# **Office on Violence Against Women**

# Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking Grant Program







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# MISSION

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women and administer justice for and strengthen services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

# **Program History and Impact**

The Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (Rural Program) seeks to enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and support projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. This program encourages collaboration among criminal justice agencies, victim services providers, social services agencies, health professionals, and other community organizations to overcome the problems of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in rural communities. The Rural Program funds projects that implement, expand, and establish cooperative efforts among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; provide treatment, advocacy, counseling, legal assistance, or other victim services to victims in rural communities; or develop or strengthen programs addressing sexual assault, like Sexual Assault Response Teams and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Programs (SANEs).

# Eligible applicants include:



Territories

Nonprofit (public or private) entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations



In 2024, the Rural Program gave out 54 awards, totaling over \$36 million.

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The program is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 12341



# **Program History and Impact**

Recognizing the unique challenges to addressing domestic violence in rural communities, Congress authorized the Rural Program in 1994 and has provided funding for the program since 1995; Congress expanded the program to include a focus on sexual assault in 2005. The program supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child sexual abuse in rural areas. Strategies Rural Program grantees employ—including victim advocacy, medical forensic exams performed by SANEs, transitional housing, and victimcentered prosecution-have been found through research to be effective.

The Rural Program encourages collaboration among justice system professionals, victim services providers, and the healthcare sector. These coordinated approaches result in around 13,000 victims receiving services every six months, thousands of investigations conducted, and cases accepted for prosecution each year, as well as hundreds of sexual assault medical forensic exams provided annually.

Rural criminal justice systems may struggle to respond to sexual assault. Resources may be limited and specialized training may be in short supply. In a rural setting, both perpetrators and victims may be "known" to law enforcement, social services, and healthcare providers, potentially influencing how a crime is handled. Furthermore, barriers to protecting privacy and anonymity, limited referral options, and social coercion to avoid criminal justice engagement are factors that can make some victims in rural areas reluctant to report violence they have suffered.

Sexual assault is a uniquely personal and traumatic crime. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), only about 23 percent of rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement in 2020, making these the most underreported violent crimes by a significant margin. Victims cite many reasons for not reporting their victimizations, from feelings of shame and self-blame to fear of not being believed or of being accused of complicity in the crime.

In addition to encountering these and other barriers to reporting sexual assault, victims in rural communities may have worse psychosocial and physical health outcomes than their urban counterparts, due to challenges related to geographic isolation, lack of material resources, and social and cultural pressures that make it difficult to seek and obtain help.

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12341(d)(5), at least 75% of the total amount of funding made available for this program must be allocated to eligible entities located in "rural states." The term "rural state" means a state that has a population density of 57 or fewer persons per square mile or a state in which the largest county has fewer than 250,000 people, based on the most recent decennial census. 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(33).

Also, a minimum of 25% of total amount appropriated shall fund sexual assault services. Congress raised the Rural



Program's funding level by \$1.5 million in FY 2021, and again by \$3 million in FY 2022, bolstering OVW's ability to finance strategies in rural communities for reducing barriers to reporting domestic violence/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Rural Program currently funds 242 grants in 46 states and territories, totaling over \$160 million in active awards.

# **Rural Program Purpose Areas**

Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 12341, funds under this program must be used for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To identify, assess, and appropriately respond to child, youth, and adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in rural communities, by encouraging collaboration among domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking victim service providers; law enforcement agencies; prosecutors; courts; other criminal justice service providers; human and community service providers; educational institutions; and health care providers, including sexual assault forensic examiners;

2. To establish and expand nonprofit, nongovernmental, State, tribal, territorial, and local government victim services in rural communities to child, youth, and adult victims;

3. To increase the safety and well-being of women and children in rural communities, by (A) dealing directly and immediately with domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking occurring in rural communities; and (B) creating and implementing strategies to increase awareness and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; and

4. To develop, expand, implement, and improve the quality of sexual assault forensic medical examination or sexual assault nurse examiner programs.



# **Rural Program Strategies**

In addition to the purpose areas, Rural Program grantees are required to implement at least one of the strategies set forth in 34 U.S.C. § 12341(b)(1)-(5):

1. Implementing, expanding, and establishing cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including developing multidisciplinary teams focusing on high-risk cases with the goal of preventing domestic and dating violence homicides;

2. Providing treatment, counseling, advocacy, legal assistance, and other long-term and shortterm victim and population specific services to adult and minor victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in rural communities, including assistance in immigration matters;

3. Working in cooperation with the community to develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues;

4. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing sexual assault, including sexual assault forensic examiner programs, Sexual Assault Response Teams, law enforcement training, and programs addressing rape kit backlogs; and

5. Developing programs and strategies that focus on the specific needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who reside in remote rural and geographically isolated areas, including addressing the challenges posed by the lack of access to quality forensic sexual assault examinations by trained health care providers, shelters and victims services, and limited law enforcement resources and training, and providing training and resources to Community Health Aides involved in the delivery of Indian Health Service programs.



# **Ongoing Efforts to Support Victims in Rural Communities**

#### Grant-Making

In addition to the Rural Program, the OVW funds justice agencies and victim services providers in rural communities through its other 14 discretionary grant programs and its two largest formula grant programs: the STOP Formula Program and Sexual Assault Services Formula Program (SASP). The STOP Formula provides funds for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim services providers, and courts to address domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, while the SASP exclusively supports services for sexual assault victims. Discretionary grantees report serving about 28,000 victims living in rural areas every six months. In 2020, STOP subrecipients report serving serving over 59,000 victims living in rural areas; that figure is more than 12,000 for SASP subrecipients.

#### Training and Technical Assistance

OVW provides TTA to enhance current and potential grantees' efforts to address sexual assault in rural communities. This TTA is delivered through in-person and online educational opportunities, peer-to-peer consultations, and site visits. Given the challenges that rural communities face in addressing domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking, OVW's TTA focuses on improving access to technology, addressing challenges related to a lack of privacy and confidentiality in small communities, and mitigating the challenges stemming from geographic isolation and limited access to social services. In FY 2024, OVW funded three rural-specific TTA projects totaling more than \$1,850,000. Respectively, those projects are: 1) Strengthening Rural Advocacy, 2) Rural initiatives for Strengthening Equity Project, and 3) Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services. While all three projects are exclusively focused on rural communities, other OVW TTA projects also provide as part of a broader project training and resources tailored to the unique barriers faced by victims in rural areas and the agencies that serve them.



# Meet OVW Staff

**Krista Blakeney-Mitchell** Krista Blakeney-Mitchell currently serves as the Associate Director for the Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program, the Children and Youth & Engaging Men Program, Cybercrimes Against Individuals (National Resources Center) Program and the Investigation and Prosecution of Online Abuse and Harassment initiative. She supports the Office on Violence Against Women Director and has worked with the Grants Development and Management Division for over 25 years.

**Anne Hamilton** Anne Hamilton recently joined the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) as Team Lead for the CY/EM and Rural Unit. Before this role, she spent nearly a decade as a Policy Analyst at the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), where she supported the Operations, Budget, and Performance Management Division. At OVC, she oversaw the Interagency Agreement Program, served as a task monitor for Training and Technical Assistance contracts, and managed a portfolio of victim assistance grants and programs. Before her time at OVC, Anne spent 12 years as a Grant Program Specialist for the Office on Violence Against Women, where she managed and developed OVW youth-focused grants such as the Youth Services, STEP and Consolidated Youth programs. Anne holds a B.A. from American University and is a 2013 graduate of the DOJ Leadership Excellence and Achievement Program (LEAP).

**Stevi Black** Stevi Black joined the Office on Violence Against Women in April 2023. Stevi has been working in the domestic violence and sexual assault field for over 15 years, primarily in community-based victim service programs. She also worked at a statewide level providing training and technical assistance as well as development and oversight for a statewide housing first/flexible financial assistance for survivors' program. She earned her MSW from Washington University in St. Louis.

**Christopher Lukasik** Christopher Lukasik recently joined the Office on Violence Against Women as a Grant Management Specialist in January 2025. Christopher has over 10 years of experience working as a prosecutorbased victim advocate, researching and writing for legislative advocacy, providing training and technical assistance on issues related to victim services, and community-based victim services program planning. Christopher holds a Doctor of Education from Northeastern University and a Master of Public Health from UMass Amherst.

**Holly Meyer** Holly Meyer joined the Office on Violence Against Women as a Grant Management Specialist in December 2023. Holly has over 18 years of experience in victim services which includes working as a victim advocate, working as a policy and planning analyst, securing grant funding at the state government level, completing performance reporting, ensuring compliance with federal regulations, and monitoring sub-recipients.

**Rachel Strasinger** Rachel Strasinger joined the Office on Violence Against Women as a Grant Management Specialist in April 2023. Rachel has 13 years of experience with domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers that includes working as an advocate, securing grant funding, completing performance reporting, ensuring compliance with federal regulations, and managing data and outcomes. Her experience also includes administering federal funding, monitoring sub-recipients, and facilitating community-led funding allocation processes.



# **Rural Program Project Descriptions**



# AL – Legal Services Alabama, Inc.

Legal Services Alabama (LSA) provides free civil legal services to low- and moderate-income individuals in Alabama's 67 counties from eight regional offices and a statewide call center. LSA's attorneys represent clients to ensure safety while establishing economic and social independence. To this end, victims and survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking constitute one of LSA's core client constituencies. LSA's core cases involve family, consumer, housing, public benefits, tax, and elder law. <u>https://legalservicesalabama.org/</u>



# AK - Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE)

Aiding Women from Rape & Abuse Emergencies, Inc., in partnership with Alaska Legal Services Corporation, implemented a sexual assault victim services project. Specific activities include: 1) providing comprehensive, collaborative, and holistic legal representation to victims; 2) engaging community partners to disseminate information about project activities, and travel to remote communities; 3) partners attending or conduct cross-training sessions, with each partner training the others in their areas of expertise and review/refine protocols for working with shared clients; 4) combating sexual violence through prevention, education, and outreach services in remote, rural, and geographically isolated areas; and 5) offering specialized sexual assault survivor services in Juneau and remote, rural, and geographically isolated service areas. <u>https://awareak.org</u>

#### AK - Alaska Institute for Justice

The Alaska Institute for Justice (AIJ), a nonprofit civil legal services provider, provides services for victims of sex trafficking giving access to advocacy and support services for underserved and marginalized victims of sexual and domestic violence in Alaska's rural communities. AIJ implements this project in partnership with the Alaska Network on Domestic and Sexual Assault, the Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center, Unalaskans Standing Against Family Violence, the Alaska Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Attorney's Office – District of Alaska. AIJ specific activities include:



1) providing training for project partners on identifying victims of sexual violence and providing/ensuring language access; 2) supporting two immigrant outreach specialists who provide direct client assistance and conduct outreach to immigrant and/or sexual assault victims; 3) providing interpretation and translation services for 19 rural domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers; 4) supporting a full-time rural staff attorney who provides civil legal representation for victims of domestic and sexual violence in immigration, family law, and protective order matters; and 5) collaborating with the Alaska Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office – District of Alaska to develop protocols for responding to victims of sex trafficking. AlJ bilingual attorneys and immigrant outreach positions address the problems of geographic isolation, racial discrimination, immigration scams, fear of law enforcement and the legal system, fear of deportation, fear of losing children, language and cultural barriers, and fear of retaliation by the perpetrator. <a href="http://www.akijp.org">http://www.akijp.org</a>

# AK – Alaska Native Justice Center, Inc.

Alaska Native Justice Center, Inc., in partnership with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., implemented a victim services project for the Alaska Cook Inlet Region and will include rural Alaskans seeking help in Anchorage. Specific activities for Alaska Native and American Indian survivors include: 1) facilitating talking sessions with stakeholders; 2) developing and delivering culturally relevant, trauma informed trainings; 3) conducting outreach to increase access to victim services in rural Alaska communities; 4) delivering culturally appropriate victim services; and 5) developing and delivering culturally informed prevention and awareness resources. https://anjc.org

# AK - Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, in partnership with Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA), will implement the Improving Sexual Assault Services Awareness and Access in Rural Alaska through Alaska Native Village Culturally Based Sexual Assault Training project. Specific activities include: 1) creating a new Alaska Native village-centered training for first responders and other community members who engage with victims/survivors of sexual assault to ensure awareness and meaningful access to state and/or Tribal justice system responses, forensic nursing services, and culturally specific healing services for rural Alaska Native survivors; 2) increasing access to trauma-informed, victim-centered, culturally specific sexual assault response training to increase Alaska Native village first responder and community member awareness and understanding of the State of Alaska SART response and how to engage with the process and improve meaningful access for rural Alaska Native sexual assault survivors to forensic nursing and culturally specific healing services; 3) improving outreach and education to rural Alaska Native victims and survivors of sexual assault about available state/Tribal justice options, forensic nursing services, and culturally specific healing services; and 4) hiring a Program Coordinator to manage the day-to-day project activities. https://www.aknwrc.org/

# AK - Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA)

Alaska Networkd on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in partnership with Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, Bering Sea Women's Group, Women in Safe Homes, Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center, Sitkans Against Family Violence, and Safe and Fear Free Environments, will implement the Increasing Survivor Support through Intervention, Education and Expansion Project. Specific activities include: 1) continuing the integrated substance misuse and domestic and sexual violence work victim services organizations have developed over the last 2 Rural awards and evaluate their effectiveness;



2) revising the "Real Tools" training manual for working with victims with co-occurring issues to include working with sexual assault victims. This will result in a new product "Real Tools: A Guide for Working with Survivors with Substance Use"; 3) providing direct civil legal assistance to both survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; 4) increasing the knowledge of sexual assault advocates and first responders on using a healing centered approach; and 5) expanding sexual assault response services in the Dillingham Census Area to the villages located in the East, King Salmon and Naknek. https://andvsa.org

# AK – Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government

The Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (ACSPI) Tribal Government, in partnership with the St. Paul Island Tribal Court and the Pribilof School District will implement the Improving DV/SA Services in the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island project. Specific activities include: 1) providing basic and enhanced services to victims, including crisis line support and emergency shelter; 2) facilitating culturally relevant support groups for survivors; 3) reviewing, enhancing, and implementing policies that impact victims of DV/SA and stalking; 4) creating and implementing community domestic violence and sexual assault response protocols with local law enforcement; 5) providing SAFESTAR training to community members; 6) providing DV/SA training to Village Public Safety Officers, school employees, and medical providers; 7) providing information on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking at the quarterly community health fair and other ACSPI community activities each year; 8) bi-annually hosting domestic violence and sexual assault prevention campaign activities in the community. https://www.aleut.com

# AK - Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE)

H.O.P.E. Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies, in partnership with The Organized Village of Kasaan, will implement The Continuation of Rural Program Victim Services on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska project. Specific activities include: 1) expanding joint efforts among all rural community service providers to investigate and prosecute incidents of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, to effectively prevent recidivism by offenders through development of a stand-alone battering intervention program; 2) expanding advocacy services to victims of interpersonal violence; and 3) continue encouraging and strengthening collaboration among partners on the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). https://www.hope4pow.org

# AK - Kawerak, Inc.

Kawerak Inc., a regional non-profit tribal consortia serving 20 tribes in the Bering Strait region of Northwestern Alaska, improves the multi-disciplinary response to domestic violence high risk cases and child sexual assault through its Child Advocacy Center (CAC) services which include advocacy and outreach services. Kawerak supports a CAC Specialist who conducts forensic interviews, tracks cases, and coordinates outreach to Tribal leaders, school personnel, and community members. They also provide trainings on strangulation, teen dating and domestic violence awareness. <u>https://kawerak.org</u>

# AK - Kodiak Area Native Association

The Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) is a nonprofit tribal health organization that provides health and social services for Alaska Natives and American Indians on Kodiak Island in Alaska. In partnership with the Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center, Kodiak Police Department, and the Office of Children's Services specific activities include: 1) supporting the Kodiak Child Advocacy Center;



2) supporting a family advocate/forensic interviewer, behavioral health consultant, and program specialists; 3) participating in a multi-disciplinary team; 4) recruiting and training a sexual assault nurse examiner; 5) participating in the Safe Sober Community Response Team to address the substance abuse of victims of domestic and sexual violence; and 6) providing trainings and educational presentations for the public and victim service providers on the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. <a href="http://kodiakhealthcare.org">http://kodiakhealthcare.org</a>

# AK – Norton Sound Health Corp.

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC), in partnership with Kawerak Child Advocacy Center, will implement the Rural Forensic Services Program project. Specific activities include: 1) increasing access to forensically trained providers in the emergency department at Norton Sound Health Corporation and the Kawerak Child Advocacy Center; 2) hiring full-time Sexual Assault Examiner for education, training, and patient care; 3) training primary care clinic staff and emergency department staff in the care of the sexual assault patients and key points of trauma informed/culturally competent care; 4) developing an overview of care for sexual assault patients including medications, testing and follow up; 5) collaborating with Kawerak Child Advocacy Center staff on education for providers regarding pediatric sexual abuse/physical abuse/mandatory reporting/signs and symptoms; 6) increasing access to forensically trained providers in the 15 surrounding villages; 7) facilitating education of children, families, and community members on sexual assault resources, after assault care and procedures, signs and symptoms of child abuse and what to do if they or a loved one are a victim of sexual violence; 8) providing training to the community health aides on providing after assault care in the event the patient is not able to reach Nome in a timely manner; 9) increasing services in the villages with community education and training of providers and case management. https://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/

