. Cross-complaints arise when opposing parties to an incident make a complaint against one another to the police. Both parties are then deemed defendants. Their status as defendants prohibited prosecutors from speaking to either party unless the defense attorney permitted the communications. Thus, the complaints would often go unprosecuted for lack of a testifying witness and the defendants’ attorneys would seek dismissal of the complaints. Both the New York County and Kings County District Attorney’s Offices have successfully addressed this problem by handling these complaints in the complaint room at the earliest possible stage. Doing so has allowed prosecutors to interview the parties at the beginning of the process and to assess the case using primary aggressor indicia, thus reducing the number of cross-complaints.

The District Attorney’s Offices now have access to digital photography which has enhanced their evidence based prosecutions. Charges of physical injury often require some physical proof in the form of photographs or medical records. These Offices can now access photographs on location, directly and immediately through the use of their own computer systems. This removes the costly delay that previously existed when the District Attorney’s Office was required to go through the NYPD to receive this evidence.

In the Queens County District Attorney’s Office efforts are in place to encourage courts to think more creatively in applying the forfeiture by wrongdoing rule of law. Forfeiture by wrongdoing describes instances in which a defendant forfeits the right to confront the witnesses against him in Court due to the fact that the defendant engaged in harassment, threats, intimidation or wrongful conduct which prevented witnesses from testifying. Queens County is recording defendant’s phone calls from jail and using those calls to prove the harassment and intimidation of victims of domestic violence. By proving the intimidation Courts are allowing their office to

prosecute cases using testimony of witnesses who are refusing to take the stand.

In addition, 911 calls can now also be accessed directly by prosecutors. The District Attorney's Offices are no longer required to go through the NYPD to receive this vital evidence. The district attorneys now have direct access to the calls which has greatly reduced the delay that previously existed.

The Kings County District Attorney's office has implemented Web DVS, a computerized order of protection system used to expedite issuance of the orders to victims and the district attorney's office. Thousands of orders of protection are issued by the local Criminal Courts each year and the system was previously manual with prosecutors and judges handwriting entries on these orders. Following this initiative, there is now a computerized system in place that gives victims and the district attorney's office immediate access to the orders while ensuring that all orders are accurate and legible.

The Kings County District Attorney's Office *Early Victim Engagement* program (EVE), in has also proven to be highly successful. EVE is an OVW funded collaboration between Brooklyn, the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, New York State Division of Parole, and other governmental and non-profit organizations, such as Safe Horizon. EVE is based in Brooklyn and provides services that are indispensable to survivors of domestic violence. Upon the assailant's arraignment, survivors are connected with counselors, given pertinent criminal justice information regarding their assailant, safety planning, and contact with the Brooklyn Family Justice Center, among other things. The EVE program also utilizes the Web DVS Order of Protection System to give immediate access to the orders, and provides staff members to the Brooklyn Criminal Court 365 days a year. Since the implementation of EVE, there have been 15,000 victim contacts and a 35% increase in Family Justice Center visits.

Both the New York County and Kings County District Attorney's Offices, have programs specifically designed to assist hearing impaired victims of domestic violence. With the help of DCJS ARRA funds, has also introduced an innovative program designated *DA Deaf Way*. The program was created by the office to ensure that the hearing-impaired have access and knowledge regarding the office's services. The program provides the hearing-impaired access to deaf victim advocates and community ambassadors.

Future Initiatives:

- Placement of ADA/Social worker teams in local precincts to insure speedy and effective communication with victims of domestic violence.
- Enhanced immigration services
- Training on use of state wide order of protection database.
- Continued judicial training.
- Resources for additional shelters.

UPDATE

Since the last full State Implementation Plan was submitted, we have completed some exciting initiatives.

In 2008, we worked with the NYS Liquor Authority to post signs in bars and taverns that warn of the dangers of Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault. In order to maintain costs, we worked closely with the NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault to use two of their existing posters. We were able to reproduce them in-house for little to no cost other than the paper. Two thousand posters were provided to the State Liquor Authority who placed them in bars/taverns in college towns, as well as areas that have high rates of sexual assault.

We also hosted “Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse: The Link” seminars in conjunction with domestic violence providers and the ASPCA during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. At the request of the VAWA grantees in New York State, instead of hosting one large conference, we held three regional seminars (Brooklyn, Schenectady and Mt. Morris/Geneseo). Dr. Harry Hovel, from the NYS Humane Society explained the link between domestic violence and animal abuse, which was then followed by Stacey Wolfe from the ASPCA who discussed New York State legislation concerning domestic violence and animal abuse. The afternoon sessions were each presented by a local domestic violence service provider explaining reasons why women won’t or can’t leave an abusive situation; and the last session of the day was a joint presentation by a domestic violence service provider and a humane society/animal shelter explaining ways in which fostering programs can be set up; education provided in schools, etc. Each seminar was tailored to meet the specific needs of those residing

in urban, suburban or rural areas. In total, over 200 people attended the sessions including law enforcement, prosecution, probation, court personnel, domestic violence providers and animal welfare/shelter groups.

As mentioned in “Current Efforts and On-going Projects” above, two of the most significant accomplishments in the past two years for DCJS in particular was the revamping of the NYS Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kit and the subsequent creation of the training DVD entitled “Body of Evidence: Using NYS’s Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kit”. We continually get requests for DVDs from all over the country, and we have even provided DVDs to Germany, Taiwan, the Congo and most recently, South Africa. In addition, during the summer of 2010, 200 copies were provided to emergency room physicians who had gathered for the annual meeting of the NYS Chapter of the College of Emergency Physicians. Not only were DVDs provided for all in attendance, the last day of the conference featured a workshop on a specific topic. This year’s workshop was geared towards training on the New York State rape kit. We are also tremendously pleased that the Federal Office on Violence Against Women endorsed the DVD by paying to duplicate it and provide a copy to every state and territory administrator and coalition director at the annual VAWA Administrators’ meeting in San Francisco in 2009. And lastly, we are happy to report that the DVD won an International Audio Visual Arts award.

An upcoming project for DCJS is the creation of a certification process for Advanced Practitioners in performing sexual assault exams. Two physicians in New York State have already held trainings for advanced practitioners (physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives and physicians’ assistants). We are thrilled that these medical professionals are vested and interested in ensuring that all physicians know how to properly perform a forensic rape exam. Paperwork

has been submitted by DCJS to the NYS Department of Health for their approval on this new process. Discussion will continue throughout 2011 on this new certification.

Another project we look forward to in the coming year is the creation of a comprehensive list of animal shelters, veterinarians and rescue groups in New York State that are currently working in conjunction with domestic violence service providers (or who are willing to start a program) to house pets for victims so that they can leave their domestic violence situation. SUNY Buffalo is very interested in this project and is offering a graduate student to help us. Once the list is created and the animal groups are matched up with the domestic violence providers, the information will be provided to all domestic violence programs so that they can advise victims of the availability of the program. The information will also be maintained on the DCJS website and the eJustice Portal so that law enforcement officers can easily access the information when they are on a domestic call.

Although this Plan is responsive to STOP VAWA Formula funding, it is important to note two statewide projects in development, which were funded under VAWA Recovery Act funds. DCJS has committed \$1.5 million of Recovery money to create a statewide Domestic Incident Report Database and \$100,000 to hire a consultant to look into the feasibility of creating a statewide standardized database reporting system for all agencies providing domestic violence and sexual assault services. A brief description of each follows.

DIR Database

A Domestic Incident Report (DIR) is prepared when police officers investigate an incident involving married couples, domestic partners, or other family oriented groupings. Due to the nature of the incident and the relationships of the parties involved, a paper-based reporting system is used. A standardized DIR form is used by all NYS law enforcement agencies. The

domestic incident report is prepared on the scene and a signed, paper copy is given to the victim at the scene.

The paper-based nature of DIR reporting is a great impediment to data sharing between law enforcement agencies and for access by district attorney staff. The DIR repository will be developed to greatly improve the sharing of DIR documents by placing a scanned image of DIRs in a central, shared repository searchable by various index elements including names, addresses, and specific document numbers. Address validation and standardization will be employed to improve the accuracy of searches by address. The DIR repository search functionality will be made available to criminal justice professionals from the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal being implemented by the state criminal justice agencies. Briefly, the DIR repository will:

- a. Provide a means to record DIR information and maintain it along with a scanned image of the DIR in a centralized DIR repository.
- b. Provide readily usable DIR information for research purposes.
- c. Provide authorized access to DIR information for appropriate law enforcement personnel via the eJusticeNY portal.

The data capture process will also include information of program and policy interest to greatly improve the State's ability to report on the frequency and type of domestic incidents that occur.

Statewide Standardized Reporting Database

Utilizing VAWA Recovery funds, the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence engaged a consultant to develop a business analysis to determine if a joint reporting system would be possible for New York State and if so, recommendations on how to achieve this system.

The consultant reviewed the activities of the state agencies and several provider agencies by conducting several interviews and document reviews. National domestic violence agencies were contacted as were some vendors of commercial case management systems focused on victim advocacy in general and domestic violence programs in particular.

The consultant presented a proposal for a joint reporting system for use by all providers of services to victims of domestic violence (DV), sexual assault (SA), or other victim services (VS) that receive funds from one or more state agencies. This system would consist of a Central Reporting System accompanied by a selected and supported commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) case management system. The COTS system will provide a means to record program activities common to the service providers and to prepare summary data needed for periodic reporting to state agencies. A means to flexibly report on program activities will also be provided to support reporting to private funders and to support operational activities of service providers.

The system must minimally support reporting for the state agency mandates contained in contract agreements. Some reports will be submitted directly to the state agency by way of the proposed central reporting server. For other reports, optional case management functionality will provide summaries in support of indirect submission using an agency-specific system; e.g., the DCJS GMS system.

The cost of acquiring the COTS system, developing the Central Reporting System, training provider agency staff, and providing on-going support were estimated by the consultant to be \$1,200,000. It was estimated that such a project would take at least a year to complete. The steering committee consisting of senior staff of the state agencies involved has taken the consultant's proposal under consideration and plans to meet to discuss the feasibility of the proposal and decide on next steps.

CONCLUSION

All of these goals will enhance existing efforts to prevent violence against women in New York State. We are very excited about the new initiatives being undertaken as well as those planned for the future. With continuation funding under the Violence Against Women formula grant program, we will be able to proceed with our mission of implementing programs that address violence against women, are sensitive to the needs and safety of victims, and which hold offenders accountable for their crimes. It is our hope to fund new initiatives as well as to use the experiences gained since the inception of VAWA to duplicate projects that we know are effective.

We are thankful that the provision of Federal VAWA funds provided to New York since FFY95 have made it possible for the State to make tremendous strides in its efforts to protect women from violence. Numerous task forces have been established across the state; district attorney offices have dedicated prosecutors; dedicated domestic violence courts, and integrated domestic violence courts have been created; thousands of law enforcement and human service providers have received training, sexual assault examiner programs have been created, and protocols have been developed. The increased safety of women has been possible in large part due to the Violence Against Women Act, and the grant funds provided to the State of New York.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

SUPPORT LETTERS

NYSCASA

New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

December 10, 2010

Sean Byrne, Acting Commissioner
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
4 Tower Place
Albany, New York 12203

Dear Acting Commissioner Byrne:

I am delighted to write a letter of support for the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) regarding the VAWA STOP grant initiatives. From the inception of the STOP Formula Grants implementation in New York State, DCJS has maintained an informed and inclusive process for creating the state plan, distributed the RFA widely, and monitored and supported funded programs effectively.