# AK - Safe and Fear Free Environment, Inc.

Safe and Fear Free Environment, Inc., in partnership with Dillingham Police Department, Dillingham City Schools, State of Alaska Office of Children's Services, Bristol Bay Native Association, and the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, implemented a victim services project for the Dillingham Census Area, Bristol Bay Borough and Lake & Peninsula Borough communities in Southwest Alaska. Specific activities include: 1) partial support for an Outreach & Education Coordinator, Direct Services Coordinator, four Village-based Advocates, and a Shelter Manager; 2) directing services for survivors including shelter, transportation, safe homes, etc.; 3) intensive skill building training for Advocates, and Community Health Aides; 4) training for Village Based Advocates to provide safety services to survivors; 5) provision of inclusive, trauma-informed approach capacity building training for partners; 6) support of the Sexual Assault Response Team; and 7) community outreach and prevention education. http://www.safebristolbay.org/

# **AK - Sitkans Against Family Violence**

Sitkans Against Family Violence, in partnership with The Organized Village of Kake, implemented a victim services project for the Sitka, Kake, and Angoon regions of Alaska. Specific activities for Alaska Native survivors include: 1) establishing and expanding victim services that are culturally relevant; 2) working to ensure that organizations and responders that work with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are incorporating culturally appropriate practices when responding to or assisting victims; 3) coordinating a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and increasing accessibility to resources



for underserved populations including establishing a Disability Abuse Response Team (DART); 4) providing safety presentations for elementary school aged children in coordination with local school; 5) developing a cultural competency curriculum that can be used to teach staff and volunteers about Tlingit culture in Southeast Alaska on an annual basis; and 6) providing survivors with access to traditional healing. <u>https://www.safv.org/</u>

# AK - The Tundra Women's Coalition

The Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC), located in Bethel, Alaska, is a nonprofit community-based agency providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse and their families. Specific activities include: 1) creating new outreach material on such topics as historical trauma, Yup'ik cultural values, trauma-informed care, and domestic and sexual violence; 2) creating a bi-annual strategy for checking in with each of the 58 communities in the YK Delta to raise awareness and collaborate; 3) improving the response to adult sexual assault and serious physical abuse; and 4) empowering victims to heal and thrive after the incidence of violence. <u>https://tundrapeace.org</u>

# **AK - Women in Safe Homes**

Women in Safe Homes, in partnership with the Ketchikan Police Department and Working Against Violence for Everyone, implemented a sexual assault victim services project for the rural Alaska communities of Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Wrangell, Petersburg, and Prince of Wales Island. Specific activities include: 1) hiring two sexual assault advocates in Ketchikan and Petersburg to provide direct services and lead Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) activities; 2) coordinating and providing Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview training for law enforcement throughout program service area; 2) providing SANE and SANE-P training for medical professionals in service area; 4) providing a region wide SART training in Ketchikan; 5) establishing Advocate Initiated Response (AIR) teams in Ketchikan and Petersburg.; 6) providing .4 FTE Licensed Mental Health Counselor dedicated to working with sexual assault victims; and 7) providing .5 FTE Coordinator for Child Advocacy Center. https://www.wishak.org



# AS – American Samoa Legal Aid, Inc.

American Samoa Legal Aid, Inc., in partnership with the American Samoa Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the American Samoa Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Back on Track, Empowering Pacific Island Communities, Catholic Social Services, the Attorney General's Office of the American Samoa Government, and the Department of Human and Social Services of the American Samoa Government, will provide legal assistance for victims of sexual and domestic violence. Specific activities include: 1) providing legal assistance, both in Samoan and English, to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 2) implementing a referral process between the project partners for victims needing civil legal assistance; and 3) improving community awareness of the laws on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and the rights of victims. https://www.aslegalaid.org



# AS - American Samoa Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

With this continuation Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking project, the American Samoa Alliance Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, in partnership with the Society of Fa'afafine in American Samoa (S.O.F.I.A), will implement a victim services project for the main island of American Samoa, Tutuila. This project will create a culturally specific DVSA training curriculum for Polynesian Fa'afafine, hire Fa'afafine advocates, and establish a partnership agreement with the sole Fa'afafine representing organization in the territory: S.O.F.I.A.S. Specific activities include: 1) establishing infrastructure (hiring staff, procuring supplies & equipment, writing policies & protocols); 2) establishing safe spaces in zones and Resource Center; 3) hiring and training three Fa'afafine advocates; 4) recruiting and training 20 service providers; and 5) developing a training curriculum for Fa'afafine and service providers. https://www.asalliance.co/



# AZ - Arizona Association of Community Health Centers

Arizona Association of Community Health Centers and eight partner organizations implemented a multi-agency collaboration that addresses violence against women in a culturally sensitive, multipronged approach including provision of direct and indirect services, advocacy, training, and education to underserved populations in Apache, Navajo, and Santa Cruz Counties and rural areas of Cochise County. Specific activities include: 1) providing funding for an advocate at four Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) sites; 2) assisting in the development of a coordinated community response that addresses underserved populations; 3) assisting victims with immediate needs for housing/shelter, clothing, and transportation; 4) providing treatment, counseling, advocacy, legal assistance, and other long and short-term victim and population specific services to adult and minor victims; and 5) providing community education to increase awareness and promote prevention of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. <a href="https://www.aachc.org">https://www.aachc.org</a>

# AZ - Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), in partnership with the Arizona Rural Women's Health Network, increases the availability of sexual assault services for rural victims of sexual violence in the State of Arizona. Specific activities include: 1) increasing sexual assault services in rural communities by expanding and strengthening victim service providers' ability to provide advocacy and resources to survivors of sexual violence living in rural communities; 2) developing, implementing, or enhancing sexual assault response teams (SARTs) or similar coordinated community responses to sexual assault in rural areas, including the development and implementation of sexual assault response protocols or policies; and 3) increasing sexual assault services in rural communities by providing sexual assault advocacy training and resources to community health workers. https://www.acesdv.org



# AZ – Thrive Center, Inc.

Thrive Center Inc., in partnership with Banner Health, Compassion Care Center, and Face of a Survivor, will implement the Rural Survivors Services Program project. Specific activities include: 1) providing short- and long-term trauma-informed, comprehensive, holistic victim services prioritizing victim safety, confidentiality, informed decision-making, and autonomy for rural survivors of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking; (2) developing and providing Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AZPOST) certified trainings to law enforcement specific to sexual violence; (3) participating in outreach and education activities; (4) collaborating with key stakeholders to develop a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART); and (5) developing brochures and informational handouts in English and Spanish and outreach items, such as pens and water bottles, to reach rural survivors. www.thrive-center.org

# AZ – WestCare Arizona 1, Inc.

WestCare Arizona 1, Inc. (WC-AZ), provides emergency shelter and supportive services to rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Their project SafeHouse, supports rural, homeless, abused, and under-served women with safe housing after fleeing a violence attack. Women in emergency shelters receive in-depth supportive services to assist in securing their financial future, through educational opportunities, job training, transportation, childcare, evidence-based practices and curriculums, and counseling. Based on a victim's individualized service plans, an array of wraparound care assists so they can move to employment and permanent housing. https://westcare.com/page/where-we-serve\_AZ



# CA – Empower Tehama

Rural Solutions for Safety, a project of Empower Tehama (ET), serves rural Tehama County in far northern California. Two distinct but interconnected activities are conducted, each of which corresponding to an identified gap in services: 1) South County Access: Through this activity, ET plans to open and operate a victim services center in the southern Tehama County ("South County") city of Corning, staffed by an experienced, bilingual, bicultural DV/SA Advocate. This activity will address an identified disparity in access to services for residents of South County victims. 2) Sexual Assault Response: Through this activity, ET expands its capacity for providing Sexual Assault Forensic Exams (SART Exams) for child, adolescent and adult victims of sexual assault and expand the range of advocacy and supportive services available to adult victims of non-IPV sexual violence in Tehama County. https://empowertehama.org

# CA - North Coast Rape Crisis Team

The North Coast Rape Crisis Team, in partnership with the Crescent City Police Department, Del Norte County Sherrif's Office, Yurok Tribal Police Department, Del Norte County District Attorney's Office, and



Sutter Coast Hospital will implement the Best Practices for Del Norte Survivors project. Specific activities include: 1) creating a training program that allows for continuous training of SANEs in Del Norte County, including working with project partners to plan a functioning SANE training program; 2) sending 2 nurses to SART training in the first year, and an additional 2 nurses in the next 2 grant years; 3) developing and circulating English and Spanish California Sexual Assault Survivor Rights Cards to law enforcement and medical providers; 4) creating a mentorship program that allows for continual mentorship of SANEs via telehealth software by working with project partners to execute an innovative SANE mentorship program with experienced Humboldt County SANE nurses; 5) providing Del Norte County nurses 40 hours of mentorship training from senior practicing SANE providers in the first year; 20-40 hours of mentorship training from in year two and three, including leadership training for those who received mentorship in year one; 6) planning, coordinating, and implementing a Child Abuse Support Team (CAST) program for Del Norte County; 7) training the District Attorney Investigative Assistant to become a forensic interviewer in year one; 8) identifying one new law enforcement candidate in to join the forensic interviewer team in years two and three. <a href="https://ncret.org/">https://ncret.org/</a>

# COLORADO

# CO - Advocates of Lake County, Inc.

Advocates of Lake County, Inc., in partnership with Colorado Fifth Judicial District Attorney's Office's Sexual Assault Response Team, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Probation Department, Lake County School District, Full Circle of Lake County, Treetop Child Advocacy Center, SolVista Health, St. Anthony's Summit Hospital Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, Alpine Springs Counseling, and St. Vincent's Health, will implement Increasing Collaboration Among Victim Serving Agencies in Lake Country, Colorado to Reduce Rates of Violence and Better Meet Victims' Needs. Specific activities include: 1) monthly meetings of the Lake County Violence Prevention Team (VPT) comprising full and steering committee meetings; 2) development and expansion of resources to expand resource and referral network to ensure maximum service utilization; 3) independent agency training on addressing topics such as sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, etc.; 4) planning, implementing, and participation in community outreach events relating to violence prevention; and 5) participation in consultant trainings and national conferences throughout the grant period for expanding and improving agency service skillsets in providing services to victims and their families. <a href="https://advocatesoflakecounty.org">https://advocatesoflakecounty.org</a>

#### **CO – Alternative Horizons Corporation**

Alternative Horizons Corporation, in partnership with Rise Above Violence, Sexual Assault Services Organization, and Volunteers of America Southwest Safehouse, have implemented a victim services project addressing all four purpose areas and all 5 statutory strategies for Colorado's 6th Judicial District (JD), which encompasses Archuleta, La Plata, and San Juan counties, located in the southwest corner of the state. Specific activities include: 1) supporting four established DV and SA Response Teams in both La Plata and Archuleta Counties; 2) developing a systematic mechanism to identify and respond to high risk cases to prevent domestic and dating violence homicides; 3) engaging new partnerships centered on more effectively meeting the needs of all victims, while also focusing on



those underserved due to culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and disability; and 4) ensuring maintenance and enhancement of established relationships to ensure policies and, effective procedures continue to be followed and advanced. <u>https:/alternativehorizons.org</u>

# **CO – Bright Future Foundation for Eagle County**

Bright Future Foundation for Eagle County, in partnership with Eagle County School District, Vail Health Behavioral Health, Colorado Mountain Medical, the Sacred Cycle, and the Fifth Judicial District Office of the District Attorney, will implement Prevent, Protect, Prevail: A Multigenerational Approach to Disrupting Sexual Assault in Eagle County. Specific activities include: 1) prevention activities in the Eagle County School District, Colorado Mountain College, and at community events; 2) intervention efforts including a 24/7 crisis line, SANE and SART; and 3) long-term healing strategies including behavioral health treatment by Bright Future Foundation's trauma-trained licensed clinicians, and survivor participation in a cycling/wildness program to aid recovery from sexual assault trauma. <u>https://mybrightfuture.org/</u>

# **CO – Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado Foundation**

Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado Foundation, in partnership with Mercy Hospital, St. Anthony Summit Hospital, St. Thomas More Hospital, and the Sexual Assault Services Organization will implement Colorado Rural Forensic Nurse Examiner project. Specific activities include: 1) training law enforcement officers on intentional violence; 2) training correctional officers, facility staff, and OIG/Federal Special Investigations for the Colorado Department of Corrections and Federal Bureau of Prisons on FNE services; 3) establishing Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in Park County; 4) continuing youth outreach and prevention; 5) continuing participation in local SARTs, MDTs, and collaborative group meetings; and 6) increasing the number of medical forensic exams provided each year. <u>https://commonspirithealthphilanthropy.org/</u>

# **CO - Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

The Colorado Rural Initiative to Strengthen Sexual Assault Services (CRISSAS) supports the development and expansion of nonprofit victim services to survivors of non-intimate partner sexual assault across all age ranges who live in rural areas of Colorado, with an emphasis on Hispanic/Latinx survivors, including those who have limited English proficiency and/or are immigrants. This project increases the safety and well-being of women and children by dealing directly and immediately with sexual assault and creating and implementing strategies to increase awareness and prevent sexual assault in rural Colorado communities. CCASA provides intensive support to three MOU project partners, which collectively serve 8 fully rural-eligible counties, utilizing a cohort model to build capacity within each organization to serve survivors of non-intimate partner sexual assault, particularly Hispanic/Latinx survivors. https://www.ccasa.org/

# **CO – Project Hope of Gunnison Valley**

Project Hope of Gunnison Valley, in partnership with Gunnison Valley Mentors, Gunnison County Substance Abuse Prevention Program, and Gunnison County Department Health and Human Services, implemented a victim service project for the counties of Gunnison and Hinsdale in Colorado. Specific activities for the Spanish speaking community include: 1) hiring a second bilingual advocate to help provide an increase in Spanish language outreach and field a higher volume of Spanish speaking clients; 1) creating culturally specific educational materials about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 3) meeting with hospital forensic exam nurses to establish protocols for forensic



exam patients; 4) participating in community collaborative efforts to provide comprehensive wraparound advocacy services; and 5) providing educational presentations about healthy relationships and consent to youth and students throughout the service area. https://hope4gv.org

# CO – S.A.R.A. Inc.

S.A.R.A. Inc in partnership with Prairie Family Center, Rural Communities Resource Center, Baby Bear Hugs, Centennial BOCES Migrant Education Program, CHTA, and Polaris Partners Counseling, will implement Response to Rural DV, Dating Violence, SA, and Stalking – 13JD. Specific activities include: 1) increasing the number of multi-disciplinary (MDT) and Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Teams in rural, remote communities; 2) enhancing and expanding mobile units including advocacy, SANE, and forensic interviewing to provide specialized, confidential, culturally specific, and immediate services for survivors; 3) collaborating with law enforcement, hospitals, and DHS to coordinate services; 4) enhancing Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs to ensure a comprehensive approach to survivor needs; 5) partnering with Latin@ organizations and community leaders to raise awareness of available services; 6) increasing access to trauma-informed mental health services throughout the district; 7) providing emergency financial and legal assistance to survivors of SA and DV, and; 8) expanding prevention and awareness programming. https://www.sarahouseco.org/

# CO – T.E.S.S.A.

TESSA, in partnership with UCHealth Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, the Teller County Sheriff's Department, Woodland Park Police Department, the Town of Woodland Park, Teller County Department of Human Services, the Aspen Mine Center, Storehouse Ministry/Woodland Park Community Church, Ute Pass Regional Health Care District, Southwest Teller County EMS, and Rampart Library District, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Pikes Peak Library District, and Hanover School District 28, implemented a victim service project for Colorado's 4th Judicial district, which encompasses Teller County and 11 rural census tracts in eastern El Paso County. Specific activities include: 1) convening the new multi-sector Domestic Violence High-Risk Response Team (DVHRRT) for Teller County; 2) securing at last one additional site in rural El Paso County that provides a safe option where rural victims/youth can access domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking (DVDVSASt) supports; 3) colocating and maintaining Rural Confidential Advocates in locations that are accessible and safe for rural victims and their children; 4) providing trauma-informed DVDVSASt services and counseling to survivors at any stage of recovery; 5) working with survivors and partners to create community-based options for safe child and animal care when a DVDVSASt victim chooses to leave an abusive situation; 6) implementing referral systems among DVHRCRT partners to support trauma-informed crisis response, victim services, and extended case management; 7) initiating DVDVSASt awareness outreach and education training campaigns in rural counties; and 8) collaborating with at least one rural El Paso County school district to identify DVDVSASt issues and develop and implement awareness programming. https://www.tessacs.org/

# CO - Tu Casa, Incorporated

As the lead agency, Tu Casa, Inc. helps lead the San Luis Valley Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Prevention and Assistance Project (referred to as "project"). The project utilizes a solid network of multi-disciplinary teams, including the five- county specific Sexual Assault Response Team (SARTs) and the Children's Advocacy Center of the San Luis Valley (SLV CAC) Multidisciplinary Team (CAC MDT). Specific activities include: 1) providing cohesive, comprehensive, assessable services to victims, including underrepresented populations allowing them to pursue safe



and healthy lives, 2) providing outreach, education and bilingual services, 3) training, onsite crisis intervention, safety planning, referral to outside services, collaboration with other victim advocates organizations, 4) providing public awareness campaigns, participates in community events, hosts community gatherings, and provides outreach services to migrant communities, college students, and churches and, 5) SVU Investigator working with the forensic interviewer, community partners, victims, SART/MDT members, and advocates to ensure that victim services are completed in a timely and ethical manner. <a href="http://slvtucasa.net/">http://slvtucasa.net/</a>

# **FLORIDA**

# FL – Florida Council Against Sexual Violence

Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, in collaboration with 12 project partners, address the need for culturally appropriate sexual assault support services to Latino/Hispanic immigrant communities in DeSoto, Glades, and Hendry Counties. Specific activities include: 1) providing culturally-specific, comprehensive sexual violence advocacy and crisis intervention to Latino/Hispanic immigrant and migrant farmworkers communities; 2) establishing office hours and outreach at nontraditional locations most accessible to underserved populations; 3) supporting the healing of incarcerated sexual violence survivors through individual counseling, support groups, and connection to services upon release; 4) coordinating the DeSoto and Glade/Hendry counties Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs); 5) enhancing sexual assault programs capacity to serve immigrant and limited English proficient survivors in rural counties; and 6) strengthening the competency of rural project staff in intersectional anti-oppression sexual violence work. https://www.fcasv.org



#### GA - Family Crisis Center of Walker, Dade, Catoosa, and Chattooga Counties, Inc.

Family Crisis Center of Walker, Dade, Catoosa, and Chattooga Counties, INC. (FCC), in partnership with Bridge Health, will implement Victim Services in Walker and Chattooga Counties Project. Specific activities include: 1) building organizational capacity to support consistent, knowledgeable, and skillbased delivery of evidenced-based, trauma-informed services by qualified staff; 2) providing community outreach and education services that deliver inclusive, accessible, and culturally relevant information and services; and 3) providing short and long-term holistic victim services that include supportive wraparound services. <u>https://thefamilycrisiscenter.org/</u>



# **GA - Georgia Legal Services**

Georgia Legal Services Program, in partnership with Women in Need of God's Shelter and Prosecuting Attorneys' Council, implemented a victim services project to strengthen efforts to prevent and end sexual assault for 30 counties in middle Georgia. Funding from this award allowed the project to make currently available services more accessible to survivors; strengthen trainings and education on topics specific to the needs of victims of violence for law enforcement, court officials, and community service providers; and collaborate with local and state agencies already in place to ensure an effective CCR in the targeted rural areas to provide safety and economic security for survivors. Specific activities include hiring two Rural Navigators, who: 1) provide comprehensive and trauma-informed screening for survivors; 2) direct them to available resources in the rural communities to improve safety and economic security; 3) assist in applying for and accessing economic assistance; and 4) educate and collaborate with community service providers in law enforcement, the courts, statewide and local agency service providers. https://www.glsp.org/

# GA – Satilla Health Foundation, Inc.

Satilla Health Foundation, Inc, in partnership with Ruth's Cottage and the Patticake House Latino Outreach Program, will implement Ruth's Cottage and the Patticake House Latino Outreach Program. Specific activities include: 1) expanding organizational capacity by hiring a Program Manager and a Project Manager to enhance outreach and awareness activities and provide supportive victim services and crisis intervention, with a focus on the expansion and target populations; 2) establishing a satellite office in Atkinson or Clinch Counties to provide SANE exams, forensic interviews, and supportive services; 3) adding a contracted SANE nurse to provide on-call coverage, especially within expansion communities; expand SART team to cover services in Clinch and Atkinson counties; 4) partnering with Ruth's Cottage Latino Outreach Program to improve skills and capacity for Hispanic outreach and services, contract with a Prevention Education Consultant to expand outreach and services, Bilingual Community Awareness and Prevention Coordinator to facilitate Latino Outreach Program in Hispanic Community; 5) providing community training in Spanish; and 6) providing outreach and promotional materials in Spanish. https://satillaadvocacy.org/

# **GUAM**

# GU - Governor's Office-Governor's Community Outreach Federal Programs Office

The Office of the Governor of Guam Governor's Community Outreach – Federal Programs Office, in partnership with Victim Advocates Reaching Out and the Guam Police Department (GPD), will implement a victim services project in Guam. Specific activities include: 1) enabling GPD to establish a Special Victims Unit (SVU) and provide SVU detectives with appropriate training to more effectively solve sexual assault cases to bring perpetrators to justice and deter sexual crimes; 2) providing more victim-centered assistance to victims of these crimes by funding an SVU victim assistant and vehicle to transport victims to safety, exams, legal proceedings, etc.; 3) assisting victims with longer periods of emergency housing; and 4) strengthening education and prevention efforts through advocate presentations and production of print and video materials that effectively address positive



relationships, consent, and inappropriate behavior, with special focus on educating minors and empowering them against would-be sexual assailants. <u>https://fpo.guam.gov/</u>

# IDAHO

# ID - Advocate Against Family Violence, Inc.

Advocates Against Family Violence, in partnership with Valor Health, Gem County Prosecutor's Office, Caldwell Police Department, and Middleton Police Department, will implement Strengthening Collaborative Response for Rural Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking. Specific activities include: 1) providing services for early identification, intervention and prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking cases; 2) working closely with law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and the courts to implement and expand efforts and projects for the investigation and prosecution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking cases; and 3) collaborating with the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to actively respond to sexual assault victims in rural communities. <u>https://www.aafvhope.org/</u>

# ID – Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Family Crisis Center (FCC) Inc., in partnership with Community Council of Idaho (CCI), Upper Valley Child Advocacy Center (UVCAC), Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Rigby Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Rexburg Police Department, Fremont County Sheriff's Office, St. Anthony City Police Department, Ashton City Police Department, Clark County Sheriff's Office, Madison County Prosecutor, Jefferson County Prosecutor, Fremont County Prosecutor and The Upper Valley Task Force Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, will implement Family Crisis Center Crisis Response and Community Collaboration for Survivor Wellbeing. Specific activities include: 1) enhancing collaborative response to victims; 2) implementing and expanding victim services in rural communities; 3) dealing directly and immediately with violence in rural areas; 4) creating and implementing prevention and awareness strategies; and 5) strengthening the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and response to sexual assault across the lifespan. https://www.familycrisisctr.org

# ID - Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence (ICASDV)

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (ICASDV), in collaboration with 23 nonprofit and state victim and community service providers, juvenile and criminal justice agencies, and healthcare providers, increase the capacity of victim service providers to provide advocacy services for youth who are victims of sexual and dating violence and stalking in the State of Idaho. Specific activities include: 1) collaborating with the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center to develop best practices on responding to youth victims of stalking and develop a bilingual stalking handbook and brochures; 2) developing and/or updating policies and protocols on confidentiality, information sharing, parental consent, and mandatory reporting; 3) revising youth sexual assault and dating abuse handbooks and pocket brochures, and developing a guide on youth-centered community collaboratives; 4) conducting trainings for victim and community service providers on identifying, assessing, intervening, and responding to youth victims of sexual and dating violence and stalking; and 5) developing awareness campaigns on sexual and dating violence and stalking. <u>https://idvsa.org</u>



# ID - Kootenai Hospital District

The Forensic Nurse Examiner Program (FNE) trains rural healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive, trauma-informed forensic medical services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and other related victims, who need care at their local hospitals. Specific activities include: 1) hiring more nurses at Kootenai to meet regional need; 2) training rural healthcare professionals to recognize and handle adult, adolescent, and pediatric sexual assault cases; 3) providing additional care training for victims of domestic violence and dating violence, including strangulation and trafficking as associated; and 4) enhancing regional Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) operations to improve the coordination and utilization of victim services throughout rural Northern Idaho. www.kh.org

# ID - Oneida Crisis Center, Inc.

Oneida Crisis Center, Inc., in partnership with Family Service Alliance and Bingham Crisis Center, will implement SE Idaho SA/DC Service Providers Collaborative. Specific activities include: 1) continuation of victim services within rural Southeastern Idaho through providing English and Spanish 24/7 crisis hotlines, crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy, assistance with civil protection orders, case management, holistic healing modalities, support groups, safety planning, mental health counseling/referrals, emergency shelter, and financial education along with limited emergency financial assistance; 2) sexual assault awareness & prevention outreach activities by providing outreach focused on awareness, prevention, and service availability for individuals impacted by non-intimate partner sexual assault, including sexual assault across the lifespan; and 3) enhancing advocate response to sexual assault victims by utilizing training funds for the Sexual Assault Advocate to attend Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training and also to become a certified Forensic interview structure. https://oneidacrisiscenter.org

# ID - Young Women's Christian Association of Lewiston-Clarkson, Inc.

Young Women's Christian Association Of Lewiston-Clarkston, Inc. (YWCA) of Lewiston, in partnership with the Nez Perce `Ùuyit Kímti (New Beginnings) Program, Syringa Hospital in Grangeville, Clearwater Valley Hospital in Orofino, St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood, the Police Departments of the Cities of Orofino, Grangeville, Cottonwood, Nez Perce Tribal Police, the Sheriff's Offices and Prosecutor's Offices of Clearwater County, Idaho County, and Lewis County implemented a victim services project in north-central Idaho. The north-central Idaho rural service area includes Clearwater, Lewis, and Idaho Counties. Also, the Nez Perce Reservation covers an area which overlaps each of these counties in the rural service area to be served by this program. Specific activities include: 1) hiring three Rural Advocates to provide services to over 100 victims of sexual assault and domestic violence per year; 2) expanding access to services currently provided by the YWCA such as secure shelter, support groups, medical and legal advocacy, and other supportive services; 3) coordinating quarterly Task Force/Sexual Assault Response Team meetings local training opportunities; and 4) conducting community awareness efforts that include: advertising monthly in local community newspapers, distributing brochures throughout the rural service area, and producing a resource and information guide. <u>ywcaidaho.org</u>



# **ILLINOIS**

# IL - Attorney General's Office of Illinois

The Office of the Illinois Attorney General implements and oversees the Regional Rural Sexual Assault Response Team within five counties in the central/western region of Illinois: Hancock, McDonough, Adams, Schuyler, and Brown. The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of the State of Illinois and is responsible for protecting the public interest of the State and its people. The Office is dedicated to improving the response to sexual assault cases that are reported with the goal of improving victim safety as well as offender accountability. Specific activities include: 1) providing improved services while minimizing further traumatization for sexual assault victims; 2) providing a coordinated, collaborative response for sexual assault victims; and 3) increasing the number of criminal prosecutions for sexual assault. https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/

# IL – Safe Journeys

Safe Journeys, in partnership with Mendota Community Hospital d/b/a OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Ottawa Regional Hospital & Healthcare Center d/b/a OSF St. Elizabeth, LaSalle County State's Attorney's Office, and LaSalle County Sheriff's Office, will implement a project to expand and enhance services and collaboration to respond to and prevent sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in LaSalle and Livingston Counties in Illinois. Specific activities include: (1) establishing a multidisciplinary team that primarily focuses on sexual assault (Sexual Assault Response Team) but also addresses strangulation and high-risk cases of domestic violence to prevent homicides; (2) conducting systems assessments regarding responses to sexual assault; (3) developing policies and procedures regarding responses to sexual assault, strangulation, and high risk domestic violence cases; (4) expanding training to persons who work in the criminal justice, court, victim service, and health care systems; (5) expanding victim services related to case management, therapy, and crisis response; (6) establishing collaborate trauma-informed medical follow up services; and (7) providing funding to meet the transportation and housing needs of sexual assault survivors. http://safejourneysillinois.org/

# IL - Riverview Center, Inc.

Riverview Center, Inc., in partnership with Foundation 2, Elevate CCBHC and the Latino Coalition, will implement a sexual assault project for the Iowa counties of Allamakee, Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Fayette, Howard, Jones and Winneshiek and the Illinois counties of Jo Daviess and Carroll. Specific activities include: 1) providing Direct Services for Rural Sexual Assault Survivors; 2) providing professional trainings, education, outreach and awareness in rural communities; 3) conducting cross trainings among partners and case coordination to meet the needs of survivors; 4) reviewing policies and practices among partners to ensure referral processes are clear; 5) providing cross training, consultation and informational packets about working with rural survivors of intimate violence and providing referrals; 6) providing consultation with about working with clients who have



sexual assault/abuse, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking in their present or past; and 7) participating in local SARTs. https://riverviewcenter.org/



# IN – Columbus Regional Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence, Inc.

Columbus Regional Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence dba Turning Point Domestic Violence Services here after referred to as Turning Point (TP), in partnership with Su Casa, will implement the Rural Jackson County Program. Specific activities include: 1) TP and Su Casa will collaborate in a number of ways including formalizing roles and responsibilities within existing staff as well as new staff members hired for this project, assessing current direct service programming and systems, reviewing and enhancing mutual referral processes, and provide TA support for each other in direct service provision; 2) TP and Su Casa will work together to enhance awareness, outreach, prevention education, and training efforts in the community to address the complex needs and barriers for the local JC Latino population; and 3) Su Casa and TP will also work together to evaluate and adjust programming on a regular basis through survey results and other forms of community/participant feedback. https://www.turningpointdv.org/

IOWA

#### IA – Crisis Intervention Advocacy Center

Crisis Intervention Advocacy Center, in partnership with Adams County Sheriff's Office, Adams County Attorney's Office, CHI Health Mercy Corning, Adair Police Department, Greenfield Police Department, Adair County Sheriff's Office, Adair County Attorney, Adair County Health System, Osceola Police Department, Clarke County Sheriff's Office, Clarke County Hospital, Lamoni Police Department, Leon Police Department, Decatur County Sheriff's Office, Decatur County Attorney's Office, Ringgold County Sheriff's Office, Ringgold County Hospital, Ringgold County Attorney's Office, Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Taylor County Attorney's Office, Creston Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Office, Union County Attorney's Office, Greater Regional Medical Center, will implement a sexual assault project for the Iowa counties of Adams, Adair, Clarke, Decatur, Guthrie, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union. Specific activities include: 1) creating community response teams and sexual assault response teams; 2) providing training and education to law enforcement agencies, county attorney offices, and



hospitals; and 3) improving the health and wellbeing of rural sexual assault victims. https://supportingsurvivors.org

# IA – Family Crisis Centers, Inc.

Family Crisis Centers, Inc. (FCC), in partnership with the Iowa Attorney General's Office Sexual Assault Response Training Coordinator, will implement the Iowa Victim Service Call Center (IVSCC) Rural Survivors Service Provision and Training Program. Specific activities include: 1) increasing the safety and well-being of women and children in rural communities by dealing directly and immediately with domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking occurring in rural communities through the IVSCC's phone and text line advocacy; 2) providing training to victim service providers, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, other criminal justice service providers, human and community service providers, educational institutions, and health care providers including sexual assault forensic examiners and SART teams, to encourage collaboration, increase awareness and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and to improve responses to rural survivors; 3) providing training to victim service providers, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, other criminal justice service providers, human and community service providers, educational institutions, and health care providers including sexual assault forensic examiners and SART teams, to develop and improve the quality of sexual assault forensic medical examination or sexual assault nurse examiner programs in rural counties of Iowa; and 4) training IVSCC staff on best practices for serving rural survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. https://www.familycrisiscenters.org/

# IA - Helping Services for Youth & Families, Inc.

Helping Services for Youth & Families, in collaboration with Friends of the Family, Fayette County Sheriff's Office, the Domestic Abuse Resource Center, Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health, will implement a new victim services project. Specific activities include: 1) supporting two domestic violence advocates (one bilingual), who will provide direct services to dating violence and stalking survivors and coordinate trainings with community partners; 2) conducting awareness activities on dating violence and stalking; 3) developing brochures and tear-off posters in English and Spanish, to promote victim services; and 4) conducting case consultations for advocates with a licensed therapist. https://www.helpingservices.org

# IA - Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Through the Tama County Outreach and Capacity Building Project, ICADV serves victims of genderbased violence that identify as Latinx/a/o/Hispanic by partnering with Latinas Unidas Por Un Nuevo Amanecer, a culturally specific victim service program serving rural Tama County. ICADV facilitates *train the trainer* workshops for victim advocates, community professionals, immigrant community leaders, other community members and stakeholders; and help survivors through economic empowerment and access to legal resources. This project promotes victim safety by increasing capacity of victim services and social service organizations to develop a coordinated response to address gender-based violence through education and the assessment of community needs; empower victims through economic empowerment sessions and access to legal resources; increase resources by providing survivor support, access to training, community education, and the creation of a Tama County domestic violence network. https://www.icadv.org/



# KANSAS

# KS - Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence, in partnership with Jana's Campaign, will implement a SANE/SART project. Specific activities include: 1) increasing the capacity of rural, dual Kansas advocacy programs to reach and meet the needs of survivors of sexual assault; 2) training rural law enforcement officers on responding to sexual assault; 3) providing TA to law enforcement; 4) expanding the number and effectiveness of SANEs and SARTs in rural communities; 5) increasing the number and strength of local collaborations; 6) Increasing rural advocacy programs' capacity for working with survivors from underserved communities; 7) improving language access for rural survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking; 8) improving responses to Native survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking; and 9) providing educational programs and trainings. https://www.kcsdv.org

#### KS – S.O.S. Inc.

SOS, Inc., in partnership with Chase, Coffey, Lyon, Morris and Osage County Sheriff's Offices, the 4th, 5th, and 8th Judicial District Courts, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), the Lyon County Coordinated Community Response Team/Sexual Assault Response Team (Lyon County CCRT/SART), and Newman Regional Health, will implement the SOS Crisis Services Rural Outreach project. Specific activities include: 1) providing direct advocacy services including assistance with immigration matters, transportation, emergency shelter, individual or group counseling, therapy, protection order assistance, court accompaniment, and referrals for legal and immigration matters, including 24-hour response to survivors, police, or hospitals via the SOS 24-hour Helpline; 2) strengthening and expanding community collaboration through training events for MOU professionals and the community at large on relevant topics and available services; and 3) providing school prevention programs designed to reduce the incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This project targets the following underserved populations: non-English speakers, the elderly, LGBTQ+ victims, and those with mental or physical disabilities. https://www.soskansas.com/

# KS - Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center

The Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center (WKCAC), in partnership with the Scott City Police Department and Scott County Sheriff's Department, will implement the Expanding MDT Awareness, Education & Services of the Mobile SANE program. Specific activities include: 1) expanding SANE Medical Program access in all 34 counties, developing peer review and support among SANE programs, enhancing awareness and education for WKCAC's Mobile Medical program among local law enforcement, hospitals, and clinics, emphasizing a trauma victim-oriented approach; 2) creating a guide for developing mobile SANE programs, including a comprehensive written and internet version guide, presentations at conferences, and educational materials for law enforcement and medical providers; and 3) implementing a survey for victims and family members to ensure their voices guide services and improvements.. <u>https://www.wkcac.com</u>