The New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) values the collaborative planning process in our state. NYSCASA has been and continues to be part of the statewide VAWA Advisory Committee. The regular exchange of ideas and information between Kim Oppelt and her staff in the STOP VAWA grants program and practitioners in the field is a strong asset for building New York's approach to utilizing these funds in a strategic and effective manner. There are ongoing and regular consultations about program and standards of accountability for grantees. Our coalition is fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable State team with whom communication is always possible. I appreciate DCJS staff willingness to dialogue, have challenging conversations, and stay at the table!

I look forward to the continued state planning work in the year ahead and the opportunities that process affords for making sure that New York State is a leader in addressing sexual violence in all our communities. Please feel free to call me at any time for assistance with planning or with questions about current issues in the sexual violence field. NYSCASA staff is always glad to assist in getting information that will strengthen system response to the needs of survivors of sexual assault.

Sincerely,



Joanne Zannoni, MSW
Executive Director



December 10, 2010

Sean Byrne, Commissioner
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
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Dear Commissioner Byrne,

In 1997, the DCJS V AW A grants unit took a courageous leap and funded the Crime Victims Treatment Center to establish the first sexual assault forensic examiner program in NYC. At that time, it was a pioneering venture for my program, our hospital center and your agency ... and it was new territory for all of us. During the first few years, your staff worked closely with us and other pilot programs, facilitating and hosting multi-agency meetings, helping us develop strategies to address institutional resistance and implementation problems and mentoring and supporting us all the way.

In 1999, CVTC received approval to expand our SAFE program from two emergency departments at St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals in to include Beth Israel Medical Center in the lower east side of Manhattan. They recognized the benefit that this would be not only cost effective but the program would be able to offer this expertise to hundreds more over the years.


The establishment of SAFE/SAE programs in our hospitals has undoubtedly lifted the bar for medical treatment and forensic collection of evidence for sexual assault victims in NYS. When sexual assault survivors receive comprehensive and sensitive medical and emotional care, they are more likely to report the crime to the police. If evidence is professionally and expertly collected, the probability of a positive criminal justice outcome is increased ... and our experience has confirmed this with increased reporting and an impressive conviction rate.

During the past decade, CVTC has collaborated on multiple projects including the establishment of SAE Standards of Care, revision of evidence collection kits, implementation of the drug facilitated rape kits, workshops, coordinating cross-training for SAFE examiners and prosecutors, DNA training for law enforcement and medical providers and development of policy and legislative initiatives.

At every turn in our growth and evolution, the VA WA staff encouraged us at every step. The unit has been and continues to be truly exceptional. They are smart, insightful and professional yet encourage autonomy and creativity. I have found that to be an unusual and special combination.

The Crime Victims Treatment Center was established 30 years ago. We have a long history working with a broad range of federal and state government agencies. We regard our relationship with your agency and especially your VA WA staff with the highest respect and admiration. Our experience during the last ten years has been a very unique and exciting collaborative adventure with exceptional people and I dare say that together, we have made a difference in many people's lives.

My best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Xenarios".

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December 13, 2010

Mr. Sean Byrne
Acting Commissioner
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services
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Dear Mr. Byrne:

The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is pleased to write this letter in support of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and its laudable work in facilitating the development of the New York State Implementation Plan for VAWA.

As a member of DCJS's VAWA Advisory Committee, the Coalition works closely with DCJS in identifying service needs and gaps, and updating funding priorities. For over 30 years the Coalition has been the voice of local domestic violence programs in New York State and has over 130 member programs. We have extensive knowledge of domestic violence programs in NYS; we will continue to be able to provide insight throughout the grant determination process. The Coalition looks forward to continuing this relationship to ensure that funds disseminated to programs provide the highest quality of services for those affected by intimate partner violence and their children.

Throughout the years, DCJS has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to addressing the far ranging impacts of domestic violence in New York State. DCJS staff, particularly those in the Violence Against Women Grants Unit, regularly attend trainings and conferences sponsored by the Coalition. DCJS has also shown a dedication to supporting programs that provide crucial funding for initiatives serving marginalized communities, including Tribal and immigrant populations. Thus, the Coalition is pleased to continue working collaboratively with DCJS in the development of New York State's Implementation Plan for VAWA and support all applications for continued S.T.O.P. funding.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michele McKeon, MSW
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December 20, 2010

Mr. Sean Byrne
Acting Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Byrne:

The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault (Alliance) appreciates the working relationship between the Alliance and the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. As both an organization that coordinates sexual violence services in New York City and as a grantee, the Alliance has found the Division to be open-minded, fair and rigorous in their standards for funded programs. The staff has worked diligently to implement the spirit of the Violence Against Women Act – looking for true collaboration between service providers and the criminal justice system, supporting efforts that promote a victim-centered approach to intervention in sexual and domestic violence and modeling good communication with the field.

The Alliance trusts that the Division will continue to be thoughtful in how to maximize resources across the state and work with all the relevant parties to ensure that New York State is effectively addressing violence against women.

Please feel free to contact me for further information at 212-229-0345 X 301. Best wishes to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Harriet Lessel, LCSW
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APPENDIX B

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**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
November 18, 2010
11:00-1:00 pm**

Welcome and Introductions:

- Acting Commissioner Sean M. Byrne

Presentations by:

- Amy Barasch
Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
- Mary Carpenter for Michele McKeon
NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Joe Farrell for Joanne Zannoni
NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Other Agency Initiatives:

- Advisory Committee Members

DCJS Initiatives:

- Kim Oppelt

APPENDIX C

FFY 2009 STOP VAWA AWARDS (12)



DCJS - OPDF Briefing Report for VAWA Grants

Monday, December 13, 2010

County: **Albany**

Participant Name: Albany County

T543843 VW09543843 VW09-1062-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Albany | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$42,724.00 |

The prosecution of cases involving domestic violence and sexual violence has the distinct characteristic of depending almost entirely on the testimony of the victim as the core/primary evidence of the crime. At the same time, a multitude of factors inhibit these victims/witnesses and render their active participation in the prosecution problematic. These cases are uniquely demanding in terms of requiring extraordinary levels of victim support. This project will address this issue by providing victims/witnesses in cases of sexual violence and domestic violence a consistent and integrated team incorporating prosecutors, crime victim advocates, and law enforcement.

Participant Name: Albany Medical College

T554443 VW09554443 VW10-1001-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Albany | 04/01/2010 | 03/31/2011 | \$36,832.00 |

This project will continue to support the existing Sexual Assault Examiner Program at Albany Medical Center Hospital. We are one of only two hospitals in Albany County that provide specialized care for sexual assault patients. AMC's program is distinctive, encompassing adult/adolescent sexual assault, domestic violence, and expert legal testimony services. Evidence is collected for all patients who consent to a forensic, as well as a medical, exam.

Compared nationally, AMC's program has a high rate of reports made to law enforcement, as well as a high rate of successful prosecution (nearly 10%). Further, AMC has a unique partnership with its own AIDS treatment center (the only one in the region) to refer all adult patients to the center for follow-up, creating a continuum of medical care, testing, and follow-up that these patients require.

Participant Name: Capital District Women's Bar Assoc. Legal Project

C549343 VW09549343 VW09-1172-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Albany | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$76,937.00 |

The Domestic Violence Legal Connection's core services are in the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Saratoga. This project includes the recruitment and maintenance of a trained panel of attorneys to provide legal representation to victims of domestic violence on Orders of Protection in Family Court. It also provides one domestic violence training and twenty technical assistance telephone or personal contacts annually to panel attorneys and domestic violence service providers from the region. Equinox, Inc. is a subcontractor on this project, providing referrals and direct services to victims of domestic violence seeking orders of protection.

Participant Name: Empire Justice Center

T562938 VW09562938 VW09-1056-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Albany | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$34,376.00 |

This project will provide legal assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence throughout the tri-county area of Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady. Empire Justice will also provide outreach and education to the immigrant population and to staff of community groups and organizations that serve immigrant victims of domestic violence.

Participant Name: In Our Own Voices, Inc.

T563036 VW09563036 VW09-1165-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Albany | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

The goal of the Capital Region Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Anti-Violence Project is to increase access to and improve domestic violence services for LGBT people, particularly LGBT women of color in seven Capital Region counties. The main objectives of the project are to: 1. Create a LGBT-specific point-of-entry for LGBT victims of domestic violence seeking services in the Capital Region; 2. Expand the number of Domestic Violence Agencies in the Capital Region who offer culturally appropriate services to LGBT communities; and 3. Increase knowledge about same-sex domestic violence in LGBT communities in the Capital Region. To accomplish the project's objectives In Our Own Voices will: 1. Continue a support line to provide telephone assistance to LGBT victims of domestic violence; 2. Continue a community education programming which will include presentations about same-sex DV for DV providers, social service agencies, and criminal justice services.

County: **Allegany**

Participant Name: ACCORD Corporation

T540644 VW09540644 VW09-1039-E00

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| Allegany | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

ACCORD Corporation's Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence Project will provide vital services for victims of domestic violence in Allegany County, will develop and strengthen local law enforcement and prosecution strategies, and will educate the community on important domestic violence issues. ACCORD Corporation will lead Allegany County Consortium on Domestic Violence activities and will deliver critical advocacy services for domestic violence victims. Project goals include community outreach and education on domestic violence issues, the promotion of training opportunities for service providers, health care providers, police, probation, prosecutors and justices, strengthening prosecution efforts for offender accountability, preventing, identifying, and responding to domestic violence crimes, advocacy services for victims and promoting enhanced protection for subpopulations such as the elderly and disabled from domestic violence abuse in Allegany County. The project addresses a clear need that cannot be met with current resources. The ACCORD Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence Project draws Allegany County law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts and service providers into the planning, service delivery, training and follow up processes necessary for meeting the needs of domestic violence victims,

County: **Bronx**

Participant Name: Bronx County District Attorney

C546843 VW09546843 VW09-1049-E00

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| Bronx | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$85,940.00 |

This Violence Against Women program in the Bronx District Attorney's Office continues to support staff dedicated to prosecution of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes. These cases are typically overlooked because they are not considered high risk. By prosecuting these misdemeanor cases, the District Attorney's Office promotes an effective, coordinated response to domestic violence in the Bronx.

Participant Name: North Central Bronx Hospital

C564937 VW09564937 VW09-1176-E01

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| Bronx | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$92,079.00 |

The SART project will provide for a Bronx borough-wide mobile Sexual Assault Response Team that will assure all rape victims receive SAFE exams 24/7 in all 3 of the Bronx New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation facilities: North Central Bronx Hospital, Jacobi Medical Center and Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center. Victims will also be provided with the support of a social worker or rape crisis advocate at each of the facilities. The project goals are: to improve the treatment of sexual assault victims by promoting effective coordination between medical, law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim services agencies; and to enhance the availability of services to sexual assault victims and to encourage the victim's participation in the criminal justice process. The sexual assault victims' medical treatment, evidence collection and medical/social work follow-up will be standardized at each facility in accordance with a best practice model that addresses the victim's treatment in the context of supporting victim participation in the prosecutorial and judicial process. The Bronx SART Team will continue to provide education, consultation and technical assistance to other NYC and NY State Healthcare facilities interested in developing SART programs in other localities.

County: **Broome**

Participant Name: Crime Victims Assistance Center, Inc.

T545142 VW09545142 VW09-1086-E01

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| Broome | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$34,990.00 |

The Sexual Assault Examiners project in Broome County focuses on community collaboration and partner training to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of sexual assault victim treatment throughout the county. The project coordinator facilitates a Sexual Assault Response Team through extensive collaboration with area hospitals, police departments, the local rape crisis program and the local university. Through a strategic planning process, the provision of on-going trainings, and case review sessions, the team continues to work towards providing smoother transitions between and among service providers, as well as comprehensive, productive, and compassionate services for victims of sexual assault involving system and case reviews.