# **KY - Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center DBA Ampersand**

Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center DBA Ampersand, in collaboration with Still Waters Center, Incorporated, implemented a mobile Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) clinic. Specific activities include: 1) providing a 24-hour, seven days a week mobile SAFE clinic, staffed by Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) and advocates; 2) attending community events to raise awareness about the mobile SAFE program; 3) supporting a collaborations specialist who will create the mobile SAFE program team; and 4) utilizing the Social Ecological Model (SEM) to identify community and organizational leverage or access points to potential survivors, healthcare providers, and law enforcement personnel. https://ampersandky.org

# KY - Ion Center for Violence Prevention, Inc.

Ion Center for Violence Prevention, in partnership with Carroll County Sheriff, Carroll County Attorney, Gallatin County Sheriff, Gallatin County Attorney, Grant County Sheriff, Grant County Attorney, Owen County Sheriff, Owen County Attorney, Pendleton County Sheriff, Pendleton County Attorney, Legal Aid of Bluegrass, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Carroll County Hospital, Thrive Empowerment, and FIESTA (Families, Inclusion, Education, Society, Tradition, Access) of NKY will implement the Rural Intervention and Prevention Services in Northern Kentucky project. Specific activities include: 1) increasing victim services provided in five rural counties by 50%; 2) expanding domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking education and prevention services; 3) developing a Sexual Assault Response Team to improve community response; and 4) increasing awareness and access to Sexual Assault Forensic Exams (SAFE) and hospital advocacy in rural counties. <a href="https://ioncenter.org/">https://ioncenter.org/</a>

# KY - Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc. (MCCC)

The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (MCCC), in partnership with Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, Appalachian Research & Defense Fund of KY, Floyd, Johnson and Pike County Sheriff's Offices, and Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, administers the Big Sandy Sexual Assault Assistance Program comprised of the Healing Place Sexual Assault Crisis Center (HPSACC), the Sexual Assault Response Team, Sexual Assault Interagency Council, and Coordinated Community Response to ensure a holistic regional response to serving child, youth, and adult victims of sexual assault as well as domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Specific activities include: 1) increasing the safety and well- being of rural child, youth, and adult victims of sexual assault and other forms of IPV, including underserved populations, through provision of the HPSACC and immediate, short/long-term services; 2) improving the community response through expansion of a regional SART, SAIC, CCR; 3) increasing access to services through enhanced training for community partners and appropriate outreach. <u>https://www.mtcomp.org</u>





# LA – Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.

The purpose of the program is to enhance the safety of rural victims in three rural, remote Northeast Louisiana parishes (counties) with among the highest lethality in the state. The goal of the program is to identify, assess and respond to victims in rural communities, by encouraging collaboration among those addressing the targeted crimes. The S.A.F.E.R. Multidisciplinary High Risk Team Program, coordinates with The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc. victim services agency; Franklin, Morehouse, & Richland Parish (counties) Sheriff's Depts.; 4th and 5th Judicial District Attorneys' Offices; Family Justice Center of Ouachita; 4th Judicial District Court Batterers Intervention Program, and Cool Kids Youth Services, Inc. Specific activities include: 1) supporting one part time investigator in each service area parish; 2) supporting one full time HRT coordinator and victim advocate; 3) expanding direct services for victims; 4) developing community awareness campaigns; and 5) providing training to advocates, law enforcement and prosecutors. <u>https://www.womenshelters.org/det/the-wellspring-alliance-for-families-inc</u>



# **ME - Caring Unlimited**

Caring Unlimited, in partnership with the York County Sheriff's Office and York County's District Attorney's Office, will implement the Rural Domestic Violence Response Team project. Specific activities include: 1) providing advocacy, safety planning, and support group services to 150 rural victims per year; 2) providing civil legal advocacy to 100 survivors; 3) conducting a general support group and a support group for incarcerated women at the York County Jail; 4) providing LIBRIS personal safety alarms to high risk victims; 5) leading quarterly coordinated community response meetings and high-risk response team meetings; 6) maintaining a Domestic Violence Investigator in the York County Sherriff Office to conduct 48-hour follow-ups on approximately 50 cases annually, identify high risk cases, monitor defendants' bail conditions, jail calls, protection orders, and refer cases; and 7) providing training to rural law enforcement and other partners from the York County District Attorney's Office on domestic violence case procedures. Caring Unlimited will work with law enforcement and with feedback from survivors to develop wallet cards or similar resources law enforcement can give to victims about victim services, non-fatal strangulation, and the protection from abuse order process. https://www.caring-unlimited.org



# **ME - Family Violence Project**

Family Violence Project, in partnership with Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center (SACSC), will implement the Strength in Unity program. Specific activities include: 1) serving 35 child of victims of child sexual abuse; 2) providing 12 educational classes to parents who have experienced abuse and/or assault on the impact for children; 3) attending 24 County Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Prevention Council meetings; 4) developing general brochures and marketing materials translated into applicable languages; 5) entering a 12-month planning period with SACSC to create policy and procedures for implementing the new collaboration; 6) attending 30 forensic interviews with sexual assault victims; 7) providing 30 domestic violence prevention education presentations to the community and 10 co-facilitated educational presentations on domestic violence and sexual assault annually; 8) accompany 30 individuals to outside organizations for support; 9) provide two support groups annually to those who have experienced assault. https://www.familyviolenceproject.org/

# ME - Hope and Justice Project, Inc.

Hope Justice Project (HJP), in partnership with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, New Ventures Maine, Fish River Rural Health, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, and Northern Maine Community College, will implement the Hope and Justice Project Rural Grant. Specific activities include: 1) providing outreach to at least 1,800 survivors through the HJP's 24-hour confidential hotline, to include bilingual advocacy in the French speaking Acadian community of the St. John Valley and sustain cooperative efforts between law enforcement officers and HJP advocates; 2) improving the criminal justice system response through collaboration with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office and the Aroostook County Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ACTFDVSA), coordinating trainings and collaborations, and continued coordination of Best Practices Assessments and implementation of its recommendations; 3) providing immediate and ongoing support to survivors with needs such as shelter, transitional housing, support group, court advocacy, legal representation, child protection liaison support, transportation, financial literacy, health care, education, and permanent housing assistance; and 4) to staff outreach sites at three campuses, University of Maine at Fort Kent, University of Maine at Presque Isle, and Northern Maine Community College.

# ME - Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA)

The Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA), in collaboration with Aroostook Mental Health Services Sexual Assault Services, Penquis Rape Response Services, and Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine, will continue to expand sexual violence advocacy in three regions in Maine. In addition to providing specialized, culturally responsive sexual assault services that minimize barriers for survivors, this project will continue to enhance and expand partnerships, provide training and tools for effective community response and coordination; expand participation in existing coalitions related to the intervention or prevention of sexual violence; expand the delivery of primary prevention education to students, early childhood educators, and parents; and provide community education, awareness, and outreach throughout the region. <u>https://www.mecasa.org</u>

# **ME - Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV)**

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV) and its collaborative partners, Maine Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS), Family Violence Project, Hope and Justice Project, New Hope Midcoast, and Next Step Domestic Violence Project, will ensure the



safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and human trafficking involved in the child protective system in nine rural Maine counties. The project uses a DV-competent, trauma-responsive approach to domestic violence cases in child protection. This project will address gaps in services for survivors by: 1) providing technical assistance on DV policies and policy implementation, promoting statewide best practices, and assisting with implementing related legislation; 2) providing foundational and advanced DV training to child welfare-involved professionals and others who may work with survivors of DV; 3) improving upon existing Coordinated Community Response (CCR) activities as they relate to cases that have been identified as high risk and which need expedited referrals and connection with advocacy and support services, as well as improving systems responses to child welfare in DV cases, and 4) enhancing partnerships and activities that help improve access to services for DV survivors with limited English proficiency. https://www.mcedv.org

#### **ME – MaineHealth**

MaineHealth, in collaboration with LincolnHealth, Sexual Assault Support Services of Mid-Coast Maine (SASSMM), New Hope for Women, the Sheriff Departments of Waldo, Lincoln and Knox counties; UNE School of Nursing and Population Health; and the State of Maine Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program p implement a victim services project in the counties of Knox, Waldo, and Lincoln. Specific activities include: 1) improving access to core health care services for survivors of sexual assault and skilled collection, documentation and provision of forensic evidence, and testimony to support effective prosecution of perpetrators of sexual assault; 2) providing education and training about issues related to sexual and other interpersonal violence; 3) strengthening and expanding collaborative efforts among sexual assault, domestic violence and health care providers, law enforcement, corrections and other individuals and entities to improve survivor safety and access to services; and 4) ensuring sustainability of the Regional SAFNE. <a href="https://www.mainehealth.org">https://www.mainehealth.org</a>

#### **ME - Safe Voices**

Safe Voices, in collaboration with Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services and the Oxford County DA's office, collaborate on the Oxford County Rural Grant Project, which increases access to comprehensive victims' services and supports for survivors in Oxford County who are impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, sex trafficking, and sexual exploitation. Specific activities include: 1) improving access and coordinating services, safety planning, and support for survivors engaged in the civil and criminal justice system; 2) enhancing community support for survivors across Oxford County; 3) initiating outreach to underserved survivors; 4) increasing advocate presence and access to services though outreach to survivors; and 5) regularly convening targeted Coordinated Community Response meetings. https://www.safevoices.org

# ME - Saint Joseph Hospital

Saint Joseph Hospital, in partnership with Rape Response Services and AMHC Sexual Assault Services, will implement Addressing Rural Violence SANEly. Specific activities include: 1) participating in 9-months of planning with OVW-designated TA providers; 2) developing partnerships to ensure a collaborative community response at each of four rural Critical Access Hospitals; 3) developing four new SANE programs that offer sexual assault forensic exams and support services for survivors in rural communities; and 4) developing or enhance SARTs in Washington and Penobscot counties. https://stjosephbangor.org/services/emergency-department/safe-nurses/



# **ME – Through These Doors**

Through These Doors, in collaboration with partners, Town of Bridgton Police Department, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Town of Standish, and Naples Public Library, expand victim services, emergency shelter, and develop and provide training to increase awareness about domestic violence in the Lakes Region of Cumberland County, Maine. Specific activities include: 1) providing direct victim services, including safety planning and court/legal advocacy and accompaniment; 2) supporting a coordinated community response/multidisciplinary team to perform high risk case assessment; and 3) providing training, education, and prevention strategies to strengthen community awareness. https://www.throughthesedoors.org

# **ME - University of New England**

With this new Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking project, the University of New England, in partnership with the Wabanaki Women's Coalition and Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, will implement a SANE/SART project addressing in the Maine counties of Aroostook, Penobscot, and Washington counties and tribal lands of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, and the Penobscot Nation (Penobscot County). Specific activities for Indigenous survivors include:1) trainings on cultural responsiveness and its relation to serving victims of sexual violence; 2) trainings on the care of and response to sexual assault survivors for tribal health providers and non-health care provider stakeholders; 4) SANE trainings for tribal health clinic and local hospital staffs serving the tribes; 5) simulation training; and 6) piloting and implementing medical forensic exams at a tribal health center. <a href="https://www.une.edu/">https://www.une.edu/</a>



# MI - County of Marquette, Michigan

The Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney's office, in partnership with the Women's Center, Inc. (a non-profit, community-based advocacy organization), implement the Marquette County Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Project. The goal of this project is to help facilitate healing and recovery for domestic violence crime victims through increased access to local advocacy support and law enforcement presence and outreach from the prosecutor's office to domestic violence victim. Services include accessible therapy from a fully licensed therapist(s) to help victims of DV that are struggling with the trauma from their current/past experiences with domestic violence. Training is provided to CCR partners to improve the local criminal justice and community response to DV. <a href="https://www.co.marquette.mi.us">https://www.co.marquette.mi.us</a>

# MI - Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center (NMCAC)

the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center (NMCAC), in partnership with Crawford County Prosecutor's Office, Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Grayling City Police Department, Iosco County Prosecutor's Office, Iosco County Sheriff's Office, Oscoda City Police Department, Tawas City Police Department, East Tawas Police Department, Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office, Ogemaw County



Sheriff's Office, West Branch City Police, Otsego County Prosecutor's Office, Otsego County Sheriff's Office, Gaylord City Police, Oscoda County Prosecutor's Office, Oscoda County Sheriff's Office, Roscommon County Prosecutor's Office, Roscommon County Sheriff's Office, Gerrish Township Police Department, Richfield Public Safety, Denton Township Police Department, Michigan State Police (MSP) Houghton Lake Post, MSP West Branch Post, MSP Otsego Post, River House, Inc., Shelterhouse, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM), Hope Shores Alliance, and University of Michigan will implement the First Step Program to Hope and Healing. Specific activities include: 1) maintaining 24/7 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and victim advocate services; 2) providing ongoing specialized training for nurses and advocates to ensure best practices; 3) employing a part-time master's therapist to provide follow-up care, therapy, crisis intervention and court support; 4) partnering with Law Enforcement for a Special Investigator, who provide training, education, and outreach to improve response to sexual assault; and 5) maintaining quarterly Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)/Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) meetings with MDT community partners. https://nmcac4kids.org/

# MI - Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, in partnership with McLaren Northern Michigan, Munson Healthcare, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB), Antrim County Sheriff's Office, Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Cheboygan County Sheriff's Office, Cheboygan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Emmet County Sheriff's Office, Emmet County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Otsego County Sheriff's Office, and Otsego County Prosecuting Attorney's Office will implement Expanded and Enhanced Services for Survivors and Prevention of Sexual Assault. Specific activities include: 1) finalizing a policy for a community collaborative response to sexual assault among SART partners; 2) purchasing forensic medical equipment for multiple partner sites; 3) providing a minimum of 30 forensic medical examinations; 4) supporting SANE training for up to fifteen medical personnel; 5) providing education and awareness for approximately 1,000 community members; 6) providing inclusive, survivor-centered, trauma-informed, empowerment-based advocacy and licensed therapy to approximately 100 survivors of sexual assault. <u>https://www.wrcnm.org</u>

# MI - Shelter Inc. DBA Hope Shores Alliance

Shelter Inc., in collaboration with 21 law enforcement, healthcare, prosecution, and victim service partners, will implement a SANE/SART project for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, losco, Montmorency and Presque Isle in Northern Michigan. Specific activities include: 1) hiring a registered nurse/practitioner to coordinate project; 2) providing expanded therapy services across the five county service area; 3) establishing a program advisory committee; 4) establishing a contracted partnership with MyMichigan Medical Center of Alpena to provide a services suite at the MyMichigan Alpena site; 5) establishing a 24/7 on-call forensic nurse examiner team; 6) facilitating trauma-informed forensic nurse examiner training with on-call forensic nurse examiner team; 7) establishing a compensated survivor advisory board; and 8) providing support to on-call forensic nurse examiners. <a href="https://hopeshores.org/">https://hopeshores.org/</a>





#### **MN – Southwest Crisis Center**

The Southwest Crisis Center (SWCC), in collaboration with the Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA) and the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM), implement the Southwest Minnesota Coalition for Victim Services. Specific activities include: 1) providing advocacy services to victims of sexual violence, including emotional support, safety planning, legal advocacy, resource referral, and assistance navigating the complexities of the criminal justice system; 2) providing immigration legal services to survivors with immigration needs, including VAWA self-petitions, U and T visas, and other immigration matters arising from or related to violence; 3) conducting additional outreach to underserved communities in southwest Minnesota; and 4) conducting additional presentations to law enforcement agencies, judges, court administrators, and other nonprofit organizations who regularly work with survivors. With the goal of educating these groups regarding the complex needs of survivors and best practices for supporting them. <a href="https://www.mnswcc.org/">https://www.mnswcc.org/</a>

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#### MS – Delta Health Alliance, Inc.