Participant Name: Crime Victims Assistance Center, Inc.

T552443 VW09552443 VW09-1085-E01

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| Broome | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

These DCJS funds are utilized to ensure maintenance of the current level of victim advocacy services being provided to victims throughout Broome County, who are interacting with the criminal justice and family court systems in any way. This includes services within the District Attorney's Office, as well as Broome County Family Court and the Domestic Violence Court. The advocates assist with orders of protection, provide court accompaniment, legal advocacy, and act as a liaison for the victim with court systems, and numerous law enforcement agencies. The purpose is to lessen the trauma to the victim, educate individuals and their families about the criminal and family court systems, and to work towards a smoother, more comprehensive interaction between victims and families and the social systems they are opting or required to engage. In 2010, CVAC plans to integrate victim services into the Probation Office to assist victims there and promote and assist with victim impact statements.

County: Cattaraugus

Participant Name: Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.

T550843 VW09550843 VW09-1071-E01

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| Cattaraugus | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$36,913.00 |

The Cattaraugus County Violence Prevention Task Force (VPTF) is a community-wide collaboration addressing sexual assault and domestic violence in Cattaraugus County. The project involves all branches of the criminal justice system, including Southern Tier Legal Services and the Seneca Nation of Indians. This project plans to enhance legal advocacy through the Family Court and the Olean and Salamanca City courts; provide professional trainings; and develop/update components of the existing county-wide Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence protocols.

Participant Name: Cattaraugus County

T545543 VW09545543 VW09-1167-E00

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| Cattaraugus | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$23,915.00 |

This project will partially fund specially trained law enforcement officer's wages to investigate serious domestic violence cases, bring the offenders to justice, and to help promote awareness campaigns to educate people as to what constitutes domestic violence under the law.

County: Cayuga

Participant Name: Cayuga County

T544143 VW09544143 VW09-1059-E00

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| Cayuga | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$42,234.00 |

The project will enhance the apprehension, prosecution and adjudication of offenders of crimes of violence against women in rural Cayuga County and to enhance and improve services for victims of these crimes. The project provides personnel, training and evaluation to achieve this goal. This project encourages collaboration between participants to improve the criminal justice systems' response to crimes of violence against women in rural Cayuga County.

County: **Chautauqua**

Participant Name: Jamestown, City of

C554743 VW09554743 VW09-1057-E01

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| Chautauqua | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$58,112.00 |

Project Crossroads is a collaboration between the Jamestown Police Department (JPD) and Family Service of the Chautauqua Region (Family Service) (See Attachment A for MOU). The project's main focus is to identify and address domestic violence throughout Chautauqua County. This can be demonstrated through the project's intervention programs with domestic violence victims as well as providing education to law enforcement, service providers, magistrates, clergy, businesses and community organizations in all aspects of domestic violence, including appropriate referrals to victims and perpetrators. The project continues to further this focus by identifying domestic violence issues within our community through its facilitation of the Chautauqua County Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault.

County: **Clinton**

Participant Name: Behavioral Health Services North, Inc.

T563338 VW09563338 VW09-1060-E00

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| Clinton | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

STOP Domestic Violence will provide services to victims in Clinton County during non-business hours and cover some staff travel costs to provide services. This project will facilitate and coordinate educational efforts to the community through the Clinton County Domestic Violence Task Force. By providing outreach to traditionally underserved persons it will enable these persons to contact services in Clinton County's rural area. The project will provide training to first responders and the community on issues identified by victims of intimate partner violence. This will include training for magistrates in the region and the regional mental health providers. The safety of battered women and holding perpetrators accountable for domestic violence crimes are the basic practice guides for this project.

County: **Columbia**

Participant Name: Columbia Memorial Hospital

T551643 VW09551643 VW09-1106-E00

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| Columbia | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

In 2009, the SANE Program transitioned from a rape crisis center program to a hospital based program. The community hospital took the lead and provided a Coordinator for the program, as well as the oversight for training, equipment and scheduling of the five (5) Sexual Assault Examiners participating in the program. The emphasis was placed on retention and training, as well as DOH certification. Since the inception of this new model, the nurses have been involved and committed, taking call and attending recommended trainings. The number of SANE exams for 2009 was 30, compared to 17 for 2008.

In order to build and strengthen the SANE program, meetings and trainings are provided quarterly. Training enhances the sexual assault examiner's ability to provide expert medical and forensic care to victims of sexual assault. Two of the providers have received pediatric SANE training, one of which has successfully completed the Child Abuse Medical Provider Program (CHAMP) training.

County: **Dutchess**

Participant Name: Dutchess County

C548943 VW09548943 VW09-1068-E01

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| Dutchess | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$69,996.00 |

The Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Project establishes a collaborative response team that restructures and enhances the response to domestic violence in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie and the City of Beacon. From the time of the arrest, throughout the disposition of the cases, defendants are monitored and victims are provided with immediate access to services. Policies are modified in an effort to increase coordination among relevant agencies to ensure that domestic violence cases receive close supervision, monitoring, and attention. The team works closely on a daily basis to help protect victims and hold offenders accountable.

Participant Name: Family Services, Inc.

T542544 VW09542544 VW09-1140-E00

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| Dutchess | 02/01/2010 | 01/31/2011 | \$28,775.00 |

The Family Services Inc. Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner(SAFE)Program was created recognizing that victims of sexual assault found the process of obtaining medical services and subsequent navigation of the legal system difficult. The SAFE Program's team approach assists victims by providing competent, comprehensive and supportive care in an effort to restore the victim's dignity, self-esteem and sense of control. These services assist the victim by providing medical-legal examinations by trained Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners and immediate support from rape crisis advocates who also provide links to resources such as counseling, crime victim services, and assistance navigating the criminal justice system.

County: **Erie**

Participant Name: Erie County

C545843 VW09545843 VW09-1042-E01

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| Erie | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$61,386.00 |

The S.T.O.P Violence Against Women program will continue to strengthen multidisciplinary coordination and cooperation between the District Attorney's Office, local police agencies, and advocacy and support agencies who work with victims of domestic violence, elder abuse and stalking and assist the ECDA's Office in prosecuting these cases. S.T.O.P Violence Against Women will strive to improve service deliveries to victims of violence by holding perpetrators accountable through prosecution, providing all necessary referrals and support services to victims.

Participant Name: Research Foundation SUNY Buffalo

C553343 VW09553343 VW09-1053-E00

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| Erie | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$61,386.00 |

Funding is sought to continue the expansion of the Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic to serve surrounding rural communities in the Western New York region. Specifically, the counties of the Eighth Judicial District (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Orleans, Niagara and Wyoming) and Monroe County. The Clinic provides training, consultation, policy development, "The Resource Link", (a list serve providing research articles, event notices and announcements) educational forums for community members, and educational forums presenting research on domestic violence to professionals throughout the region and supervision of law interns. All of the services provided by the Clinic are designed to develop and support community collaborations to assist victims of domestic violence throughout the region of Western New York and beyond. The Clinic has been providing assistance to the region for over ten years.

Participant Name: Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services, Inc.

C563538 VW09563538 VW09-1149-E00

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| Erie | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$61,386.00 |

Crisis Services' Advocate Program, the New York State Department of Health Rape Crisis Center for Erie County, is reapplying for funds to continue our efforts to maintain the current Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Programs in Erie County hospitals. The SAFE Program Coordinator, funded by DCJS, plays a crucial role in facilitating the coordination of these needed programs in our local emergency departments. We have achieved several of the outcomes we set for ourselves as a result of this funding. We have been able to establish a SANE program at Erie County Medical Center, one of NYS DOH Designated Centers of Excellence for Sexual Assault, the creation and implementation of drug facilitated sexual assault screening and testing protocol, universal chart paperwork for the Kaleida Health Care system in responding to sexual assault cases, provided various community education presentations and trainings and provided training for SANE nurses. We have created and continue to oversee a 24-hour response to all Kaleida Health care facilities when a victim of sexual violence presents there. In 2008, Kaleida's Buffalo General Hospital was designated a DOH Center of Excellence.

As a result of DCJS's support for our program, we have been able to establish the foundation to help assure a standard of care for victims.

County: **Essex**

Participant Name: Essex County

C557839 VW09557839 VW09-1100-E01

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| Essex | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$52,383.00 |

Continuation and continued improvement of Essex County's prosecution of domestic violence, stalking, and sex crimes. The project staff will consist of prosecutor/coordinator who will have overall responsibility for developing and implementing policies and procedures for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases; and a part-time secretary. The prosecutor/coordinator has experience in the area of addressing violence against women and children, having worked in the field in various capacities. The prosecutor/coordinator will handle Integrated Domestic Violence Court; be responsible for community coordination activities with local service providers, probation, child protective services, and other such agencies who are necessary parties to a coordinated community response to crimes against women; and handle or oversee handling of felony cases involving VAW crimes. She will review such cases that arise in the local courts, and discuss appropriate responses to those cases with the responsible attorney, making recommendations for plea offers and dispositions. The prosecutor will also be the primary point of contact for victims of VAW crimes whose cases are being prosecuted in Essex County.

County: **Franklin**

Participant Name: ComLinks, Inc.

T553842 VW09553842 VW09-1178-D00

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| Franklin | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

This is a collaborative project between ComLinks Domestic Violence Intervention Program, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe DV Program and the Franklin County District Attorney's Office, the Franklin County Coordinated Community Response Team and the Integrated Domestic Violence Court to increase victim safety and offender accountability through outreach, legal advocacy and training.

Participant Name: St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

T563638 VW09563638 VW09-1125-E00

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| Franklin | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$37,241.00 |

The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe is submitting a proposal for \$37,241.00 to fund the Domestic Violence Caseworker position.

County: **Fulton**

Participant Name: Family Counseling Center of Fulton County, Inc., The

T557941 VW09557941 VW09-1098-E00

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| Fulton | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$25,731.00 |

The staff of this project will work to improve the criminal justice response to victims of domestic violence in Fulton County by enhancing victim safety and by increasing offender accountability. The project staff will improve advocacy and supportive services to victims from underserved populations that are unduly challenged by barriers, such as geography, race, language, age or disabilities. Also, the program will strengthen the Fulton County Domestic Violence Task Force by providing training opportunities for law enforcement officers, Judges, and other human service providers to enhance their knowledge regarding the special needs of underserved victims of domestic violence.

Participant Name: Fulton County

T555342 VW09555342 VW09-1162-E00

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| Fulton | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$31,430.00 |

The Domestic Violence Prosecutor Program in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office continues to support staff dedicated to prosecution of domestic violence crimes. The domestic violence prosecutor will continue to increase the public awareness of the criminal nature of violence against women. The Domestic Violence Prosecutor will also continue to aggressively prosecute offenders by consistently enforcing protective orders and seeking criminal sanctions against offenders in Fulton County. To strive for justice for domestic violence victims and to ensure the protection of the victims of repeated offenders. The Fulton County Domestic Violence prosecutor will continue to work closely with the Fulton County Domestic Violence Task Force.

County: **Genesee**

Participant Name: YWCA of Genesee County, Inc.

T562340 VW09562340 VW09-1102-E01

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| Genesee | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$39,287.00 |

This year's project seeks to continue strengthening the law enforcement and judicial response to domestic violence and sexual assault by promoting a cooperative working relationship among Partners. The Partners seek to promote the safety of the victim at all times and enforce accountability of the batterer. This year, the Partnership is focusing on the education of the Domestic Violence Resource Officers, the county magistrates and adds the education of the public on Elder Domestic Violence Abuse.

County: **Greene**

Participant Name: Community Action of Greene County, Inc.

T563738 VW09563738 VW09-1116-E01

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| Greene | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$16,677.00 |

The Columbia Greene Domestic Violence will continue to enhance victim safety through intervention strategies based on a victim's right to self-determination, reinforce the need to hold the abuser accountable for his conduct, hold systems responsible for identifying and responding to victims as well as promote a coordinated community zero tolerance response towards domestic violence.

County: **Herkimer**

Participant Name: Catholic Charities of Herkimer County

T563838 VW09563838 VW09-1101-E00

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| Herkimer | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$36,013.00 |

It is the goal of the Domestic Violence Program of Herkimer County to continue to provide immediate assistance to victims of domestic violence at either Family Court in Herkimer County, or the City of Little Falls Police Department. Currently, there is an office available at Family Court which allows an advocate to be available to provide immediate crisis intervention, supportive counseling, information/referral and advocacy while filing family offense petitions and/or custody. There is also an office available at the City of Little Falls Police Department for 20 hours per week to provide all services from this location as well as reviewing Domestic Incident Reports and following up with the victim to describe program services and options available to them.

County: **Jefferson**

Participant Name: Victims Assistance Center for Jefferson County, Inc.

C558041 VW09558041 VW09-1096-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Jefferson | 04/01/2010 | 03/31/2011 | \$65,478.00 |

The grant funding we are requesting is for the full salaries and partial fringe benefits for two advocates and forty percent (40%) of our Direct Service Coordinator's salary and fringe benefits. All of these staff positions provide direct service i.e. advocacy, court accompaniment, education, support counseling, safety planning, DSS advocacy, medical services, information /referral to allied community professionals, Fort Drum Army installation, and the appropriate criminal justice and court agencies in our county. Because of our facilitation as the Lead Agency for our Multidisciplinary Coordination Team, our partners have helped us establish four (4) satellite offices staffed with two advocates at: The Jefferson County Court Complex for referrals from Family Court, the District Attorney's office, the Fort Drum Army Installation, the Child Advocacy Program for which the Victims Assistance Center is Lead Agency, the Jefferson County Family Violence and Sexual Assault Response Team for which the VAC is the Lead Agency. We also formally partnered with NYS Office of Court Administration to implement an Integrated Domestic Violence Initiative for Jefferson County. To date we have had a fully complemented staff at our Main Office location that consists of advocates and counselors to assist consumers who come directly to our Agency.

County: **Kings**

Participant Name: Dwa Fanm

T563938 VW09563938 VW09-1159-E00

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| Kings | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$46,040.00 |

The program entitled Haitians Against Violence at Home will work with the New York City Police Department and the Kings County District Attorney's Office to administer a Precinct Project working to enhance the level of safety for Haitian, French Caribbean, and African victims of domestic violence by providing multi-lingual support services, legal services, outreach, education, training, and guidance on immigration matters. The overall goal of the program is to improve the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence among these populations.

Participant Name: Kings County District Attorney's Office

C558141 VW09558141 VW09-1091-E00

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| Kings | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$85,940.00 |

The project is a collaboration of Kings County District Attorney's Office, Barrier Free Living, and South Brooklyn Legal Services. The staff of the project will continue to work with women with cognitive, psychiatric or physical disabilities who are sexual assault and/or domestic violence victims. The goal of Barrier Free Justice is to improve access to the criminal justice system for women with disabilities through early intervention for victims, training professionals, identifying problems in the system, building a network of advocates, and tracking cases in a database.

Participant Name: Kings County District Attorney's Office

C564136 VW09564136 VW09-1083-E00

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| Kings | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$65,478.00 |

The project is a collaborative effort between the Kings County District Attorney's Office and YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities. The project is designed to facilitate more effective investigation and prosecution of sex crimes involving women with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities (ID/DD). The staff on the grant will engage in an extensive program of community outreach and training aimed at educating professionals and community members about the issue of sexual assault in the ID/DD community; additionally, the trainings will educate victims and their families about the sexual assault and resources available for victims of this crime.

Participant Name: Kings County District Attorney's Office

T547144 VW09547144 VW09-1073-E00

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| Kings | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$37,568.00 |

Project SAVE, which stands for Sexual Assault Victim Education, is a counseling and legal advocacy program of the Kings County District Attorney's Office, designed to assist adult women who are victims of sexual assault through the criminal justice system. Project SAVE provides crisis intervention, counseling, and referral services to victims while also training police and prosecutors on issues related to sexual assault.

Participant Name: North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence

T558341 VW09558341 VW09-1125-E01

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| Kings | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

The North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence (the Coalition) is a community-based organization that serves domestic violence victims in the neighborhoods of Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Bushwick in Brooklyn. The proposed project will continue to collaborate with law enforcement agencies and other community-based organizations in North Brooklyn to ensure the safety of domestic violence victims. The staff of this project will continue to provide a support system for victims through various methods including individual counseling, psycho-educational support groups, crisis intervention, and advocacy, referrals, and home visits. Other services provided to victims include accompaniment to court, police precincts, and the District Attorney's Office. A critical component is the project's emphasis on helping victims to remain safely in the community which will continue to be a cornerstone of the project. In addition, public awareness/community education efforts are activities of this project.

County: **Lewis**

Participant Name: Lewis County Opportunities, Inc.

T543043 VW09543043 VW09-1097-E00

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| Lewis | 09/01/2009 | 08/31/2010 | \$20,462.00 |

To help improve the safety of domestic violence/ rape crisis victims in Lewis County through: Enhanced outreach and prevention education efforts; Improving direct services through the distribution of personal safety kits; maintaining a program that addresses the issue of stalking by providing direct services to victims of stalking, collaborating with local law enforcement, and providing prevention education.

County: **Livingston**

Participant Name: Chances and Changes, Inc.

T558441 VW09558441 VW09-1110-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Livingston | 11/01/2009 | 10/31/2010 | \$25,578.00 |

Chances and Changes, Inc. is the licensed (OCFS) domestic violence shelter and program for Livingston County and surrounding areas (for "overflow"). We provide comprehensive and proactive approaches regarding the issues surrounding domestic violence and often also sexual abuse as the majority (85%) of our clientele report past and/or current issues in this area. The three positions and a few other expenses partially funded by this grant are crucial to effectively address the constellation of problems our clients typically have to deal with. We provide services to both residential and non-residential clients that includes support groups, individual general and therapeutic counseling, hotline services, systems advocacy, court advocacy, education and prevention activities, information and active referral services, pet shelter, etc. Our outreach worker helps to provide outreach to all community agencies and businesses as well as following up on our clients who exit shelter to encourage utilization of services and to track their unique situations for client safety/safety planning. She also keeps track of agency contacts in these areas as well as uses the data to monitor program effectiveness and which helps to identify any gaps in services or unmet needs. The court advocate also assists clients in any and all court related matters and helps to assure client safety as well.

Participant Name: Livingston County

T554243 VW09554243 VW09-1079-E00

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| Livingston | 11/01/2009 | 10/31/2010 | \$39,287.00 |

The Livingston County Task Force will continue and improve an established program of combating the issue of domestic violence. The Task Force is comprised of the Livingston County District Attorney's Office, Probation and the Sheriff's Department, Chances and Changes, and Legal Assistance of Western New York. The task force will work together in a coordinated and comprehensive response to violence against women.

County: **Monroe**

Participant Name: Alternatives for Battered Women, Inc.

T564238 VW09564238 VW09-1152-D00

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| Monroe | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$32,739.00 |

The Domestic Violence Integrated Community Project will continue to support the efforts begun in 2003 to foster a comprehensive community outreach in Rochester and the Monroe County area, to victims of domestic violence, particularly in high-risk areas. The project seeks to increase victims' self-sufficiency, and mitigate the impact of the trauma experienced because of domestic violence, all necessary in assisting victims of domestic violence in pursuing violence-free lives. This will be accomplished through the provision of informational and community support groups, individual counseling and proactive case management for victims of domestic violence. Evaluation of the impact of the proposed program will be conducted.

Participant Name: Monroe County

T549142 VW09549142 VW09-1095-E00

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| Monroe | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$43,093.00 |

Provide informational and pre-court services to victims of domestic violence.

Participant Name: Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region

T555440 VW09555440 VW09-1145-D02

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| Monroe | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$25,168.00 |

The Sexual Assault Examiner(SAE)Program utilizes specially trained Nurse Practitioners, Physician's Assistants and Registered Nurses in a hospital-based setting to ensure the compassionate, comprehensive medico-legal treatment of sexual assault victims, immediately following an assault and throughout the evidence collection process. The SAE Program helps support victims' medical and psychological needs, streamlines the evidence collection process and produces better quality witnesses and evidence for trial. This also increases successful prosecution of sexual assault perpetrators. The SAFE Center at Strong Memorial Hospital was implemented by this collaborative in 2002 and currently provides services to adult victims of sexual assault. It is known to be one of the most stable and reputable programs in NYS.

Participant Name: Rochester, City of

C554642 VW09554642 VW09-1155-D01

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| Monroe | 01/01/2010 | 01/31/2011 | \$71,208.00 |

The Family and Victim Section of The Rochester Police Department provides On-scene Crises Intervention for women victims of domestic abuse as referred by Police Officers responding to such calls. The Domestic Violence response Team will also follow up on Domestic Incident Reports which are not referred by Police officers to the Unit assuring the all victims will have some form of follow up addressing three areas: physical safety planning, court process support and counseling resources. The goal of the program is to reduce the negative impact of victimization on women victims as well as to stop the cycle of victimization.

County: **Nassau**

Participant Name: Hempstead, Village of

T544541 VW09544541 VW09-1051-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Nassau | 11/01/2009 | 10/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

This project is a continuation of the 2008 VAWA award and it also is known as the Police Project. It will fund the necessary follow-up investigation from Victims Advocates and the Domestic Violence Officer in cases of domestic abuse. It will allow the Advocates and Domestic Violence Officer to offer immediate services to the victims. The project will reach out to underserved populations such as Hispanics, African Americans, elderly and juvenile victims of domestic violence. In addition, the project will offer the latest training initiatives to all members of the police force who encounter domestic incidents in their daily activities. The community will also receive the latest domestic violence awareness training and available services for victims and abusers.

Participant Name: Nassau County

C551742 VW09551742 VW09-1036-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Nassau | 08/01/2009 | 07/31/2010 | \$91,833.00 |

The Nassau County Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE) is a concerted effort of the Special Victims Squad (SVS) of the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD), the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, the Sexual Assault Center of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) and the Special Victims Bureau of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office (SVB). The goal of SANE is to assist the victims of the crimes of sexual assault with dignity, understanding and compassion, while collecting and preserving evidence that helps bring about the arrest and prosecution of the offenders.

Participant Name: Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence

T558641 VW09558641 VW09-1087-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Nassau | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

This is a collaborative project between police and service providers to protect victims and strengthen the law enforcement response to domestic violence. Following a domestic violence intervention, police relay information on the incident to our project advocates who follow up to offer support and services to victims who would otherwise not have sought assistance. Started in 1997 with the Nassau County Police Department, it expanded in 2000, through Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funding, to include six local police departments and to insure the availability of bilingual services. In 2004 and 2005, two more Departments joined the project.

The hospital advocacy component provides a volunteer advocacy program to assist victims of domestic violence. With victims' consent, volunteer advocates meet victims at emergency rooms to provide support and services and connect victims to project staff for follow-up services.

County: **New York**

Participant Name: Barrier Free Living, Inc.