Delta Health Alliance, Inc., in partnership with Leland Medical Clinic, Haven House Family Shelter, the Center for Violence Prevention, Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project and Social Services Collaborative will implement The Delta Abuse Response Team (DART). The Delta Abuse Response Team (DART) program is a comprehensive, community-based, multifaceted approach to addressing the critical needs of rural victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in five rural counties of the Mississippi Delta including Issaquena County, Leflore County, Sharkey County, Warren County, and Yazoo County. Specific activities include: 1) providing social workers to assist in addressing incidences of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 2) providing victims of interpersonal violence with access to transitional housing, counseling, childcare, and a legal advocate; 3) conducting evidence-based training for victim service providers and other professionals serving atrisk children, youth and adults; and 4) providing logistical support for victims and service providers including transitional housing, shelters, and violence and sexual assault programs. https://deltahealthalliance.org/

#### MS - Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, Inc.

The Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, Inc, in partnership with Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, Inc., and the Boards of Supervisors of George, Greene, Marion, Pearl River, Perry and Stone counties in Mississippi will implement Support for Rural Survivors Project. Specific activities include: 1) hiring peer support specialists to work directly within and collaborate with the court systems of the partner counties to



enable more timely contact with victims for treatment, counseling, advocacy, and legal assistance; 2) hiring educators to provide outreach and education in the six counties related to domestic abuse, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; 3) collaboration of the partner counties to require the participation of personnel in training related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and 4) the provision of training and education for court personnel and rural populations by project staff. https://www.gccfn.org/

# MS - Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault, in collaboration with partners, provides culturally specific services to African American, rural communities in the Mississippi Delta region. Specific activities include: 1) enhancing existing training, technical assistance, and resources; 2) collaborating with sexual assault service providers to create a coordinated response to sexual assault in the 18 county service area; 3) strengthening the capacity of three partner programs providing direct services to sexual assault victims; 4) addressing the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance standards by conducting a 4-hour "Initial Care to Sexual Assault Victims" workshop to hospitals contracted by the Department of Corrections; 5) providing travel assistance to 30 healthcare providers to attend specialized trainings; 6) strengthening Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Sexual Assault Response Team programs to improve response to victims in confinement; and 7) conducting faith-based trainings to enhance response and referral to sexual assault services. <u>http://www.mscasa.org</u>

# MS – Our House, Inc.

Our House, Inc. is a non-profit community-based victim service organization that provides support and advocacy services for African American and LGBTQ victims of sexual and domestic violence in ten counties in the northern Mississippi Delta region. Their goal is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence through intervention, prevention, prosecution, victim protection, and sustainable restoration. Specific activities include: 1) providing a holistic approach to services for victims, including assistance in immigration matters; 2) supporting a healthy relationship trainer to develop education and prevention strategies; 3) maintaining an African American youth council to ensure that all services and materials utilized reflect and address the needs of youth victims of sexual and domestic violence; and 4) providing transportation assistance to meeting the needs of survivors in rural areas. https://www.ourhousevoices.com

# MS – Shelter and Assistance in Family Emergencies, Inc.

The SAFE Rural Response Project (SRRP) devotes efforts to assessing and appropriately and directly responding to children, youth, and adult victims of sexual assault in rural communities. SRRP advances racial equity and strengthens efforts to prevent and end sexual assault, including victim service-oriented criminal justice responses through a coordinated response. Specific activities include providing crisis intervention services and victim/sexual assault advocates and providing short and long-term holistic services that address survivors, physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual health. The secondary focus expands upon sexual assault- focused prevention, intervention and awareness outreach, and education. https://safeshelter.net/



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#### MO - Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence

Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence, in partnership with Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation; SoutheastHEALTH; Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center; and the Offices of the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney from the seven counties who form Multi-Disciplinary Teams, implemented a SANE/SART project for the rural Southeast Missouri counties of Bollinger, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, and Stoddar. Specific activities include: 1) expanding service capacity by adding 1 FTE Nurse Practitioner to perform Sexual Assault Forensic Exams; 2) scaling prevention programming and outreach by funding two parttime Prevention Specialists; 3) supporting ongoing mental health services for survivors by funding 1.0 FTE Therapist; 4) providing advocacy navigation, referrals, and wraparound support for survivors; and 5) providing targeted training for mandated reporters, Multi-Disciplinary Team Members, and law enforcement. https://www.semonasv.org

#### MO - Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, a not-for-profit domestic violence/sexual assault victim services agency, provides funding for direct services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking residing in rural Mississippi County, Missouri and neighboring Scott and New Madrid Counties. Special advocates provide for underserved populations of women of color, teens, elder abuse victims, and victims of sex trafficking. The primary goals are to develop a coordinated community response that creates a durable framework of expected activities conducted to reduce violent crimes against women, increase the immediate safety of all rural victims, hold offenders accountable, and provide accessible direct services to rural victims. Specific activities include:1) developing, enhancing, and strengthening timely criminal investigations and follow-up with a priority given to the crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking, 2) developing, in cooperation with the school systems, an ongoing coordinated community collaboration to provide access to advocacy for middle and high school teens who may be victims of teen sexual assault, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. 3) increasing the safety, well-being, and access to direct services for women of color, elder victims, and trafficking victims. <u>http://www.swflc.com</u>



**MONTANA** 

#### MT - County of Dawson, Montana

County of Dawson, in partnership with Teresea Olson RN, PA-C, SANE-A, SANE-P, Christina Miller LCPC, and Dawson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), will implement the Providing Holistic Services in Rural Montana to Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking; Enhancing Sexual Assault Response; and Outreach through Education and Prevention Project. Specific activities include: 1) enhancing crisis intervention, response strategies, and support services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in rural eastern Montana through training and community collaboration; 2) reinstating the sexual assault response team (SART); 3) reestablishing, enhancing, and strengthening SANE services for victims of sexual assault; 4) promoting victim safety and well-being by providing crisis response and follow-up services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking while addressing the specific needs of rural and isolated victims; 5) creating and implementing prevention and awareness strategies for underserved rural communities in Dawson, Prairie, and Wibaux counties, to include facilitating prevention curriculum for middle-school aged students.

https://www.dawsonmt.gov/departments/county\_attorney/victim\_witness\_advocate.php

#### MT - Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse, Inc.

Custer Network Against Domestic Abuse (CNADA), in partnership with Dawson County Domestic Violence (DCDV), Developmental Education Assistance Program (DEAP), and Custer County Office of Public Assistance (OPA) serves victims by providing holistic, victim-centered advocacy, promoting the *Power Up Speak Out* campaign, and public awareness. They provide victims with crisis response, advocacy and supportive services while addressing gaps in services and the lack of available resources within five counties in southeastern Montana. Project staff and volunteers give presentations geared towards national campaigns and awareness events to providers and community groups to improve responses to someone disclosing rape or sexual assault. Informational and training materials are distributed to responders, providers, and the public as needed. https://endomesticviolence.wixsite.com/cnada

#### MT - District IV Human Resource Development Council Inc.

Victim Service under the umbrella of District 4 Human Resource Development Council provides comprehensive domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking services. Their service area is made up of rural north-central Montana communities in Liberty, Blaine, and Hill Counties. The Rocky Boy Indian Reservation and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation are within the counties that they serve. This has made it essential to take special considerations to be culturally specific and appropriate in the delivery of services. Victim Services Rural program facilitates collaboration meetings where cases can be addressed and any gaps in services can be identified. The specific activities of the Victim Services Rural Program are to enhance access and services to the underserved population, by creating a collaborative team to provide direct meaningful services to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The goal also is to help victims overcome the effects of violence, increase their safety, and empower them. <a href="https://hrdc4.org/">https://hrdc4.org/</a>



#### MT - Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Carbon County (DSVS)

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services of Carbon County (DSVS), in partnership with Carbon County Victim/Witness Coordinator, Red Lodge Fire Rescue, Columbus Fire Rescue, City of Red Lodge Police Department, City of Bridger Police Department, Carbon County Sheriff's Office, City of Columbus Police Department, Stillwater County Sheriff's Office, and Red Lodge Area Community Foundation will implement the Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program (Rural Program). Specific activities include: 1) providing core services to underserved victims and financial assistance and transportation assistance to survivors; 2) increasing number of victims with a disability served; 3) increasing number of older adults (65+) served; 4) providing advocacy accompaniment and transport for victims of sexual assault to SANE exams; 5) providing annual refresher training to EMT professionals involved in the SANE Transport Program; 6) working with MOU partners to increase awareness of and improve response to victims with intersecting marginalizations; 7) providing training to the community on the dynamics and prevalence of stalking and resources available to victims; 8) providing training and highlight resources to the community on the dynamics and prevalence of DV/SA abuse among our rural populations that also have added marginalizations (those with a disability, BIPOC & LGBTQIA2S+ communities, and the elderly); 9) providing referrals to Red Lodge Area Community Foundation staff who will assist survivors with applying for federal, state, and local financial and social services; 10) leading outreach and violence prevention education delivery within area schools; 11) providing violence prevention trainings to educators in the service area. https://dsvsmontana.org/

#### MT - Haven

Haven, in partnership with City of Bozeman/Bozeman Police Department (BPD), Bozeman Health, Sexual Assault Counseling Center (SACC), Court Appointed Special Advocates/Guardian Ad Litem program (CASA/GAL), and Gallatin County Attorney's Office, and the Bozeman City Attorney's Office's Victim Services Program, will implement the Gallatin Project ("Project"). Specific activities include: 1) collaborating among service providers and criminal justice agencies to coordinate and improve response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes; 2) reviewing cases through three specialized teams - the Sexual Assault Response Team, the Multidisciplinary Team, and the High-Risk Team to improve systems response to victims; 3) improving systems response to domestic violence cases through the coordination of the Domestic Violence Response Team; 4) coordinating and delivering direct services in response to cases to provide advocacy, safety planning, medical care, emergency response, and resources to survivors; 5) providing emergency needs funding, including transportation, to make services more accessible to rural communities; 6) conducting listening sessions and outreach to underserved communities to improve response and provision of services to these communities; 7) providing trainings to project partners on trauma-informed and culturally competent service provision; 8) collaborating with local housing organizations to improve access to affordable housing for survivors; and 9) providing web-based materials in English and Spanish detailing how to access services and what to expect when services are provided. https://havenmt.org/haven-homepage

#### MT - Hi-Line's Help for Abused Spouses, Inc.

Hi-Line's Help for Abused Spouses, in partnership with Chief Padilla, Conrad Police Department, Reverend Eric Munson, Faith Based Advocate and Angela Meyers, LCPC, implemented a victim services



project for the North Central Montana rural counties of Liberty, Toole, Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Chouteau, and northwestern Lewis and Clark. Specific activities include: 1) providing holistic services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking; 2) improving collaboration among victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts; 3) developing and implementing the coordinated community response with project partners and area agencies through reciprocating referrals and responding immediately in crisis situations; 4) offering educational presentations and/or curriculum to area schools, youth groups, civic groups, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, human and community service and health providers on healthy relationships, stalking, domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault; and 5) developing cross training materials to assist all staff through in-services to better respond to victims of sexual assault. https://www.hlhas.com

#### MT - Missoula County, Montana

Missoula County Community Justice Department, in partnership with, YWCA Missoula, Mineral County Help Line, Angela Harris, LCSW PLLC, and Ries Law Group will implement the Rural Program project. Specific activities include: 1) provision of a Rural Community Coordinator in Mineral County; 2) provision of a Rural Community Advocate in Mineral County; 3) provision of a Rural Crime Victim Advocate in Missoula County; 4) provision of legal assistance through Reis Law Group; 5) provision of trauma-informed parenting classes for victims in Seeley Lake through Angela Harris, LCSW PLCC; 6) provision of emergency shelter through the YWCA Missoula; 7) provision of prevention education through the YWCA GUTS! Program and the Rural Coordinator. https://www.missoulacounty.us

#### **MT – Montana Legal Services Association**

Montana Legal Services Association, in partnership with the YWCA of Missoula (YWCA), Safe Harbor of Lake County, and Fort Peck Tribes' Red Bird Woman Center, will implement the Montana Community Justice Worker Project. Specific activities include: 1) building a network of justice stakeholders to secure approval for Community Justice Workers to represent survivors in Orders of Protection proceedings; 2) creating a training course for shelter and tribal lay advocates to provide skilled representation to Survivors seeking Orders of Protection in state and Tribal courts; 3) ensuring at least one victim advocate from each partner agency completes the Orders of Protection training framework; 4) advocates who have completed the training will represent survivors in Orders of Protection proceedings; 5) attorney shadowing and mentoring opportunities to trained advocates; 6) providing legal advice, brief services, limited scope legal services, and full representation to service area Survivors; 7) supervising and mentoring the Project staff, holding regular meetings to determine the level of services for each Survivor; and 8) conducting outreach to ensure victim awareness of services. https://www.mtlsa.org/

#### **MT - Safe Harbor**

Safe Harbor provides social and support services for victims of sexual and domestic violence in Lake County and on the Flathead Indian Reservation in northwest Montana. This Rural program specific activities include: 1) supporting a campus victim advocate, an outreach coordinator, a legal assistant/victim advocate, and a program assistant; 2) providing a support group for victims of domestic and sexual violence; 3) housing the campus victim advocate at the Salish Kootenai College to provide outreach and advocacy services for college students who are victims of domestic, dating and/or sexual



violence; 4) providing victim advocacy and legal assistance for victims; 5) creating a public awareness campaign on stalking; 6) recruiting and training sexual assault nurse examiners; and 7) supporting and maintaining the coordinated community response team. For this project, SAFE Harbor sponsors a monthly Resource Roundtable meeting, where issues pertinent to dating and domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking are explored with partner agencies. With Salish Kootenai College, the program offers support to American Indian students and members of the LGTBQ+ community, with placement of a college advocate and thorough training, outreach, and active engagement. The program also carries out a Community Awareness Campaign, annual SANE Trainings, education to outlying communities and schools and works as a partner with the Drug Court to help victims with substance abuse move forward. SAFE Harbor leads the Coordinated Community Response Team. https://safeharbormt.org

#### MT - Safe Space, Inc.

Safe Space, Inc. in Butte, Montana, provides comprehensive, holistic civil legal assistance to low- income victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Silver Bow, Powell, Deer Lodge, Granite, and Jefferson Counties in Montana. They in partnership with the Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) provide a community-based attorney and legal assistant in Butte. The Project goal is to reduce the obstacles rural survivors face when weighing whether to stay in an abusive relationship by providing them with the services they need to protect themselves and their families, to address their legal problems, and to assert their civil legal rights under the law. Safe Space and MLSA partner to conduct training, outreach, and/or education activities for the counties being served. http://www.safespaceonline.org

#### **MT - Sanders County Coalition for Families**

The Sanders County Coalition for Families' Rural Assistance Project provides essential services promoting the safety of rural survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking in Sanders County, Montana. It supports mental health counseling services and referrals as well as expands the collaborative relationship between the Rural Project Partners: Cabinet Mountain Counseling, PC (CMC), and the Sanders County Sheriff's Office- Project Partner (SCSO). Specific activities include: 1) provision of comprehensive advocacy services; 2) provision of prevention and awareness activities as part of the Outreach and Prevention Program (in local schools and in the community); 3) comprehensive Law Enforcement response to, and investigation of , VAWA crimes in Sanders County by an experienced DV/SA Detective; 4) provision of mental health counseling and Support Groups by a licensed counselor; 5) collaboration with Project Partners to facilitate the Sanders County Coordinated Community Response Team, SART and Child Sexual Assault Forensic Interviews; and, 7) distribution of program brochures and flyers. <a href="http://www.sccff.org">http://www.sccff.org</a>

#### MT - Supporters of Abuse Free Environments (SAFE), Inc.

Supporters of Abuse Free Environments, in partnership with the Ravalli County Sheriff's Office, the Ravalli County Attorney's Office, and the Hamilton City Attorney's Office implemented a victim services project for Ravalli County, Montana. Specific activities include: 1) advocacy and support for survivors; 2) providing leadership for the development of a local Sexual Assault Response Team; 3) providing education, prevention, and public awareness activities; and 4) offender accountability strategies will include the continued implementation of a Lethality Assessment Project and offender intervention class named PIVOT. http://www.safeinthebitterroot.org/SAFE



#### MT - St. Peter's Health Foundation

St. Peter's Health Foundation, in partnership with The Friendship Center of Helena, Inc., and The Lewis and Clark County Child Advocacy Center of Aware, implemented a sexual assault victim services project for the rural Montana counties of Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, Jefferson, Meagher, and Powell. Specific activities include: 1) expanding and enhancing the Forensic Nurse Program to serve more survivors of sexual assault; 2) strengthening efforts to prevent and end sexual assault in collaboration with the local Sexual Assault Response Team (SART); 3) establishing community-wide protocols with the SART for serving traditionally underserved populations the service areas; 4) providing additional education and outreach to the community about sexual assault, sexual assault prevention, and what services are available after experiencing an assault; and 5) ongoing evidence-based, culturally relevant, trauma informed training for Forensic Nurses. <a href="https://www.sphealth.org/foundation">https://www.sphealth.org/foundation</a>

#### **MT - Friendship Center of Helena**

Friendship Center of Helena, Inc., in partnership with Caitlin McWilliams, East Helena Police Department, Helena Police Department, and Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office, implemented a victim services project for the rural Montana counties of Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater Specific activities include: 1) providing access to services for rural and/or underserved survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; 2) maintaining and bolstering education and outreach to create more awareness and utilization of relevant services available and provide prevention education; and 3) collaborating with and strengthening community partnerships to help ensure adequate community resources and responses to survivors. https://www.thefriendshipcenter.org/

#### MT - Fort Belknap Indian Community

The Fort Belknap Indian Community Council (Council), in partnership with the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (Tribal Services Program), and Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) implements a victim services project for the Fort Belknap Indian Community in Montana. Specific activities include: 1) hiring one Tribal Advocate; 2) establishing project management team; 3) providing assistance to survivors with family law issues, including dissolutions of marriage, parenting plans and custody issues, child support and orders of protection; 3) conducting training, outreach, and education in the community; and 4) fostering collaboration among all survivor service providers and agencies in the service area. <u>https://ftbelknap.org/</u>

## NEBRASKA

#### NE - Board of Regents of The University of Nebraska

Board of Regents of The University of Nebraska, in partnership with Working Against Violence Incorporated, IMpower United, and Children's Home Society, will implement a sexual assault project for the South Dakota counties of Bennett, Jackson, Oglala Lakota and the Pine Ridge Reservation. Specific activities for Indigenous survivors include: 1) providing short-term and long- term sexual assault treatment through implementing the Sexual Assault Survivors Anonymous Worldwide (SASA) program; expanding access to advocacy and case management for sexual assault survivors on the Pine Ridge Reservation; and 3) providing education on disclosures to school personnel. https://nebraska.edu/regents



#### NE - Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault

Domestic Abuse Sexual Assault Crisis Center (dba The Bridge), in partnership with Hope Crisis Center, Project Response, and Voices of Hope, implement a victim services project for the Nebraska counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson Gage, York, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Fillmore, Thayer, Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Saunders, Washington and Lancaster. Specific activities include: 1) strengthening Southeast Nebraska Training, Response, and Outreach Collaborative (SENTROC); 2) hosting an annual in-person networking/training event for SENTROC partners; 3) providing education and outreach opportunities to students and community members; 4) providing skills-based training opportunities to first responders; 5) providing 24- hour hotline support and traveling to meet rural clients as necessary; 6) maintaining bilingual services and providing language-inclusive outreach; 7) providing case management, safety planning, and confidential emergency services; and 8) providing housing assistance, food, transportation, shelter, and basic necessities. <u>https://bridgefromviolence.com/</u>