T551843 VW09551843 VW09-1119-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

For over twenty years, Barrier Free Living's nonresidential domestic violence program has been dedicated to providing a range of services to domestic violence survivors with disabilities. Through a holistic, consumer-directed approach, this program delivers hotline, counseling, training and advocacy services to its clients. The program's team of social workers, case managers, occupational therapy graduate interns and a part-time psychiatry consultant collaborates to create a comprehensive system of care that is expert in both disability and domestic violence issues. Therapeutic and benefits counseling, crisis and safety planning, self-advocacy, and employment and educational resource referrals are routinely offered as part of the program's approach to promoting independent living for individuals with disabilities seeking to recover from situations of domestic violence.

Participant Name: Connect, Inc.

C545243 VW09545243 VW09-1070-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| New York | 11/15/2009 | 11/14/2010 | \$61,386.00 |

The Coordinated Action Against Violence Program strives to increase safety for victims of domestic violence who have sought assistance from the NYPD 25th Precinct, and the East Harlem Housing Precinct (PSA 5) by providing information and advocacy services (safety planning, etc.); improving the criminal justice response to victims; by collaborating with the Crime Victims Treatment Center at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital; and by collaborating with the Northern Manhattan Collaborative to improve the justice system for the benefit of domestic violence victims.

Participant Name: Dominican Women's Development Center

T552543 VW09552543 VW09-1108-E00

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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$55,264.00 |

The Dominican Women's Development Center proposes to continue providing non-residential services, including counseling, a 24-hour hotline, systems advocacy, support groups and information and referrals to victims of domestic violence in the Washington Heights/Inwood neighborhoods. The Domestic Violence Program will also work with the Violence Intervention Program, who will conduct trainings and education with volunteers, staff and participants.

Participant Name: Mount Sinai School of Medicine

T550243 VW09550243 VW09-1158-D00

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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$47,881.00 |

This project is designed to improve services to adult women who are victims of rape, sexual assault and dating violence in the culturally and economically diverse neighborhoods of Queens. The SAVI Queens Project brings together Mount Sinai SAVI, the Queens District Attorney's Office, the New York Police Department in Queens, Elmhurst Hospital and Queens Hospital Centers. These various institutions are partners in a response team to offer early intervention to victims of rape, sexual assault, and dating violence. Our ultimate goal is to provide the highest level of sensitive, ongoing treatment for victims and to increase the number of complete and successful prosecutions of perpetrators as well as conduct education in the communities we serve to promote awareness, risk reduction and primary prevention.

Participant Name: Mount Sinai School of Medicine

T564438 VW09564438 VW09-1057-D01

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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$40,924.00 |

This project is coordinated by the Mount Sinai Sexual Assault Violence Intervention Program to oversee the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner program. The staff of this rape crisis program works collaboratively with the staff of the Mount Sinai Medical Center Emergency Department, law enforcement agencies, and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office to provide a team approach to effectively meet the needs of sexual assault survivors presenting in the Mount Sinai Hospital Emergency Department in Manhattan. As part of this project, the Coordinator arranges for the training of Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners in the program.

Participant Name: New York Asian Women's Center

T552843 VW09552843 VW09-1117-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$36,832.00 |

The New York Asian Women's Center proposes to provide quality services to underserved populations of Asian immigrant women who are trapped in domestic violence situations. The Center will provide counseling, assistance through hotline, advocacy, and other support services to Asian immigrant victims of domestic violence. The Center will conduct trainings on domestic violence to other service providers such as hospitals, courts, and the criminal justice system. The Center will also educate Asian immigrant communities about domestic violence issues and various services available to them. The Center seeks to improve services to underserved Asian populations, which are rapidly increasing in New York City, by expanding outreach efforts to established and new immigrant populations, increasing awareness of services available, and providing a full range of domestic violence services.

Participant Name: New York County District Attorney

C562539 VW09562539 VW09-1066-E00

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| New York | 07/01/2009 | 06/30/2010 | \$83,485.00 |

This project supports the activities of DANY's Domestic Violence and Sex Crimes Units, with the goal of decreasing the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault in Manhattan. The project employs three strategies to achieve this goal: enhanced prosecution, community collaboration and training, and service to victims of these crimes.

Participant Name: New York Presbyterian Hospital

C564338 VW09564338 VW09-1084-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| New York | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$81,848.00 |

The Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Initiative at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University Medical Center is creating a comprehensive program to address the medical, forensic and psychosocial care needs of victims of sexual violence. This has produced high quality care for sexual assault survivors, while improving the collection of forensic evidence for use in the prosecution of sexual offenders. It has also supported the closer collaboration between medical professional and those from law enforcement professionals from NYPD, and the District Attorneys of New York and Bronx counties.

Participant Name: NYC Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project

C558741 VW09558741 VW09-1147-E00

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| New York | 03/01/2010 | 02/28/2011 | \$61,386.00 |

The New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project requests funding to coordinate and maintain the New York State LGBT Domestic Violence Network (the Network), including the annual meeting for the Network. The Network is a New York State-wide multi-disciplinary coalition of direct service providers, community-based agencies, social service and legal advocates and lawyers, educators and policy makers working on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) survivors of domestic violence (DV), stalking and sexual assault (SA) throughout the state of New York. The Network develops, enlarges and strengthens victim services programs, including SA, stalking, DV and dating violence programs; develops and improves delivery of victim services to the under-served LGBT populations; provides support, training and technical assistance to specialized domestic violence court advocates in courts where a significant number of protection orders are granted; and increases reporting and the reduction of attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women, including SA, stalking, DV and dating violence. The Network also supports formal and informal statewide, multi-disciplinary efforts to coordinate the response of victim services agencies to LGBT DV, stalking and SA victims.

Participant Name: Sanctuary for Families, Inc.

C563238 VW09563238 VW09-1092-E01

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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$61,386.00 |

Sanctuary's Access to Justice for Battered Immigrants Initiative (the Initiative) provides culturally and linguistically sensitive outreach to immigrant victims of domestic violence and human trafficking; direct representation for victims in immigration and civil protective order cases; criminal justice advocacy; training and technical assistance to District Attorneys' Offices, judges, and other court personnel; training and mentoring of pro bono attorneys to handle a wide range of cases for immigrant clients; and legal education for advocates and community-based organizations (CBOs) serving New York City's underserved immigrant populations.

The Initiative enables immigrant domestic violence and trafficking victims to: initiate and pursue criminal cases against their abusers; obtain and enforce civil orders of protection; cooperate with law enforcement officials, including the police and prosecutors; and obtain the legal immigration status critical to their safety and independence. Initiative staff speak a variety of languages, giving them the capacity to reach some of the largest and most vulnerable immigrant communities including Latina, South and East Asian, West African, and Caribbean

Participant Name: St. Lukes-Roosevelt Hospital Center

T548843 VW09548843 VW09-1099-E01

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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

Established in 1997, the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program (SAFE) at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital (SLR) Center's two emergency departments (located in midtown-Manhattan and the upper westside) was the first SAFE center to be implemented in NYC through the support and guidance of DCJS. Within two years, the SAFE program was expanded to include Beth Israel Medical Center (BI) Emergency Department (located in the lower eastside of Manhattan), which is an institutional partner with SLR in the Continuum Health Partners, Inc. the program is coordinated by and accountable to the SLR Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC), which provides the administrative, supervisory and operational support for this multi-sited, interdisciplinary SAFE program. CVTC also trains and coordinates a volunteer advocacy program for emergency response for victims of sexual violence in our emergency departments (ED). These advocates work as a team with trained forensic examiners who are also on call to the emergency departments to provide comprehensive medical care, expert forensic evidence collection, psychological and emotional support, advocacy and referral for victims and their family/friends who accompany them to the ED. The SAFE centers at St. Luke's, Roosevelt and Beth Israel EDs are designated Center of Excellence from the

Participant Name: Urban Justice Center

T563138 VW09563138 VW09-1169-E00

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| New York | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$46,040.00 |

The Urban Justice Center (UJC) requests a grant of \$45,515 to support the continued efforts of Project VISA (Victims of Trafficking Integrated Services and Awareness). Project VISA was established in 2002 (at that time it was located at New York Association for New Americans) to facilitate a more effective response to the needs of individuals in New York City who are held in forced servitude, abused, threatened, and forced to work in a variety of jobs including domestic housework, prostitution, sweatshops, and restaurants.

Project VISA is unique in its ability to identify and serve trafficked persons. The combination of outreach, education, and direct service provided by the project enables it to identify a large number of victims and work holistically with each individual throughout the process of recovery. Project VISA works directly with victims on a one-on-one basis in order to establish a tailored long-term program that encompasses all of their needs.

County: **Niagara**

Participant Name: Eastern Niagara Hospital, Inc.

C565236 VW09565236 VW09-1120-E00

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| Niagara | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$55,247.00 |

This project is a hospital- based Sexual Assault Examiner program located in Niagara County. The program provides trained responders to Lockport Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department when a sexual assault victim seeks treatment. The program will provide a part-time coordinator of the program and 24 hour 365 day a year coverage of the hospital ED with trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) staff. The coordinator will be responsible for keeping up to date with current techniques as well as providing in service training for SANE staff on new protocols and policies developed in conjunction with law enforcement and the Niagara County District Attorney.

Participant Name: Lockport, City of

T555742 VW09555742 VW09-1150-D00

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| Niagara | 02/01/2010 | 01/31/2011 | \$26,601.00 |

The project is designed to further enhance the Lockport Domestic Violence Intervention Program. This program is a collaborative effort between the Lockport Police Department and the YWCA of Niagara to provide a coordinated response to consisting of a police officer and a victim services advocate. Their coordinated efforts will review cases for follow-up and contact to all victims to ensure their safety and that the offenders are held accountable for their actions. The project is designed to network directly with courts, prosecutors, and community service agencies.

Participant Name: Niagara County

T552142 VW09552142 VW09-1044-E01

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| Niagara | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

The DCJS funds enable Niagara County Rape Crisis Services, a division of the Niagara County Department of Mental Health to have a Rape Crisis Program Assistant/Case Manager contractual position. This position is responsible for the following activities: hospital crisis intervention and case management; individual and phone supportive counseling; referrals; compilation of victim and perpetrator demographics, as well as legal advocacy for victims within the criminal justice system.

Participant Name: Niagara County

T553044 VW09553044 VW09-1174-E00

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| Niagara | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$32,739.00 |

The staff of this project will offer services to victims of domestic violence in Niagara County to improve access to these women and the quality of services, giving special attention to the victims of serious incidents, women who are repeatedly victimized and those in the underserved populations (rural, mental and physical disabilities and the elderly). Another crucial piece to this project will be providing training/education on the dynamics of domestic violence and how to effectively respond to victims. While improving services to victims and providing training opportunities the Niagara County Domestic Violence Protocol will be reviewed, revised and re-distributed with updated policies, procedures and resources.

Participant Name: Niagara Falls, City of

T558941 VW09558941 VW09-1168-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Niagara | 04/01/2010 | 03/31/2011 | \$36,442.00 |

The project proposes to continue the current program which consists of a dedicated Domestic Violence Response Team that responds to domestic violence cases and follows up on every domestic incident report filed. We also intend to implement a Domestic Violence Intervention Team (DVIT) to conduct home visits and to provide domestic violence education and awareness at the Citizen and Youth Police Academies.

County: **Oneida**

Participant Name: Utica, City of

T564538 VW09564538 VW09-1173-E00

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| Oneida | 02/01/2010 | 01/31/2011 | \$49,109.00 |

The Utica Police Department proposes a continuation of its partnership with the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley for the purpose of sustaining a Domestic Violence Response Team. This is an effort to effectively reduce the occurrence of domestic violence, and in particular, those incidents involving repeat victims and/or offenders. The Team will improve the accuracy and tracking of all domestic incident information, continue to work to increase community awareness of domestic violence/encourage reporting, and ensure access to supportive services for all victims of domestic violence.