#### **NE - Haven House Family Services Center**

Haven House Family Services Center (HHFSC), in partnership with Cedar, Dixon, Thurston, and Wayne County Sheriff Departments, Wayne County Attorney, and Wayne City Police Department, will implement the HHFSC Rural County Domestic and Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Project. Specific activities include: 1) expanding cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to improve the response to rural victims; 2) providing advocacy services and emergency shelter to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; 3) providing training to program partners, advocates, and volunteers; 4) providing 24/7 access to victim services; and 5) providing prevention education to expand community knowledge. https://havenhousefsc.com

#### NE - Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition (dba the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence), in partnership with the Nebraska County Attorneys' Association and Nebraska's Rural Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs(Healing Hearts and Families, Parent-Child Center, Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, The Bridge, Bright Horizons, Haven House, S.A.F.E. Center, Center for Survivors, Hope Crisis Center, EnCourage, The DOVES Program, Rape/Domestic Abuse Program, Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Services, and Project Response), implement a victim services project for all 86 federally-recognized fully rural counties within the state of Nebraska. Specific activities for immigrant survivors include: 1) providing legal services to victims through the Coalition; 2) partnering with the Nebraska County Attorneys Association (NECAA) in order to provide training at their annual trainings for law enforcement officers, county attorneys, advocates, and other professionals; 3) providing training through partnerships with local law enforcement agencies and other statewide agencies which provide training on domestic and sexual violence to improve response; and 4) providing access to reimbursement of expenses to utilize a "language line" or interpreters/translators. https://www.nebraskacoalition.org/

#### NE - Rape/Domestic Abuse Program of North Platte, Inc.

Rape/Domestic Abuse Program of North Platte, Inc, in partnership with Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center, Hispanic Organization for Prosperity and Empowerment Esperanza; North Platte Police Department; Lincoln County Sherriff's Office; Lincoln County Detention Center; District 9 Probation; Great Plains Health; Lincoln County Attorney's Office; Lincoln County Victims/Witness Unit; and North Platte 911 Center, implement an MDT project for the Nebraska county of Lincoln. Specific activities



include: 1) reviewing criminal justice agency responses to DV incidents to monitor compliance with policies and procedures and identify gaps; 2) strengthening the comprehensive response to risk and danger through high-risk case review; 3) developing a Survivor's Equity Advisory group to provide a review of, and perspective into, the development of Blueprint policies; 4) monitoring high lethality cases and discuss and implementing pretrial monitoring; 5) establishing a Peer Advocacy Group of youth ages 15 to 20; 6) creating culturally specific outreach and educational opportunities in the community; 7) developing standards of education, awareness and prevention strategies for underserved populations; 8) engaging community leaders to take a stand against violence to engage in social change and racial equity, through community-wide presentations and training. <a href="https://nprdap.org">https://nprdap.org</a>

#### **NE – The DOVES Program**

The DOVES Program, in partnership with the North East Panhandle Substance Abuse Center and the Alliance for Change, will reduce vulnerabilities in underserved populations that put them at risk for sexual, domestic and sex trafficking violence, such as homelessness, poverty, racial inequity, substance use, mental health challenges, age, disability, and identifying as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. Specific activities include: 1) increasing outreach to at-risk or homeless populations dealing with sexual, domestic, and sex trafficking violence; 2) strengthening survivor resources to reduce the barriers of poverty; 3) advocating for racial equity throughout service area; 4) supporting and educating survivors with substance use and mental health challenges; 5) increasing outreach and advocacy to older rural survivors and survivors with disabilities; and 6) supporting LGBTQIA+ youth and adult survivors. https://www.dovesprogram.com

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#### NV – Community Chest, Inc.

Community Chest, in partnership with the Lyon County District Attorney's Office, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Lyon County Human Services, Lyon County Juvenile Probation, the Storey County District Attorney's Office, and the Storey County Sheriff's Office, will collaborate to effectively meet the myriad needs of rurally isolated victims of violence throughout Storey and Lyon Counties. Specific activities include: 1) increasing community based services within the rural areas by adding additional advocate positions; 2) increasing cooperative efforts among law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim service providers through the development of multidisciplinary teams; 3) creating and implementing strategies to increase awareness and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; and 4) increasing access to both mental health and substance abuse counseling services for victims. <a href="https://communitychestnevada.net">https://communitychestnevada.net</a>

#### NV - County of Douglas, Nevada

County of Douglas, in partnership with the Douglas County District Attorney's Office, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County Department of Juvenile Probation, the Douglas County



Department of Alternative Sentencing, and the Family Support Council of Douglas County, implemented a multi-disciplinary victim services project for the Nevada county of Douglas. Specific activities include: 1) contacting victims in crisis following an incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking by the SVRT Investigator to provide for the victim's immediate safety needs, support and crisis intervention; 2) conducting timely, complete and thorough investigations into reported incidents to increase the potential for offender accountability through the collection of appropriate time sensitive evidence; 3) providing victims with a single point of contact within the criminal justice system to receive information related to their cases; 4) collaboratively reviewing all incidents reported to law enforcement and developing action plans to ensure that victims are aware of services and options available to them; 5) supervising pretrial and post-conviction offenders involved in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking, including the use of court ordered no-contact conditions; and 6) responding to underserved populations with all reasonable accommodations including retention of Spanish translation services and training partners on inclusivity and barriers faced by LGBTQ+ victims. https://www.douglascountynv.gov

#### NV - County of Elko, Nevada

County of Elko, which operates the Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center (GBCAC), in partnership with Nevada Institute of Forensic Nursing (NVIFN), Elko County Sheriff's Office, Eureka County Sheriff's Office, Lander County Sheriff's Office, and White Pine County Sheriff's Office, will implement FY24 OVW Rural Access. Specific activities include: 1) establishing clear, constant, and reliable communication between Elko, Eureka, Lander, and White Pine counties to support sexual assault case investigations, countyspecific needs, and data collection; 2) providing mobile forensic exams and interviews for GBCAC-related cases in Eureka, Lander, and White Pine Counties; and 3) providing sexual assault investigative training to all law enforcement entities within the four-county service area. <u>https://www.elkocountynv.net/</u>

#### **NV - Crisis Intervention Services**

Crisis Intervention Services (DBA Sierra Community House), in partnership with Gateway Mountain Center and Sierra Nevada Regional Department of Child Support Services, implemented a victim services project for the county of Nevada in California. Specific activities include: 1) direct services including 24/7 Community Helpline, safety planning, accompaniment and advocacy with Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT) interviews and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) exams; 2) assistance with protection or restraining orders, legal assistance; 3) peer counseling, therapy, certified peer support, and support groups; 4) transportation assistance and emergency shelter (including Safe House, long-term rental assistance, and emergency motel stays); 5) prevention education to the general public; and 6) training for domestic violence and sexual assault counselors. https://sierracommunityhouse.org/

#### NV - Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, in partnership with Committee Against Domestic Violence (dba Harbor House), Consolidated Agencies of Human Services, Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Nevada Outreach Training Organization (dba No to Abuse), and Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter implemented a victim services project for the Nevada counties of Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humbolt, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and White Pine. Specific activities include: 1) enhancing domestic violence and sexual assault services through training, technical assistance, and increased staffing; 2) developing and enhancing community support through CCR teams; and 3) improving relationships between rural partner agencies and tribal communities through Weaving



Communities Together for Healing, outreach, annual training, and process circles. <u>https://www.ncedsv.org/</u>

#### NV - Northern Nevada Legal Aid

Northern Nevada Legal Aid and Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services (WDVS) collaborate to expand the Washoe Legal Services (WLS) Legal Assistance to Victims Project. Through this project, WLS provides free, holistic legal services to victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault and dating violence, while Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services will provide critical support services. Both agencies collaborate on outreach efforts to ensure that victims, and the other agencies that serve them, are aware of the services available to them and know how to access the same. Specialized services for survivors who are immigrants include direct representation and family law clinics, and a screening tool will be developed to ensure that victims are proactively screened for legal needs. This project removes barriers to for immigrants and provides a single point of entry for victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and dating violence. <u>https://www.nnlegalaid.org/</u>

#### NV - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

Pyramid Lake Victim Services Program, Pyramid Lake Tribal Court, Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Human Services, and Pyramid Lake Police Department, implemented a victim services project for the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, which includes the Nevada counties of Washoe, Storey, and Lyon. Specific activities for Indigenous survivors include: 1) conducting on-site trainings to providers to increase their knowledge regarding how victimization impacts the community and how to better serve victims/survivors; 2) providing on- site, accessible, voluntary counseling services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking; 3) providing transportation assistance to victims; 4) providing 24- hour hotline assistance; 5) providing on-site, accessible, voluntary counseling services to victims; 6) working with rural communities in the development of educational and prevention strategies; and 7) increasing accessibility for victims who are LEP individuals, Deaf or hard of hearing or disabled. <u>https://plpt.nsn.us/</u>

#### NV - Shoshone-Paiute Tribes

the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, in partnership with the Owyhee Community Health Department and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribal Court, Social Services Program, and Vocational Rehabilitation programs, will implement the Shoshone-Paiute Rural Victims Project. Specific activities include: 1) providing emergency short and long-term client assistance and supportive services to a minimum of 20 survivors per year; 2) supporting victims with appropriate counseling services; 3) providing community-wide awareness and prevention activities, including a public education campaign and developing an outreach calendar to inform community of local events; 4) providing three annual specialized local trainings for law enforcement on current issues surrounding domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; 5) providing five specialized local trainings for judicial staff, medical providers, and other service providers on current issues surrounding domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking; 6) using Shoshoni and Paiute language materials and cultural healing ceremonies as well as other culturally appropriate practices to support victims; and 7) developing culturally appropriate brochures and posters to advertise the educational activities and promote awareness. <a href="https://shopaitribes.org/spculture/">https://shopaitribes.org/spculture/</a>



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### NH - County of Cheshire Administration, New Hampshire

The County of Cheshire, in partnership with Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention and Cheshire Medical Center, will implement the Compassionate Care Project. Specific activities include: 1) encouraging collaboration by forming a subcommittee from the region's multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Resource Team, "Advisory Board Subcommittee" to serve as advisory sounding board, providing training to stakeholders, and recruiting partners; 2) expanding victim services by providing trauma-informed empathetic victim advocacy support services for victims of domestic and sexual violence who seek medical care at the Cheshire Medical Center Emergency Department; 3) increasing awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking by creating, producing, and disseminating knowledge products, attending and participating in outreach events, and promoting the Compassionate Care Project through membership in community committees/coalitions; and 4) expanding Cheshire Medical Center's medical forensic care with on-call services and by serving children. <a href="https://co.cheshire.nh.us/">https://co.cheshire.nh.us/</a>



#### NM - Community Against Violence

Community Against Violence, in partnership with 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office, Taos Pueblo Tribal Court, and Taos Municipal Schools implemented a victim services project for Taos County New Mexico. Specific activities include: 1) directing services to survivors including, advocacy, emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, and referrals; 2) implementing violence prevention in K-12 classrooms using an anti-oppression framework; 3) training teachers and school personnel in recognizing and reporting abuse; and 4) continuing and enhancing partnership with Taos Pueblo Tribal Court to better address needed of Native American survivors. <u>https://taoscav.org/</u>

#### NM – La Casa, Inc.

La Casa, Inc. in partnership with Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and Hatch Valley Public Schools, will implement the Southern NM Border Culturally Responsive Rural Program project. Specific activities include: 1) creating the first domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking program in Hatch, NM; (2) establishing one multidisciplinary team (MDT) to serve children, youth, and adult \



victims of the VAWA crimes; 3) funding two Victim Advocates one employed by the lead agency, and one employed by project partner Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office; 4) providing emergency shelter, advocacy, housing assistance, legal assistance, transportation, and other long and short term assistance to children, youth, and adult victims of the VAWA crimes with an emphasis on underserved populations that include immigrants and undocumented individuals, LGBTQ, individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are over age 50; 5) advocates and Project Partner Leaders working with local agencies to build capacity and to enhance current victim services; (6) advocates and Project Partner Leaders will work with local agencies to build capacity and to enhance current victim services; 7) providing prevention education to children, youth and adults; 8) collecting and reporting on performance indicators. <u>https://lacasainc.org/</u>

#### NM - New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.

New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc., in partnership with Sexual Assault Services of Northwest NM, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services of Southern NM, and Roberta's Place Inc., implemented a sexual assault victim services project for the rural New Mexico counties of Cibola, Hidalgo, Luna, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sierra, and rural areas of San Juan County. Specific activities include: 1) facilitating Sexual Assault Response Teams to address best practices to serve survivors of child, youth, and adult sexual assault with an emphasis on underserved populations that include immigrants and undocumented individuals, Native Americans, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are LGBTQ, individuals over age 50 and individuals with limited English proficiency; 2) providing counseling, advocacy, legal assistance, and other long-term and short-term survivor and population specific services to adult and minor survivors of sexual assault in rural communities, including assistance in immigration matters; and 3) developing education and prevention strategies directed toward child, youth, and adult sexual assault. <a href="https://nmcsap.org">https://nmcsap.org</a>

#### NM - New Mexico Immigrant Law Center (NMILC)

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center (NMILC), in partnership with Community Against Violence, Phoenix House, Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico, and Las Cumbres Community Services Sanctuario de Corazon, implemented a legal victim services project for six counties in Southeastern New Mexico (Lea, Eddy and Chavez) and Northern New Mexico (Rio Arriba, Colfax and Taos). Specific activities for immigrant survivors include: 1) providing onsite and virtual legal immigration services to survivors; 2) providing economic justice legal services including employment authorization and representation when denied public benefits; 3) providing case management and/or navigation services for survivors; 4) providing trainings to partner organizations; 5) partners conducting outreach to clients about NMILC services; 6) offering legal clinics with partner agencies; 7) project partners providing legal services to obtain orders of protection, child support, custody and divorce, and supportive services such as, case management, therapy, and shelter; and 8) project partner Sanctuario providing culturally- informed behavioral health and case management services. <u>https://www.nmilc.org</u>

#### NM - Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico, Inc.

Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico (SASNWNM), in partnership with Gallup Indian Medical Center and Gallup Community Health, will implement the Community-based Rural SANE Program. Specific activities include: 1) hiring a Program Coordinator to oversee SANE services, advocacy, and education and outreach; 2) hiring a Lead Nurse to oversee the clinical aspects of the SANE program; 3) hiring and training 3-4 nurses to be on-call and provide SANE services; 4) providing



ongoing SANE and advocacy services; 5) providing ongoing education and training opportunities for SANE nurses. <u>https://www.sasnwnm.org/</u>

#### NM – Tri-County Family Justice Center of Northeast New Mexico

Tri-County Family Justice Center, in partnership with San Miguel Sheriff's Office, Amistad y Resolana, NMHU Cares, Northern New Mexico Children's Advocacy Center, Santa Rosa Police Department, Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools, New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute, Alta Vista Reginal Hospital, New Mexico Legal Aid, and Las Vegas City Schools, implemented a victim services project for the rural New Mexico counties of Guadalupe, San Miguel, and Mora. Specific activities include: 1) providing counseling, advocacy, and culturally sensitive services to victims of domestic violence, teen dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault; 2) providing violence prevention education (domestic and teen dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault) to high school students; 3) implementing domestic violence, teen dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault education in the communities; and 4) promoting and expanding rural outreach, referrals, and victim services.

#### NM - The Phoenix House, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Resource Center

The Phoenix House, Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Resource Center, in partnership with the Lea County Sheriff's Department, Eunice, Hobbs, Jal, and Lovington Police Departments, implemented a victim services project for Lea County New Mexico. Specific activities include: 1) maintaining community forensic nursing unit to provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 2) collaborating with and provide technical assistance to law enforcement, along with others in the community, regarding the dynamics of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and 3) providing training for partner agencies and send partner agency representatives to two key conference each year. <a href="https://www.phhobbs.org/">https://www.phhobbs.org/</a>

#### **NM – Valencia Shelter Services**

Valencia Shelter Services (VSS), in partnership with Los Lunas Police Department (LLPD), Torrance County Governor's Office (TCGO), Santa Fe Dreamers Project (SFDP), the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW), and the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, will implement Direct Services & Outreach to Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Rural New Mexico. Specific activities include: 1) providing victim advocacy services; 2) reestablishing the VSS Therapy Program by hiring and training two Child/Adolescent Therapists and one Adult/Adolescent Therapist; 3) hiring and training an Indigenous Helper & Advocate Liaison to provide direct advocacy and support services; 4) hiring and training a dedicated Community Outreach & Awareness Specialist; 5) providing bilingual services & immigration referrals to survivors; and 6) providing transportation assistance to survivors. <u>https://www.vssnm.org/</u>



## **NEW YORK**

#### NY - Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development (ACCORD)

Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development, Inc. (ACCORD), in collaboration with their partners, provide essential services, including victim advocacy, counseling, treatment, and education for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Project activities enhance the safety of rural victims through the provision of prevention education for youth and young adults in schools and colleges, as well as community education and training. Cooperative efforts among county law enforcement agencies and victim advocacy agencies enhance the ability of the Domestic Violence High Risk Team to effectively respond to domestic violence and sexual assault within Allegany County. Project activities address the geographical isolation and economic constraints encountered by rural victims, including the provision of mobile advocacy and mobile treatment options. https://dos.ny.gov/location/allegany-county-community-opportunities-and-rural-development-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### NY - Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.