Participant Name: YWCA of the Mohawk Valley

T552343 VW09552343 VW09-1054-E00

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| Oneida | 03/01/2010 | 02/28/2011 | \$38,673.00 |

The YWCA Court Advocate project improves and expands access for battered women to the Family Court system in Oneida County. The project will provide supportive advocacy for domestic violence victims throughout all court proceedings as well as increase access to criminal court systems as needed. The project will provide initial contact and follow up services to include but not limited to crisis intervention, referrals for shelter, counseling and support group and advocacy/accompaniment.

County: **Onondaga**

Participant Name: Vera House, Inc.

T542643 VW09542643 VW09-1081-E01

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| Onondaga | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$28,775.00 |

The purpose of the SANE Program is to utilize specially trained nurse examiners to perform forensic evaluations on victims of sexual assault. SANE's are able to provide compassionate and expedient care to victims, while at the same time improving the quality of evidence collected. The examiners work collaboratively with local hospitals, victim advocates, law enforcement, the DA's Office, and the crime lab. This collaboration can indirectly affect prosecution rates by improving the rate of reporting to law enforcement.

County: **Ontario**

Participant Name: Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc., The

T543242 VW09543242 VW09-1041-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Ontario | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$21,997.00 |

This project provides for a Criminal Court Advocate who supports, educates, and advocates for victims of domestic violence who are involved in the criminal court system. The Advocate also educates and collaborates with law enforcement and the legal/court system.

County: **Orange**

Participant Name: Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc.

T559040 VW09559040 VW09-1151-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Orange | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

Sexual Assault Examiner (SANE) Program assists victims of sexual assault in Orange County by providing immediate medical, legal and emotional attention for these victims. The nurses in the program also collect forensic evidence to improve the prosecution of offenders. A Senior Sexual Assault Examiner and other nurses on call assist with 24 hour nurse coverage for the program. Additionally, the Senior Sexual Assault Examiner supervises and coordinates the training of nurses in the program.

County: **Oswego**

Participant Name: Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.

T554843 VW09554843 VW09-1121-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Oswego | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$37,568.00 |

The Victim Support Project is a project of the SAF division of Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. Direct services to victims of crime is offered at the SAF office, the SAF House, the Oswego County District Attorney's Office, the Oswego County Probation Office, and the Oswego County Family Court. These services include: crisis intervention, case management, counseling, information and referral, family court petition preparation, and advocacy. An Annual Report summarizing information about victims and their perpetrators and the victimization experience will be completed. In addition, Project staff supports the work of DVCO, the Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition of Oswego County, and will assist in developing a sub-committee that will focus on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence in youth aged 16-21 years of age.

County: **Putnam**

Participant Name: Putnam County

T547344 VW09547344 VW09-1153-E00

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| Putnam | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

This is a collaborative project between four agencies: the Putnam County Probation Department, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Putnam County District Attorney's Office and the Women's Resource Center. The purpose of this project is to provide a coordinated approach to effect the timely continuum of services to domestic violence/sexual assault victims and to provide accountability and safe supervision for the offenders. Intake services are provided by the Probation Intake Worker and a trained victim advocate from the Women's Center is available to accompany victims to the Court system throughout the entire process. The Sheriff's Department and Probation Department coordinate plans to ensure offenders' compliance with their orders and conditions and existing orders of protection. The Probation Officer co-facilitates an accountability group for offenders, along with a therapist. They also perform evening home visits to offender residence, along with the Sheriff's Department. An assistant District Attorney reviews all domestic violence and sexual assault cases. They, along with the Probation Department reviews all Domestic Incident Reports, and is readily accessible to meet with the victims of sexual assaults and domestic violence cases.

County: **Queens**

Participant Name: Elmhurst Hospital Center

C565037 VW09565037 VW09-1143-E00

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| Queens | 03/01/2010 | 02/28/2011 | \$65,478.00 |

The Elmhurst Hospital Center (EHC) Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program provides specialized medical, emotional, and forensic care through a 24-hour on call system to survivors of sexual assault in Queens. The program will support the SAFE Coordinator, as well as additional SAFE training for our on-call team. This support augments program administration, liaison with community institutions such as the District Attorney's office, and continued capacity-building. This SAFE program, like others throughout the state, is designed to improve the experience of the sexual assault survivor in the acute care setting, and to improve rates of reporting and successful criminal justice outcomes community-wide.

Participant Name: Queens County District Attorney

C553643 VW09553643 VW09-1048-E00

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| Queens | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$98,218.00 |

This project continues to support the comprehensive domestic violence program in the Office of the Queens County District Attorney. As part of the program, specialized prosecutors are assigned to felony domestic violence cases to hold offenders accountable.

County: **Rensselaer**

Participant Name: Samaritan Hospital

T540144 VW09540144 VW09-1040-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
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| Rensselaer | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

The Forensic Nurse Examiner Program is a component of the Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Assistance Program, which is a community based victim assistance program providing education, prevention, and crisis care services to individuals and families in Rensselaer and surrounding counties. We provide specially trained medical staff to perform medical & forensic exams and treatment and referrals to victims according to their needs. Our primary clients are victims of sexual assault, but may also include victims of domestic violence, child and elder abuse/neglect.

Participant Name: Unity House of Troy, Inc.

T555842 VW09555842 VW09-1163-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rensselaer | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$32,739.00 |

The goal of this program is two-fold: 1) To improve victim access to effective legal relief by acting as a liaison to the legal system; offering information, referrals, accompaniment and advocacy in legal issues; 2) To develop and maintain a comprehensive database that will assist in identifying service gaps, identifying needs of victims, and assessing outcomes for victims of domestic violence in Rensselaer County.

County: **Richmond**

Participant Name: Richmond County District Attorney

T548743 VW09548743 VW09-1146-D01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Richmond | 02/01/2010 | 01/31/2011 | \$55,100.00 |

The Office of the Richmond County District Attorney will continue the ECASE Program, a project coordinated with Safe Horizon to provide an early and comprehensive prosecutorial response to crimes of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. This program will aid with the efforts to make court-based services available to domestic violence victims and to ensure the safety of women that are victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.

Participant Name: Richmond University Medical Center

T565534 VW09565534 VW09-1104-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Richmond | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$38,878.00 |

To continue to function as a designated Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners Center of Excellence in order to provide best-practice services for victims of sexual assault on Staten Island. To maintain and enhance ongoing collaborations with victim assistance providers, NYPD, and members of the District Attorney's Office to improve treatment of sexual assault survivors and to assist in the successful prosecution of persons committing violent crimes against women.

County: **Rockland**

Participant Name: Rockland County

T543343 VW09543343 VW09-1065-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rockland | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$136,686.00 |

This grant allows for a partnership between the District Attorney's Office and the Rockland Family Shelter and Volunteer Counseling Service. This collaboration is the foundation for our coordinated community response to domestic violence and sexual assault in Rockland County.

County: **Saratoga**

Participant Name: Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Services

T556042 VW09556042 VW09-1175-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saratoga | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$35,809.00 |

Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County will maintain and improve the existing SAFE program in Saratoga County, which will enhance the prosecution of sexual assault and domestic violence cases while protecting the well-being of the victims. Program staff will continue to work collaboratively with law enforcement, hospital personnel, and the District Attorney to maximize the quantity and quality of evidence collected for use in the prosecution of sexual assault cases. The program will provide sexual assault forensic examinations at Saratoga Hospital to victims of sexual assault. Evidence will be collected and the chain of evidence maintained so that the evidence may be used in prosecution of crimes. Victims will be offered a compassionate and professional examination and thorough explanation of their options for reporting and medical treatment.

Participant Name: Mechanicville Area Community Services Center

T544743 VW09544743 VW09-1075-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saratoga | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

The Mechanicville Domestic Violence Advocacy Program will continue to empower underserved victims in southern Saratoga and northern Rensselaer counties by promoting their safety and self-determination. The staff will provide victims with access to services including crisis intervention, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, transportation and court accompaniment. Program staff will continue collaborative efforts with criminal justice personnel in order to increase victim safety, abuser arrests, prosecutions, and convictions, hold batterers accountable, and promote zero tolerance for domestic abuse. Staff will also conduct community outreach efforts to increase community awareness and its impact on victims.

Participant Name: Saratoga County

T544942 VW09544942 VW09-1014-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Saratoga | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$36,832.00 |

Continue and enhance the integrated approach which has been developed over the course of previous contracts between prosecutors, law enforcement, the Courts, victim advocates and qualified service providers to strengthen the criminal justice response to violence against women. Enhance comprehensive strategies to deal with violence against women through training and expending specialized units with effective prosecution policies, protocols, orders and services specifically dedicated to preventing, identifying and responding to violent crimes against women.

County: **Schenectady**

Participant Name: Schenectady County

T547443 VW09547443 VW09-1074-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Schenectady | 11/01/2009 | 10/31/2010 | \$69,980.00 |

This project is a county-wide proposal submitted by the Schenectady County District Attorney, the YWCA of Schenectady, and the Center For Community Justice (formerly the Law, Order, and Justice Center). The aim of the project is to maintain and enhance a specialized prosecution unit of domestic violence offenses, strengthen the assistance and services to victims of domestic violence offenses, and hold batterers accountable for their acts of domestic violence.

County: **Schoharie**

Participant Name: Catholic Charities of Schoharie County

T559441 VW09559441 VW09-1043-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Schoharie | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$28,647.00 |

The Legal Advocacy project is part of the Domestic Violence Program at Catholic Charities of Schoharie County. The project's aim is to support victims of domestic violence through all legal processes. When a victim of domestic violence is dealing with personal, physical and emotional trauma and the overwhelming challenges that come with legal proceedings, the presence of an advocate is critically important. The legal advocate will continue to ensure that victim's rights and concerns are adequately represented in legal proceedings so that justice prevails. The legal advocate will work collaboratively with law enforcement personnel and provide avenues for education and training.

County: **Schuyler**

Participant Name: Schuyler County District Attorney

T565633 VW09565633 VW09-1122-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Schuyler | 04/01/2010 | 03/31/2011 | \$37,855.00 |

This Project will focus on increasing the prosecution efforts against first time domestic violence offenders, while also making a concerted effort to enhance sentencing of repeat offenders. Improved enforcement of all orders of protection and working closely with the courts will help us to further our goal. Additionally the expanded staff supported by this grant will enable the Schuyler County District Attorney's Office to take a much stronger position on cases where the victim recants or is uncooperative with the prosecution against the abuser. Another aspect of our project will focus on creating greater awareness of teen dating violence that is becoming more common. Our goal is to provide education and tools to teens in an effort to stop dating violence before domestic violence becomes a more permanent part of their life.

County: **St. Lawrence**

Participant Name: St. Lawrence County

T547543 VW09547543 VW09-1067-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| St. Lawrence | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$36,013.00 |

The St. Lawrence County Probation Department, the St. Lawrence County District Attorney, and Renewal House, a domestic violence provider in the county jointly sponsor the Domestic Abuse Response Team. The team provides a coordinated community response to issues of domestic violence.

Participant Name: St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence, Inc.

C565436 VW09565436 VW10-1006-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| St. Lawrence | 07/01/2010 | 05/31/2011 | \$47,269.00 |

St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence, Inc. will coordinate a SANE Program in three hospitals, in St. Lawrence County, to improve the response to sexual assault victims in the county.