Oswego County Opportunities, Inc., through Services to Aid Families (SAF), provides services for children, youth, and adult victims who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, and stalking in the rural census tracts of Oswego County, New York. The project works to enhance victim services, civil/criminal justice response and education and focuses primarily on developing, enlarging, and strengthening programs to address the needs of sexual assault survivors. <u>http://oco.org</u>

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

#### NC - Lumbee Land Development, Inc.

Lumbee Land Development, Inc., a non-profit of Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, in partnership with Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County, Legal Aid of North Carolina, UNC Health Southeastern, and Dr. Julie Harrison-Swartz, will implement Enlightening Native Daughters – Sexual Assault (END-SA). Specific activities include: 1) reaching 20,000 tribal members on media platforms with sexual assault education throughout grant period; 2) conducting 10 outreach events promoting awareness of sexual assault; 3) training 20 staff members each year about sexual assault and trauma; 4) developing, implementing, and evaluating culturally-specific primary and secondary interventions for sexual assault and trauma within tribal programs, to include certifying seven SANE nurses and two Community Health workers; 5) developing and implementing teaching of modules for nurses and nursing students to increase understanding of sexual assault; 6) increasing direct services that address the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of survivors of sexual assault and their families; 7) meeting quarterly with



partners to address sexual assault and enhance culturally based interventions; and 8) disseminating work to other rural and/or indigenous peoples that enhances collaboration and information sharing. <u>https://www.lumbeetribe.com/</u>

#### NC - Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence Sexual Assault

Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence-Sexual Assault Alliance, Inc. (The Alliance) and its collaborative partners, Vecinos Farmworker Health Program, and Legal Aid of NC, Sylvia Office, enhance the safety of rural immigrant victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking in Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Cherokee, and Clay Counties, North Carolina by implementing short and long-term population specific services for rural immigrant victims. The specific activities include: 1) providing trauma-informed victim advocacy; 2) providing bilingual mental health services including crisis counseling, therapy, support groups, and a Latinx mental health advisory council for the region; and 3) providing cross-training of service providers to increase access for immigrant families. <u>https://www.30thalliance.org</u>



#### ND - Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC)

The Abused Adult Resource Center (AARC) provides advocacy services for victims of stalking and dating, domestic, and sexual violence in Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, Morton, Sheridan and Sioux Counties in North Dakota. AARC implements this Rural Program project in collaboration with the following agencies: Morton County Sheriff's Department, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Grant County State's Attorney Office, Grant County Social Services, Kidder County Sheriff's Department, Steele Police Department, Kidder County State's Attorney Office, Kidder County Social Services, Kidder County Public Health, Kidder County Ambulance Service, Emmons County Sheriff's Department, Emmons County State's Attorney Office, Emmons County Social Services, Emmons County Public Health, Sheridan County Sheriff's Department, Dakota Central Social Services, Sheridan County Public Health, Community Options, North Dakota State University-Sioux County, Standing Rock Middle and High Schools, TipiWakan Baptist Mission of Cannon Ball, Sioux County Sheriff's Department, Sioux County State's Attorney Office, Sioux County Social Services, NuVation Health Services, and the Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiner Program. Specific activities include: 1) supporting three victim advocates; 2) providing counseling for victims of domestic and sexual violence; 3) maintaining a satellite office on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation for advocates to meet with clients; 4) providing training for staff from the Standing Rock Tribe's Indian Health Services on providing trauma-informed services for victims of domestic and sexual violence; 5) conducting workshops on teen dating violence for elementary and high school students; and 6) supporting coordinated community response and sexual assault response teams within the service area. https://www.abusedadultresourcecenter.com



#### ND - Community Violence Intervention Center, Inc.

Community Violence Intervention Center, Incorporated, in collaboration with the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office, the Nelson County Sheriff's Department, and Spectra Health, enhances the response and increases access to critical services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in remote areas. The specific activities include: 1) providing training to law enforcement on the evidence-based Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) Lethality Assessment Program (LAP); 2) monitoring the law enforcement response to cases through the computerized Domestic Abuse Information Network (DAIN) tracking system to identify trends and gaps; 3) supporting a victim advocate who provides services via mobile advocacy and TeleMental Health technology; and 4) supporting a therapist who will assist with victim outreach and provide therapy services. https://www.cviconline.org

#### ND - Domestic Violence Crisis Center Inc.

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center and its partners—Ward County State's Attorney's Office, Minot Police Department, Ward County Sheriff's Department, and Trinity Health make the pathway to accessing services needed to achieve justice, safety, and resilience easier by employing a comprehensive approach. This project aims to establish a community-based forensic care program, a trauma-informed forensic interviewing program, scale-up therapy services, provide SANE services, and offer transitional housing to victims in the region. Services reduce the risk of domestic violence homicide, limit re-traumatization among victims, strengthens investigations for prosecution, enhances victim safety, boosts mental health outcomes, and assists rural victims in leading self-determined lives. <u>https://courage4change.org/</u>



#### MP - Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (NMCADSV)

Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (NMCADSV), in collaboration with partners Karidat Social Services, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, and the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs - Division of Youth Services, implement a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) project that strengthens the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)'s coordinated response for adult and child victims of sexual assault. Specific activities include: 1) maintaining the SART; 2) providing training to first responders, court staff, and sexual assault providers; 3) building capacity to provide services on the islands of Rota and Tinian; and 4) expanding support services including counseling, translator, and interpreter services. https://www.nsvrc.org/organizations/21460



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#### **OH - Cleveland Rape Crisis Center**

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) partners with Homesafe Domestic Violence Shelter (Homesafe), located in Ashtabula County. The project's focus is on rural Ashtabula County. CRCC and Homesafe activities include identifying gaps in service and community needs, formulating a strategic outreach plan, and enacting approaches from the plan to raise community awareness of services, reduce the lingering stigma surrounding these issues, and reach and engage more survivors in the county. Homesafe provides emergency shelter and services specific to domestic violence, while CRCC provides services specific to sexual assault. Ashtabula County's law enforcement, prosecutor's office, and sheriff's office provide legal assistance to survivors, while CRCC's advocates often assist survivors on their journey through the legal process. <u>https://clevelandrapecrisis.org/</u>

#### **OH – The Nord Center**

The Nord Center is a comprehensive behavioral health agency that has been serving the Lorain County community for over 72 years and has been serving as the provider of sexual assault services in Huron County for the last two years. The Nord Center's Sexual Assault Services (SAS) department provides free and confidential services to victims of crime, most notably sexual assault, and abuse. The Nord Center's SAS department is comprised of a Rape Crisis Center, Sexual Assault Care Unit (SACU), and Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The Nord Center and the Norwalk Police Department work in partnership to improve access to services for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The overarching goal and purpose of the project is to improve access to care through a strong, collective, collaborative community response. https://www.nordcenter.org/

#### **OH - Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)**

The Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) creates awareness campaigns within the community using storytelling methods that create a safe space for survivors of gender-based violence to share their experiences and shift social norms. OAESV's goal is to develop sustainable sexual assault response teams (SARTs) in 11 counties and encourage system and community collaboration by providing training and technical assistance to newly developed and existing teams. OAESV engages advocates, law enforcement, medical professionals including sexual assault forensic examiners, prosecutors, schools, culturally specific organizations, faith- based leaders, LGBTQIA friendly organizations, and other community stakeholders to encourage collaborative intervention. OAESV facilitates three regional trainings and/or summits, providing guidance and best practice methods on fostering comprehensive, inclusive, trauma informed responses to stalking and sexual assault. OAESV provides technical assistance to all 13 project SARTs. <a href="https://oaesv.org/">https://oaesv.org/</a>

#### **OH - Ohio Hispanic Coalition**

The Ohio Hispanic Coalition, in partnership with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, will implement a victim services project for the counties of Defiance, Lorain, Sandusky, Fulton, Henry, Huron, Putnam, and Wood in Ohio. Specific activities for Latino/Hispanic communities include: 1) hiring a Latino/a,



bilingual, community member from the service area trained to provide direct services as Promotora Specialist (Victim Advocate/Case Manager); 2) providing culturally-specific/linguistically-appropriate case management, crisis intervention, court accompaniment, personal advocacy, medical/legal advocacy, immigration assistance, client transportation, and other short/long-term services rural, Latino/Hispanic victims may need; 3) developing culturally-specific/linguistically-appropriate education and prevention efforts in collaboration with rural community partners and Latino/Hispanic community leaders; and 4) implementing culturally-responsive approaches (door-to-door canvassing, partnership with community leaders and service providers) to focus on specific needs of rural, Latino/Hispanic victims in remote rural and geographically isolated areas due to transportation, immigration status, and technology barriers. <u>https://www.ohiohispaniccoalition.org/</u>

#### **OH - Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program**

The Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program, in partnership with the Athens County Foundation's Racial Equity Coalition of Athens County focus on culturally specific populations within the service areas and increasing staffing levels at the Athens County Child Advocacy Center. Specific activities include: 1) mobile community advocacy, where staff meets with clients at safe locations in their home community to deliver the intervention; 2) community engagement, which involves advocates traveling into the community with survivors to access services and cultivating relationships with community members and organizations to improve CCR; and 3) the funding of three advocates, the partial salary of a forensic interviewer, a contractual PSANE, support helpline/text line contractual workers, and the Racial Equity Coalition Coordinator. <a href="https://www.saopseoh.org">https://www.saopseoh.org</a>

#### **OH - YWCA of Greater Cincinnati**

The YWCA Rural Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Project (Rural DVSAS) provides critical intervention services and prevention programming that address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking for rural survivors in 100% rural Adams and Brown counties in Southwest Ohio. More specifically, Rural DVSAS provides services, including: 1) Crisis intervention, case management, safety planning, and other supportive services to keep victims safe; 2) transportation assistance to reduce barriers and increase accessibility; 3) connection to domestic violence shelter; 4) sexual assault services, such as hospital accompaniment; 5) court advocacy/accompaniment; 6) outreach and coordinated community response; and 7) violence prevention education, prevention education, prevention education curriculum, and outreach. <a href="https://wcacincinnati.org/">https://wcacincinnati.org/</a>



#### **OK - Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (ODAC)**

The Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (ODAC), in collaboration with District 9 District Attorney's Office, District 17 District Attorney's Office, District 19 District Attorney's Office, Stillwater Domestic Violence Services (dba Wings of Hope), LIFT Community Action Agency Inc., and Crisis Control Center, will support two (2) prosecutors and one (1) investigator to specialize in the follow-up investigations and prosecutions of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking crimes in seven (7)



rural counties in Oklahoma. The prosecutors will review law enforcement reports, interview victims, request follow-up investigation activity, file charges, and prosecute cases, in addition to continuing to actively participate in the already established Coordinated Community Response (CCRT) and Sexual Assault Response (SART) teams. The investigator will provide follow up investigative services, including interviewing victims and collateral witnesses and collecting additional supportive evidence as needed to support the prosecution of these crimes. The investigator will coordinate with local law enforcement and the prosecutor. as well as other allied professionals in the community. The victim service agency partners will assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, by paying travel costs for victims who need to attend court, interviews, counseling, advocacy services, and/or to seek safety. <a href="https://www.oag.ok.gov/">https://www.oag.ok.gov/</a>

#### **OK - Delaware Tribe of Indians**

Delaware Tribe of Indians Family & Children Services, in collaboration with Safehouse Crisis Center, provide a holistic, victim-centered, and multidisciplinary approach to victim advocacy needs in the community. This project provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking. Services include rental and utility assistance, case management, safety planning, childcare, transportation, career counseling, financial and credit counseling, support groups, individual counseling, job training, education attainment, limited legal assistance, protective order assistance, court accompaniment, victim compensation assistance, emergency shelter, other referrals, and housing advocacy. <a href="https://delawaretribe.org/services-and-programs/child-support-services-2/">https://delawaretribe.org/services-and-programs/child-support-services-2/</a>

#### **OK – Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc.**

Domestic Violence Intervention Services, Inc., in partnership with Kellyville Police Department, will implement a SANE/SART project. Specific activities include: 1) Establishing additional victim services and directly respond to child, youth, and adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in rural communities; 2) Establishing collaboration among all partners, other agencies, and other service providers; 3) Increasing awareness and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking; and 4) Developing CCRT/SART Teams in Creek County and increase collaboration and training. <a href="https://dvis.org/">https://dvis.org/</a>

#### **OK - Leflore County Child Advocacy Network, Inc.**

Le Flore County Child Advocacy, in partnership with Leflore County Child Advocacy Network, Women's Crisis Services, and District 16 District Attorney, implemented a sexual assault project. Specific activities include: 1) decreasing the recidivism rate and successful investigations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in rural communities through one FTE investigator; and one FTE prosecutor; 2) expanding access to services in rural communities; and 3) increasing the health and wellbeing of women and children in rural communities by dealing directly and immediately with sexual assault (adult/children) cases through a SANE nurse practitioner. <a href="https://cacok.com">https://cacok.com</a>

#### **OK – Lift Community Action Agency, Inc.**

(Previously Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc.)

The Little Dixie Community Action Agency (LDCAA) and its project partners provide direct services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; build the capacity of direct service providers to better serve and protect victims; encourage reporting of these crimes; and ensure



service providers are adequately trained on how to appropriately respond, assist victims, improve the rate of prosecution of such crimes, and work together through coordinated service delivery. This project supports three Program Coordinators to conduct community outreach, provide comprehensive case management and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as well as assist partner organizations in serving victims as needed. https://liftca.org

#### **OK - Wagoner County Sheriff's Office**

The Wagoner County Sheriff's Office, with community partners Help in Crisis and the CEEDC Coalition, implement the Protect and Prevent Sexual Assault Program for rural communities of Wagoner County. The program will establish a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and enhance existing Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR). Specific activities include: 1) increasing capacity of Wagoner County Sheriff's Office to adequately respond to incidences of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking (DVSAS) through increased coordination and collaboration; 2) enhancing access and provision of treatment, counseling, advocacy, legal assistance, and other victim services for victims of DVSAS in Wagoner County; 3) engaging and recruiting community participation, promotion, and ownership in prevention strategies related to DVSAS; 4) creating county-wide capacity to protect from and prevent sexual assault in Wagoner County; and 5) providing the necessary services needed for victims of DVSAS. https://www.wagonercountyso.org/



#### **OR - Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charities (CC) and four rural sexual assault and domestic violence MOU partners—The Harbor, Helping Hands Against Violence, My Sisters' Place, and Tides of Change—will implement the Catholic Charities Rural Program. The purpose is to provide immigration legal assistance, domestic violence and sexual assault services, and other critical services to immigrants in rural Oregon who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking ("DV/SA"). Specific activities include: 1) Establishing a consistent, ongoing presence in rural communities through regular in-person, video conferencing and telephone consultations by CC, and annual meetings with the MOU partners, and other key local agencies to foster greater collaboration; 2) co-hosting at least one training session per year with each MOU partner in their county to increase awareness and local level knowledge for law enforcement and community organizations of DV/SA, and available immigration remedies for victims/survivors; 3) providing direct immigration assistance to immigrant survivors of DV/SA who are members of linguistic and cultural minorities living in isolated rural communities (immigration assistance will be provided by CC's in-house staff and a statewide network of trained pro bono attorneys); 4) conducting training for pro bono attorneys; 5) updating existing U visa protocols and facilitating development and adoption of new protocols in rural Oregon counties; and 6) providing DV/SA services through the MOU partners. https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/



#### **OR - Clackamas Women's Services**

Clackamas Women's Services, in partnership with Safety Compass, will implement the Increasing the Safety and Well-Being of Survivors in Rural Clackamas County through Trauma-Informed and Culturally Specific Services, Prevention Strategies and Improving the Sexual Assault Response Project. Specific activities include: 1) coordinating outreach in rural areas and access to sexual assault services, expanding resources and services to Latinx survivors in the agricultural industry; 2) placing a co-located confidential Youth Advocate in a rural school; 3) supporting a Confidential Advocate to serve survivors in rural Polk and Marion Counties; 4) supporting a co-located advocate based in the Sandy Health Center in Clackamas; and 5) coordinating violence prevention sessions in schools. https://www.cwsor.org/

#### **OR - County of Grant, Oregon**

County of Grant's Collaborative, Coordinated Response to Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking project's primary objective is to expand and enhance the safety of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and to implement means whereby Grant County can appropriately address and prevent these offenses from occurring. The project has the goal of increasing prosecution of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Further goals include increasing the amount of protective order information provided to service providers, and increased awareness by distributing information and material to smaller outlying communities within Grant County. A Law Enforcement Investigator (LEI) increases victim safety through the following avenues: Provide training to law enforcement regarding investigating and responding to domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes; respond and conduct follow-up investigation on all such crimes. Services include support groups, emergency shelter, referrals, 24-hour crisis hot- line, safety planning and assistance with protective orders, long-term housing, financial assistance, immigration, and interpretive services. <u>https://grantcountyoregon.net</u>

#### OR – The Harbor, Inc.

The Harbor, Inc.'s program enhances sexual assault services throughout rural Clatsop County, by having a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program at the Birth Center; decreasing the stigma associated with reporting sexual assault through increased access to services and community outreach and education; increasing access to sexual assault services to marginalized populations, specifically the LGBTQIA+ and Latinx populations; and providing alternative sources of healing to sexual assault survivors. <u>https://www.harbornw.org/</u>

#### **OR – Illinois Valley Safehouse Alliance**

Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance, in partnership with Josephine County Sheriff, Illinois Valley Fire District, Tolowa Dee-Ni' Tribal Nation, and Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, will implement the Safe Communities Create Safe Families project. Specific activities include: 1) providing core victim services in the walk-in support center five days a week and respond to crisis hotline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; 2) responding to law enforcement, partner organization and other community organizations when requested; 3) working with Josephine County High Risk Team to increase safety for victims; 4) working with Tolowa Dee-Ni' Tribal Nation to increase safety for tribal members and their families; and 5) working with the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force to develop and implement policies and procedures to increase access to services for sexual assault victims. http://www.ivsha.org