County: **Statewide**

Participant Name: New York Prosecutors Training Institute, Inc.

T545343 VW09545343 VW09-1069-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Statewide | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$49,109.00 |

NYPTI will continue to provide quality training and assistance to prosecutors and other law enforcement personnel in the areas of violence against women and special victims. NYPTI will host seminars for prosecutors and law enforcement personnel, including: a Spring conference entitled Trial Advocacy in a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence/Homicide Case; and at NYPTI's Summer College for District Attorneys a seminar will be offered focusing on special victims cases including but not limited to domestic violence.

Participant Name: NYS Unified Court System

C562639 VW09562639 VW09-1154-D01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Statewide | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$284,260.00 |

The NYS Unified Court System has 2 primary goals for the STOP 2009 grant project: 1) Improve access and customer service to domestic violence victims in the New York City Family Court. 2) Support victim advocacy services in 4 DV-IDV courts across the state.

County: **Suffolk**

Participant Name: Suffolk County

C543643 VW09543643 VW09-1045-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Suffolk | 08/01/2009 | 07/31/2010 | \$122,772.00 |

Suffolk County, with a population of 1.4 million, is Long Island's eastern-most county, and covers an area approximately 900 square miles. The size of Suffolk County makes service delivery a challenge. However, over the last twelve years this collaborative project has addressed sexual assault and domestic violence against women by developing specialized law enforcement and prosecutorial units of government, enhanced services to victims including services to underserved groups and areas and enhanced awareness through outreach and education. Our third SANE Center opened in 2005 to serve the East End population of Long Island. In 2009, we completed the opening of a fourth SANE Center at Stony Brook University Hospital. We will also continue discussions with Huntington Hospital for a possible fifth SANE site. County-wide, we will strive to improve SANE's retention of nurses, continue outreach, advocacy and counseling services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, serve disabled and immigrant women, and increase the number of panic alarms available for victims of domestic violence.

County: **Sullivan**

Participant Name: Community Action Commission to Help the Economy, Inc.

T551942 VW09551942 VW09-1160-D00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sullivan | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$26,856.00 |

The project will assist victims of Domestic Violence in Sullivan County to ensure that they are safe from their batterer. Also, project staff will assist victims of domestic violence as they navigate the Legal Process in Family Court to ensure orders of protection and stalking charges are pursued when appropriate. In addition, to the above the project will focus on working closely with victims to increase the level of their knowledge in regard to legal options, personal rights and services available.

County: **Tompkins**

Participant Name: Human Services Coalition

T546242 VW09546243 VW09-1177-D02

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tompkins | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$36,422.00 |

This project seeks to continue services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Tompkins County. The components of the program include a SANE program that consists of trained and committed staff situated at The Cayuga Medical Center, domestic violence and sexual assault on-call services, education and advocacy provided by the Advocacy Center of Tompkins County, lock changes and cell phone distribution for woman who are in need of added protection, coordination with law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office to increase the successful investigation and prosecution of sexual assaults and to assure a victims successful ____ through the criminal justice system. Again this year, we will be focusing on attracting and supporting new SANE's to assure that women who have experienced sexual assault will have their emergency medical needs provided by highly trained, dedicated nurses. We will continue working with the District Attorney's office to track Sexual Assault cases through the criminal justice system.

County: **Warren**

Participant Name: Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson, Inc.

T556240 VW09556240 VW09-1090-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Warren | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$20,462.00 |

The Warren County Sexual Assault Examiner (SAE) Project will continue to provide specialized training for health care professionals and law enforcement that promote dignified and compassionate treatment for victims of sexual assault. The goals of this project are to maintain a "best practice" level of care for sexual assault victims, and timely and accurate collection of forensic evidence to ensure more successful prosecutions of sexual assault offenders.

County: **Washington**

Participant Name: Granville, Village of

T547642 VW09547642 VW09-1028-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Washington | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$25,373.00 |

The Domestic Violence Intervention unit has been operation within the Granville Police Department since 1998 serving victim needs by developing a relationship between the DVIU police officer and the victim. The specially trained DVIU Officers respond at the time of the incident to focus on victim needs. Officers are available on a rotating call in basis to assist victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and dating violence. Services to victims include: advocating for special needs on Orders of Protections, transportation, shelter arrangements, and referrals to long term services. DVIU Officers meet at least monthly with advocates from the Domestic Violence Project and District Attorney's Office to review cases for victim safety and offender accountability. DVIU Officers work closely with community members, schools, service providers and businesses to provide community education and awareness programs.

Participant Name: Washington County

T549943 VW09549943 VW09-1144-D00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Washington | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$29,363.00 |

The project's purpose is to maintain the Violence Against Women Unit created in the Washington County District Attorney's Office in 1998. The Unit will continue to work with local law enforcement, service providers and sentencing agencies to coordinate an effective community response to violence against women. The focus will continue to include gender based crimes such as criminal contempt, stalking and sexual assault as well as property based crimes committed as a means of exerting control over women who are or were partners with the offender. Our ultimate goal is to maximize victim safety and increase offender accountability.

County: **Wayne**

Participant Name: Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, ViaHealth of Wayne

T549541 VW09549541 VW09-1166-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wayne | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$24,554.00 |

Newark-Wayne Community Hospital (NWCH) will ensure that an emergency and on-going support service network is available to sexual assault victims in order to address their medical, emotional, and legal needs. As the only hospital in Wayne County, NWCH will continue to maintain 24/7 on-call services for these victims, by providing SAE nurses on an on-call basis and by training and certifying two additional SAE nurses. We will continue to maintain a SAE project at Newark-Wayne Hospital that provides necessary examinations of sexual assault victims and will continue to report sexual assaults and to collect forensic evidence per NYS protocol. We also will provide support for the sexual assault victim by involving the Rape Crisis Center/Victim Resource Center from initial contact through prosecution, including tracking performance measures indicated in the grant. We will provide training and certifying of SAEs by sending trainees to SAE training providers. We also will train local victim advocates in SANE procedures, protocols and legal issues. We will conduct outreach and training to law enforcement personnel, victim advocates, social services, medical practitioners, and the general public, including promoting services to the Spanish-speaking population.

Participant Name: Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc.

T549642 VW09549642 VW09-1094-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wayne | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$45,380.00 |

To provide domestic, sexual, stalking, family violence, and child abuse services to the under-served populations in Wayne County; to continue to improve delivery of these victim services to Latino, Hispanic, Women of Color, and the under-served populations in our community; to add the new service of immigration services to the victims of these crimes, including U- & T-Visas, and Self-Petition representation; and to provide 24/7 bilingual hotline (Spanish/English) services, and bilingual crisis intervention, translation, community, medical, criminal justice, short-term counseling, information and referrals, and transportation to this population.

County: **Westchester**

Participant Name: Hopes Door

T550943 VW09550943 VW09-1072-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Westchester | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$30,693.00 |

The Survivors Law Project works to enhance the safety and overcome the barriers to participation in the criminal justice system for victims of domestic violence, dating abuse, stalking and sexual assault through the delivery of comprehensive, culturally appropriate safety planning, safety plan coordination, counseling, criminal justice advocacy and legal representation. Our primary goals are victim safety, victim self-determination and offender accountability.

Participant Name: My Sisters Place

T543743 VW09543743 VW09-1004-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Westchester | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$36,832.00 |

This program will provide support services and legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence in Westchester County. The Sisters-in-Law Coordinator will recruit, train, and supervise volunteer advocates. These advocates will provide support services to victims of domestic violence, including but not limited to, court accompaniment, assistance in filing petitions, translation and interpretation services, accompaniment to police stations, government agencies, and other services as needed.

Participant Name: Pace Womens Justice Center

T540244 VW09540244 VW09-1058-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Westchester | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$40,924.00 |

The Rural Law Enforcement Training Project will serve two main purposes; 1)it will improve the criminal justice's response to sexual assault and domestic abuse perpetrated against the elderly, and 2) it will improve the criminal justice systems response to the crimes of stalking and teen dating violence. The project will expand on the curriculum developed during the last project cycle, which will focus on issues around stalking and dating violence and was customized for rural law enforcement agents and other members of the domestic violence and sexual assault community. The Pace Women's Justice Center (the "Center") will work closely with experts in the filed of sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse to ensure that the curriculum for each training program incorporates and addresses the most up to date issues, laws, investigative techniques and policies. Four training programs will be conducted in rural parts of New York State which will be tailored to the needs of each individual training site; two program will focus on elder abuse issues and two programs will focus on stalking and dating violence.

Participant Name: Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.

T542744 VW09542744 VW09-1003-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Westchester | 09/01/2009 | 08/31/2010 | \$28,775.00 |

The Westchester SANE program currently provides comprehensive forensic rape examinations, responding on an on-call basis to presenting victims of rape and sexual assault at county emergency rooms. Specially trained nurses provide immediate, individualized, compassionate, and expert care for all adult women victims of sexual assault who seek medical treatment and evidence collection at one of nine participating hospitals in Westchester County. The SANE program maintains a consistent roll of sexual assault nurse examiners, conducts expanded training of law enforcement and hospitals, and provides for the ongoing recruitment of potential SANE nurses.

Participant Name: Westchester County District Attorney

C547743 VW09547743 VW09-1134-E00

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Westchester | 12/01/2009 | 11/30/2010 | \$171,553.00 |

The Westchester County District Attorney's STOP Violence Against Women Collaborative provides enhanced support for the prosecution of violent crimes against women, female high school and college students as well as, the underserved population defined as women with language, cultural and social barriers. This Collaborative promotes early victim contact when charges are filed in domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault cases. Community based victim advocates, including Victims Assistance Services and My Sister's Place aggressively outreach to victims identified by prosecutors, police and community members. Education, prevention and outreach campaigns will be directed at the identified and targeted underserved population.

Participant Name: Westchester County District Attorney

T550543 VW09550543 VW09-1138-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Westchester | 10/01/2009 | 09/30/2010 | \$95,189.00 |

The Westchester District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Victims Elderly Services Collaborative (herein after referred to as SAVES)has implemented an enhanced prosecutorial response that effectively addresses the problem of violence against women in the community. Led by our Special Prosecutions Division, SAVES ensures the vertical prosecution of crimes of sexual assault and physical violence against an underserved population. The underserved population includes elderly women, Hispanic women, women with social barriers(such as language and cultural problems)as well as, mentally and physically challenged women. The SAVES Collaborative represents a comprehensive unit that provide direct support services to our targeted population. The goals of this initiative are to continue our proactive and enhanced prosecutorial response to cases of violence against women and to prevent further victimization through education and intervention. This program provides response training for law enforcement, healthcare providers, community agencies and citizens who have frequent contact with the targeted underserved population. Recognizing the need to inhibit the inception of violence, the SAVES Collaborative also targets students at the secondary and collegiate levels to receive education on violence symptoms recognition.

County: Wyoming

Participant Name: Wyoming County

T556341 VW09556341 VW09-1052-E01

| <u>County</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Contract Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wyoming | 01/01/2010 | 12/31/2010 | \$31,921.00 |

Reduce the number and the effect of Domestic Violence cases by adequately equipping and training our law enforcement personnel and providing increased resources and monitoring, thereby increasing our convictions, community awareness and agency responses.

APPENDIX D

SEX OFFENSES REPORTED IN

NEW YORK STATE

BY COUNTY: 2009

SEX OFFENSES REPORTED IN NEW YORK STATE BY COUNTY: 2009

| County | Forcible Rape | Other Sex Offenses | Total |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|
| Albany | 60 | 219 | 279 |
| Allegany | 45 | 87 | 132 |
| Bronx | 163 | NA | NA |
| Broome | 42 | 361 | 403 |
| Cattaraugus | 25 | 87 | 112 |
| Cayuga | 23 | 120 | 143 |
| Chautauqua | 35 | 173 | 208 |
| Chemung | 13 | 112 | 125 |
| Chenango | 11 | 105 | 116 |
| Clinton | 19 | 161 | 180 |
| Columbia | 7 | 74 | 81 |
| Cortland | 13 | 103 | 116 |
| Delaware | 10 | 74 | 84 |
| Dutchess | 35 | 219 | 254 |
| Erie | 212 | 677 | 889 |
| Essex | 8 | 66 | 74 |
| Franklin | 10 | 197 | 207 |
| Fulton | 20 | 92 | 112 |
| Genesee | 17 | 83 | 100 |
| Greene | 7 | 105 | 112 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Herkimer | 18 | 97 | 115 |
| Jefferson | 33 | 254 | 287 |
| Kings | 253 | NA | NA |
| Lewis | 5 | 40 | 45 |
| Livingston | 11 | 59 | 70 |
| Madison | 10 | 109 | 119 |
| Monroe | 171 | 539 | 710 |
| Montgomery | 0 | 37 | 37 |
| Nassau | 94 | 306 | 400 |
| New York | 191 | NA | NA |
| Niagara | 48 | 185 | 233 |
| Oneida | 43 | 253 | 296 |
| Onondaga | 99 | 395 | 494 |
| Ontario | 23 | 116 | 139 |
| Orange | 46 | 344 | 390 |
| Orleans | 14 | 51 | 65 |
| Oswego | 31 | 182 | 213 |

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|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Otsego | 18 | 95 | 113 |
| Putnam | 6 | 48 | 54 |
| Queens | 192 | NA | NA |
| Rensselaer | 29 | 178 | 207 |
| Richmond | 33 | NA | NA |
| Rockland | 18 | 125 | 143 |
| St Lawrence | 38 | 146 | 184 |
| Saratoga | 24 | 167 | 191 |
| Schenectady | 41 | 134 | 175 |
| Schoharie | 4 | 36 | 40 |
| Schuyler | 4 | 20 | 24 |
| Seneca | 3 | 99 | 102 |
| Steuben | 23 | 199 | 222 |
| Suffolk | 85 | 624 | 709 |
| Sullivan | 22 | 109 | 131 |
| Tioga | 4 | 64 | 68 |
| Tompkins | 12 | 126 | 138 |
| Ulster | 27 | 224 | 251 |
| Warren | 6 | 140 | 146 |
| Washington | 9 | 106 | 115 |
| Wayne | 21 | 126 | 147 |
| Westchester | 77 | 677 | 754 |
| Wyoming | 6 | 48 | 54 |
| Yates | 3 | 40 | 43 |
| New York City | 832 | NA | NA |
| Non-New York City | 1,738 | 9,622 | 11,360 |
| New York State | 2,570 | NA | NA |

Source: DCJS, Uniform Crime/Incident-Based Reporting system (as of 12/14/10).

APPENDIX E

DOMESTIC INCIDENT REPORT

STATISTICAL DATA

General Information on Most Recent DIR Statistical Data (based on analysis of 2005/2006 data)

Overall DIR Volume

- *Volume.* In 2005 and 2006, an estimated of 388,000 DIRs were filed each year by law enforcement agencies in New York State.¹ NYPD filed about 215,000 (55%) in New York City (NYC) and state and local law enforcement agencies in the Rest of the State (ROS) filed the remaining 173,000 (45%).
- *Change.* The estimated annual statewide volume of DIRs for 2005-06 years was down about 16% from approximately 449,000 in 2001.² The volume of DIRs in NYC from 2002 through 2006 declined 25% from about 279,000 to 222,600 before increasing nearly 12% in 2009 to 252,000³.
- *Offense involved.* An offense – felony, misdemeanor, or violation – was reported in about 143,000 DIRs each year, accounting for about 37% of all DIRs filed. No offense was reported in about 245,000 DIRs (63%). Non-offense DIRs made up about 70% of NYC’s annual volume and 54% for ROS.
- *No Offense.* Among offense-related DIRs statewide, 11% (approximately 16,000 per year) involved felonies, 52% were misdemeanors (75,000), and 37% violations (53,000). In NYC about 14% of DIRs reporting offenses involved felonies, compared to 9% for ROS.
- *Seriousness.* From 2002 through 2009, felonies in NYC

Intimate Partner incidents are the most frequently reported category of relationship in DIRs.

- *Incidence.* Nearly two-thirds (67%) of offense-related DIRS and 40% of non-offense incidents each year involved intimate partners (IP) – including spouse, ex-spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend and same-sex partners. These proportions were the same for NYC and ROS, respectively.
- *Gender.* Female were victims in more than 80% of offense-related IP DIRs and 70% of non-offense IP incidents. Conversely, males were suspects in 80% of IP incidents that involved offenses and 68% of incidents in which no offense was reported. Gender differences between victim and suspects varied only slightly between NYC and ROS.

1 The average annual volume was estimated from a six month (July-Dec) sample of DIRs analyzed in each of these years. There was no overall difference between years in the actual six-month volume, but a 4.2% decline in the number of offense-related DIRs in 2006 was offset by down from 2005 and non-offense incidents.

2 Because DIR data for NYC was not available in 2001, NYC’s 2002 data was utilized to produce a statewide estimate.

3 NYPD inputs data from its DIRs for NYC and transmits a statistical data to DCJS annually.

- *Race/ethnicity.* Statewide for all DIRs (2006 only), 47% of IP victims were white, 27% black, 17% Hispanic 9% other or unknown. IP victims in NYC were predominantly black (46%), followed by Hispanic (20%), white (12%), and other or unknown (22%). In ROS, most IP victims were white (70%), followed by black (16%), Hispanic (10%), and other or unknown (3%).
- In half (50%) of the estimated 143,000 IP offense-related DIRs in 2006, the victim was physically attacked – including one or more of the following actions: biting, choking, kicking, grabbing, slapping, pushing, punching, slamming, hair pulling, restraint, sexual assault, stabbing, shooting weapon use, or homicide.
- Almost one-third (31%) of offense-related IP incidents in 2006 involved a serious physical attack – choking, punching, kicking, sexual assault, weapon use, stabbing, shooting and homicide.
- An order of protection (OP) was in place in 14% of offense-related IP incidents, and in 87% of these incidents the OP was violated.
- The suspect was on scene when police arrived in 39% of offense related IP incidents and, where present, was arrested in about half (46%) of these incidents. By comparison, suspects were on scene more than half (56%) on non-offense incidents.

Child Victims—Children (under 18 years of age) are another frequent category of victims reported in DIRs.

- In 2006, an estimated 29,600 DIRs involving child victims (less than 18 years of age) were filed—about 7.5% of the total statewide volume. This was up about 45% from the 20,400 child-victim DIRs reported in 2001, an increase that was largely driven by a 78% rise in the number of child-victim DIRs reported in NYC (from 11,500 in 2002 to 20,500 in 2006).⁴
- Statewide 74% of child victims were females. Regionally, this varied from 79% in NYC to 63% in ROS.

⁴ Because DIR data for NYC was not available in 2001, NYC's 2002 data was utilized to produce a statewide estimate.

APPENDIX F

NEW YORK STATE

COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

FINAL DNA REPORT

New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault DNA Training Initiatives Final Report

NYSCASA has successfully completed a major initiative to improve the identification, collection, preservation, and use of DNA-bearing evidence in the prosecution and resolution of crimes in New York State.

By June 2006, 2,499 offenders had been linked to DNA evidence from 3,916 crimes across New York State. Studies by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services showed that, on average, offenders linked to crimes using the DNA Databank had approximately 11 prior arrests and 5 prior convictions. In addition, criminals don't specialize in the types of crimes they commit; 83 percent of offenders linked to sexual assault cases were in the State's DNA Databank for a crime other than a sex-related offense.

In early 2008, NYSCASA received a \$1.2 million grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to improve the collection of DNA. With these funds, NYSCASA:

- Coordinated trainings statewide for 227 nurses to complete the 40- hour Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training and preceptorship to conduct the sexual assault medical/forensic exam, more than doubling the previous count of 168 trained SANEs for all of New York State; the NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault trained an additional 50 SANEs to serve its five boroughs.
- Designed and offered four trainings statewide for 120 Law Enforcement officers to learn and practice DNA identification and collection procedures.
- Designed and offered four trainings to increase awareness of DNA and its use in prosecutions for 320 providers from multiple disciplines, including advocates, sexual assault examiners, law enforcement and prosecution professionals.
- Designed and offered three trainings for campus safety officers to increase their understanding of DNA and its potential for solving campus crimes which reached 97 campus based police.
- Collaborated with the American College of Emergency Physicians to offer a one-day training for 60 physicians and other advanced medical practitioners.
- Designed a power point training for Emergency Medical Service providers which can be included in either basic training or annual competency refreshers.

In addition, NYSCASA focused on making systemic improvements:

- Convened a national advisory panel with forensic nurse practitioner Dee Krebs to examine services for children and published the *White Paper on Pediatric Sexual Assault and Abuse in New York*

State (2009). This report on the status of medical sexual assault and abuse examinations for forensic evidence collection included a state by state comparison and recommendations to improve services for children. NYSCASA has been invited to draft a proposal for legislation and is working with a statewide committee to make these recommendations.

- Worked with four upstate certified SANE instructors to design a 20-hour Sexual Assault Examiner On-Line training hosted on the NY State Nurses Association website to provide 24/7 access to didactic content for nurses seeking SANE training. Educators continued on to standardize the second 20-hours to meet standards set by the International Association of Forensic Nurses and the NYS Department of Health.
- Collaborated with SANE instructors and the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to produce the training video, *Body of Evidence*, demonstrating proper evidence collection and the use of the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Collection Kit, which was revised and newly issued in 2008. This can improve the collection of evidence by medical practitioners who have not received formal training and to maintain competency for those who do not conduct frequent exams.

Originally scheduled as a one year grant, NYSCASA received a no cost extension for a second year which supported:

- Pilot tests and modifications to the SAE On-line learning courses through enrollment of its first 80 students and their four instructors beginning in October 2009.
- Five webinars, 60 – 90 minutes in length, for each of the disciplines who work with DNA evidence and survivors, reaching a total of 188 advocates, sexual assault examiners, law enforcement and prosecutors.
- Multidisciplinary awareness of DNA presentations at five regional crime victim provider coalitions, reaching approximately 150 service providers in all.
- Two additional trainings for 45 more law enforcement officers from northern and central regions of the state who were not able to attend the 2008-09 trainings.
- Create a DNA resource page on the NYSCASA website for information and legislation.
- Develop and distribute a post card announcing the DNA resource page on the web.

An additional outcome of this project is the development of a SART Coordinators' Question & Answer book, examining ethical and confidentiality issues that present in the chaotic emergency room environment. This book will be published by the Joyful Heart Foundation and distributed at no cost to sexual assault examiners, SARTs, and emergency departments to compliment the *Body of Evidence* video.

Through this grant, over 1330 providers increased their awareness and capacity to identify, collect, preserve DNA evidence. A 2006 study by the U.S. Department of Justice shows that SANEs contribute to higher conviction rates because their collection is more accurate, documentation is more consistent and that more victims participate in the justice process when SANEs provide the care. The DNA Training Initiative was designed to improve DNA evidence collection across the professions which work with victims of sexual assault. This investment in intensive training is expected to have a positive impact on court outcomes and higher conviction rates of perpetrators.

For more information visit the NYSCASA website at www.nyscasa.org, or call 518 482-4222.