#### **OR - The County of Jefferson, Oregon**

Jefferson County, Oregon, in partnership with Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Jefferson County Victim Assistance Program, Jefferson County Adult Community Corrections, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Madras Police Department, Saving Grace, St. Charles Madras, Rapid SAVE Investigation, and Best Care Treatment Services will implement The Jefferson County Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking project. Specific activities include: 1) developing a multidisciplinary Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team will review and evaluate high-risk cases to identify barriers in coordinated response and behaviors that could lead to escalation of crimes to sexual assault and/or strangulation; 2) conducting Annual Law Enforcement Protocol Training; 3) implementing Domestic Violence Fatality Review Protocol; 4) strengthening victim services by employing a full-time governmental Bilingual Advocate and a sub-awarded non-profit Saving Grace Advocate to provide victim services, hotline assistance, awareness activities, protection orders services, criminal justice advocacy, and emergency services to victims in crisis; 5) strengthening offender accountability through a part-time Investigator to complete comprehensive investigations, on-call Spanish and American Sign Language Crime Scene Interpreters to interpret witness statements, and collaborating with Kids Center Domestic Violence Child Witness Program (DVCWP) by completing DVCWP training and providing in caregiver and victim support through the interviewing and investigation process; 6) strengthening coordinated community response to sexual assault and strangulation through attendance of OVW-sponsored training in Sexual Assault and Strangulation; and 7) updating Sexual Assault Packet and Brochure for victims and survivors of sexual assault. https://www.jeffco.net

#### **OR - Safe Harbors**

Safe Harbors, established in 1993, is the only domestic/sexual violence service provider for the entire county of Wallowa. Safe Harbors provides an array of confidential advocacy and support services including crisis intervention, emergency shelter, food, clothing, a 24-hour crisis line, educational classes, safety planning, support groups, a SART team, court advocacy, assistance with protection orders, court accompaniment, and medical advocacy and accompaniment. Safe Harbors also has a Teen Advocate who provides a curriculum around dynamics of sexual assault and dating violence and maintains consistent days/times in the schools. This position also provides related classes in their transitional housing, LGBTQ+ specific outreach and programming, and conducts awareness campaigns. https://www.wcsafeharbors.com/

#### **OR – Shelter from the Storm**

Shelter From the Storm (SFS), in partnership with the La Grande Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Office, and Baum Smith LLC Attorney's at Law, will implement the Advocacy in Response (AIR) Program. Specific activities include: 1) prioritizing the collaboration of an Advocacy Initiated Response Team; 2) implementing support services to victims impacted by abuse; 3) supporting one full-time advocate to respond to AIR calls and provide victim services; 4) supporting a full-time dedicated detective; 5) hiring a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) advocate to assist victims of recent or historical sexual assault, complemented by a part-time dedicated detective from the Sheriff's office; 6) collaborating with Wyatt Baum for civil legal representation; and 7) collaborating with a local counseling office for therapeutic services, offered at no cost to survivors engaged with the AIR program. https://www.unioncountysfs.org/



#### **OR – County of Union, Oregon**

Union County Board of Commissioners, in partnership with the Union County Sheriff's Office, the Union County District Attorney's Office, the Union County Victims' Assistance Program, Community Corrections Parole and Probation, and Shelter From the Storm (SFS), implemented a victim services project for the county of Union in Oregon. Specific activities include: 1) identifying, assessing, and appropriately responding to child, youth, and adult victims of DV, SA, and stalking in the rural community of Union County, OR; and 2) expanding services throughout Union County to include Shelter from the Storm (SFS) and the Mt. Emily Safe Center (MESC). <a href="https://union-county.org/">https://union-county.org/</a>

#### **OR - Tides of Change**

(formerly Tillamook County Women's Resource Center)

Tides of Change, in partnership with Tillamook County Sheriff's Office, Tillamook County Parole & Probation, Tillamook County District Attorney's Office, Tillamook County District Attorney's Victims Assistance Program, Tillamook County Emergency Communications District, Manzanita Police Department, and Tillamook City Police Department, implemented a victim services project for the county of Tillamook in Oregon. Specific activities include: 1) supporting a 1.0 FTE Coordinated Community Response Coordinator/Advocate and a .10 FTE Executive Director; 2) developing, implementing and institutionalizing the Advocate Initiated Response (AIR) following law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART); and 3) providing oversight to these two programs to ensure that victims who access services through law enforcement and hospital response receive survivor centered, trauma informed, and culturally specific services. tidesofchangenw.org



#### **PA - Arise Lawrence County**

Arise Lawrence County, in partnership with Westminster College, Cray Challenges Alternative Education, Mohawk Area School District, PA CareerLink, Transforming Culture Consultants, and Cusick, DeCaro, and Langer, P.C., implemented a victim services project for the county of Lawrence in western Pennsylvania. Specific activities include: 1) appointing a full-time mobilized counselor who will provide services at various safe and confidential locations within the most geographically isolated parts of the county; 2) hiring a part-time advocate to assist with transportation and accompaniment to legal and medical appointments; 3) hiring a part-time education and outreach specialist who will assist with increase prevention, education, and training initiatives; and 4) hiring four individuals with lived experience, and who belong to the Emerging Latino Community (ELC) and LGBTQIA+ community, to assist with and evaluate program implementation, as well as to provide outreach services to the most geographically isolated areas. https://ariselc.org/





## PR – Coordinadora Paz Para La Mujer, Inc. (Puerto Rico Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault)

The Rural Women and Allies for Equity and the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Puerto Rico Project ("RURAL É") is a project of the Gender Violence (GV) Elimination Dual State Coalition, a private nonprofit organization of more than 30 years. The project implements a collaborative and interdisciplinary response, supports victim services, and sustains and strengthens the direct response to these crimes in rural communities. The main goals are supporting a coordinated, intersectoral community response for survivors. A Coordinated Community Team identifies and addresses barriers that limit the access to Justice, Law Enforcement and Medical services, and works towards the elimination of re-victimization. The impact of project activities reaches members of diverse culturally specific groups and communities including, but not limited to rural residents, Latinxs, LGBTQI+, deaf or hard of hearing, and immigrants. <a href="https://www.mariafund.org/pazmujer">https://www.mariafund.org/pazmujer</a>

#### PR - Hogar Nueva Mujer Santa Maria de La Merced, Inc.

Hogar Nueva Mujer Santa Maria de la Merced is a domestic violence service near Cayey, Puerto Rico providing help for people dealing with domestic abuse. Specific activities include: 1) expanding and increasing the services available for victims and their children of domestic violence and sexual violence in the rural municipalities of Salinas, Coamo, Orocovis and Santa Isabel; 2) empowering survivors to achieve their economic self-sufficiency and increase their employment skills; 3) increasing the rural community response (CRCR) to provide safety and well-being of victims and their children victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. The project provides transitional housing assistance and comprehensive support services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence, to achieve their economic self-sufficiency and to obtain a secure and a permanent house. https://www.hogarnuevamujer.com/

## SOUTH DAKOTA

#### SD - Avera Health

Avera Health, in partnership with Avera Health, Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, the Compass Center, the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (CPCM), Avera Queen of Peace Hospital, Avera St. Mary's Hospital, Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center, and Avera Sacred Heart, implemented a victim services project for the following 6 sites in South Dakota and Minnesota: Sioux Falls, SD (Minnehaha), Yankton, SD (Yankton), Mitchell, SD (Davison), (Pierre, SD (Hughes), Aberdeen, SD (Brown), and Marshall, MN (Lyon). Specific activities include: 1) improving access to trained sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) for victims of interpersonal violence, both in-person and via telehealth; and 2) providing access to training for medical personnel who care



for interpersonal violence victims and those who want to become FNEs. This includes both virtual and in-person options and developing a SANE preceptorship program at McKennan to increase access of mental health support and resources to victims of interpersonal violence by providing trauma-specific training to mental health professionals so that they are better equipped to respond therapeutically. <u>https://www.avera.org/</u>

#### SD – South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Inc.

The purpose of this project is to build sexual assault (SA) capacity in rural areas by improving agency's sexual assault services, their relationships with important segments of their communities (especially for Native American survivors), increasing referrals and reporting – including a presence on institutions of higher education (IHE) campuses, in hospitals for exams, and working with inmates or those exiting incarceration. Specific activities include: 1) developing organizational capacity to serve SA victims (with a focus on non-intimate partner SA) relevant to each community; 2) further developing and strengthening Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) in rural service areas; 3) providing services to victims across the 42 completely rural South Dakota counties; 4) developing organizational capacity to deliver quality services with a focus on non-intimate partner SA; and 5) facilitating the development and delivery of SA prevention programs. <a href="https://sdnafvsa.com/home">https://sdnafvsa.com/home</a>

#### SD - The University of South Dakota

This project serves all rural counties and census tracts in South Dakota. It is implemented within each county and/or census tract by making healthcare professionals in that area eligible for training, connecting them to mentorship through SAFE-LC membership, and offering technical assistance. The applicant organization for this continuation grant is the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (CPCM), located on the Sioux Falls campus of the University of South Dakota (USD). https://www.usd.edu/

#### SD - Wild Horse Butte Community Development Corporation

Wild Horse Butte Community Development Corporation, in partnership with the Bennett County Prosecutor's Office, the Bennett County Attorney's office, the Bennett County Court and the Bennett County Hospital, implemented a victim services project for the counties of Bennett, Jackson, and Oglala Lakota in South Dakota. Specific activities include: 1) hosting annual trainings to enhance service providers' capacity to provide trauma informed services and utilize strategies found successful in other tribal communities; 2) Coordinating bi-annual advisory meetings to engage at least 5 service providers; and 3) conducting an awareness campaign (up to 4 events per year) to increase awareness and promote a culture of non-violence. <u>https://www.wildhorsebuttecdc.org</u>



### TENNESSEE

#### TN - Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence

Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, in collaboration with Genesis House, Inc., CEASE, Inc., and Women's Resource and Rape Assistance Program (WRAP), enhance the safety of rural victims of sexual assault in 24 rural counties in Tennessee. Specific activities include: 1) increasing capacity of the three partner programs to provide a full range of sexual assault services to survivors through training and technical assistance focused on trauma- informed and culturally sensitive service provision; 2) providing trainings on rural sexual assault- related topics to victim service professionals; 3) conducting outreach and educational activities on sexual assault to community residents; 4) providing services for LGBTQI and male survivors of sexual assault; and 5) enhancing community collaboration and coordinate effective community responses to sexual assault in the service area counties. https://tncoalition.org



#### TX – Bastrop County Women's Shelter, DBA Family Crisis Center

Bastrop County Women Shelter (dba Family Crisis Center), in partnership with American Gateways and local criminal justice partners, provide consultation services for immigrant and refugee victims in the rural counties of Colorado, Fayette, and Lee in Texas. Specific activities include: 1) supporting two (2) Crisis & Rural Outreach Advocates and a Crisis Advocate to provide services through outreach in rural communities; 2) collaborating with project and community partners in order connect survivors with additional services and resources; 3) providing opportunities for survivor input into the project; and 4) providing consultation services for immigrant and refugee victims in rural service-area communities and training for project partners. <a href="https://family-crisis-center.org">https://family-crisis-center.org</a>

#### TX – SAHELI

SAHELI dba Asian Family Support Services of Austin, in partnership with Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center and Family Crisis Center, will implement Rural Services and Systems Advocacy for Underserved Survivors in six rural counties in Central Texas (Bastrop, Lee, Fayette and Burnet, Blanco, and Llano). Specific activities include: 1) providing culturally specific direct services to rural underserved victims of abuse with emphasis on non-IPV sexual violence survivors; 2) developing culturally specific community education and outreach services in rural communities; 3) providing culturally specific systems advocacy for survivors in partnership with mainstream crisis shelters, criminal justice systems including law enforcement, courts, and allied systems of care such as health clinics, rural hospitals, SANE providers, and community-based services. https://www.afssaustin.org/about-us/#





#### UT - Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf

Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf, in partnership with Department of Workforce Services' Office of Rehabilitation's Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) & Utah State Division of Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired (DSBVI), Utah Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (UTRID), The Refuge Utah (TRU), DOVE Center, Utah Legal Services (ULS), Amethyst Center for Healing (ACH), Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA), and Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind (USDB) will implement Rural Grant. Specific activities include: 1) identifying and increasing accessibility in the number of services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 2) continuing to increase the knowledge of Deaf community members about dating violence and sexual assault, and the services Sego Lily provides; and 3) enhancing the knowledge and skills of service providers and professionals. <a href="https://slcad.org">https://slcad.org</a>

#### UT - Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council (UDVAC)

The Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, in partnership with Utah Administrative Office of the Courts, Utah Department of Public Safety, Utah Department of Health and Human Services' American Indian/Alaska Native Health and Family Services office, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inclusion Center for Community and Justice, Lillian Tsosie-Jensen, Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake, Cherish Families, Amethyst Center for Healing, AEquitas, Officer Michael LaRivere, Seekhaven Family Crisis and Resource Center, Devon Musson Rose, and The Children's Center Utah, will implement Fostering Safety & Support: Empowering Indigenous, Plural Family, and Marginalized Communities through Strategic Partnerships, Improved Systems Responses, and Needs-Based Support project. Specific activities include: 1) training sessions and symposia for service providers, SANEs, law enforcement and others; 2) technical assistance to domestic violence advocacy organizations, partnership establishment, strategic planning, improved responses to strangulation incidents, and coordination of regional site visits; 3) developing best practice guidelines for child shelter services and caregiver support; and 4) providing victim services including counseling and emergency shelter/transportation. https://www.udvc.org



## VERMONT

#### VT - Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Inc. (CVOEO)

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)/Voices Against Violence, and its partners, address domestic and sexual violence practices through investigation and prosecution of cases, establishing best practices for dealing with victims with substance abuse and mental health issues, and implementing outreach and prevention education in Franklin and Grand Isles Counties, VT. Specific activities include: 1) supporting domestic violence and sexual assault investigators; 2) providing advocacy, direct services, support groups, education, and training; 3) using social media to enhance outreach; 4) providing individual advocacy to families involved with DCF; and 5) providing assistance and support groups to victims with mental health or substance abuse issues. <a href="https://www.cvoeo.org">https://www.cvoeo.org</a>

#### VT - Have Justice - Will Travel, Inc.

Have Justice – Will Travel, Inc., in partnership with Project Against Violence Encounters, New Story Center, Bennington County State's Attorney, and Rutland County State's Attorney, will implement a victim services project for the counties of Bennington and Rutland in southern Vermont. This project will provide comprehensive, victim-centered, trauma-informed, accessible legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Specific activities include: 1) employing a full-time attorney and full-time paralegal to provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking; 2) providing day-of consultation and representation on hearing days; 3) providing in-home legal consultations; and 4) providing comprehensive legal services and representation for other civil legal matters related to domestic or sexual violence such as child custody, child support, divorce, separation, and eviction. <u>https://www.havejusticewilltravel.org</u>

#### VT - Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)

Project Against Violent Encounters, in partnership with Bennington County Child Advocacy Center & Special Investigations Unit and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, will implement Improving Access to SANE Exams and Aftercare Services for Rural Survivors in Bennington County. Specific activities include: 1) providing safety planning, resources, and referrals to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; 2) providing supportive services for survivors in need of sexual assault forensic medical examinations, including assistance with safety planning and transportation to and from medical facilities; 3) providing follow up supports for survivors, such as filing police reports, filing for protection orders, and assistance with medical and mental health needs, including financial assistance; 4) providing print materials targeting rural communities and local rural colleges; and 5) providing county-wide training on available services. <u>https://pavebennington.org/contact/</u>

#### VT - Vermont Center for Crime Victims

In partnership with the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Vermont Department for Children and Families, Easterseals, AWARE, Circle, Clarina Howard Nichols Center, Outright Vermont, Mosaic Vermont, and Umbrella, implements a victim service project for the counties



of Caledonia, Lamoille, Orleans, Essex, and Washington in Vermont. Activities will focus on non-intimate partner sexual violence. Specific activities for traditionally underserved LGBTQ youth will include: (1) an assessment of victim-centered responses to sexual harm in service area counties to inform capacity building, improved victim services, and prevention efforts; (2) professional development for victim services agencies in serving SV survivors and LGBTQ+ youth, providing A Window Between Worlds healing arts programming, and providing coordinated advocacy in pediatric SANE cases; (3) comprehensive victim services including specialized child and youth services, individual and group support, advocacy, hot/helplines, home visits, emergency shelter, and services for LGBTQ+ youth ; and (4) best practice-based prevention education for youth, and training for adults who work with youth to support their ability to address and prevent SV/DV/CSA. <a href="https://www.ccvs.vermont.gov">https://www.ccvs.vermont.gov</a>

#### VT - WomenSafe, Inc.

WomenSafe has provided a 24-hour crisis hotline for domestic, sexual, and dating violence, and stalking (DSDVS) survivors and their loved ones for 42 years, providing victim-centered, trauma- informed, intersectional, and high-quality support services, including legal and medical advocacy, support groups, transitional housing, prevention education, and supervised visitation services. WomenSafe has dramatically increased education and outreach efforts to create a strong presence in and connection with local schools, social service partners and community members, and facilitated the increase of options available to rural, isolated victims of DSDVS. WomenSafe receives referrals and provides crucial supportive services to families and individuals and works to ensure these services are accessible to those most marginalized. Specific activities include: 1) providing a 24-hour hotline and responsive advocacy services including legal, housing, medical, and social service advocacy; 2) providing advocacy and outreach for migrant workers and other underserved populations; 3) enhancing offender accountability by increasing prosecution and investigation of domestic violence/sexual assault cases; 4) providing outreach and training for partners and community organizations to better recognize trafficking victims and provide specialized services to support individuals and families; and 5) providing community awareness and prevention education. <a href="https://womensafe.org">https://womensafe.org</a>

## VIRGINIA

#### VA - Safe Center of SWVA

The purpose of this project is to enlarge, expand, and maintain a community-based Forensic Nurse Examiner (FNE) Program in Pulaski, Virginia. The overall goal is to provide confidential, compassionate, comprehensive, trauma-informed services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in a rural community where services are not currently available or are very limited. The SAFE Center provides medical care and referrals to help victims heal after an assault and collects evidence to improve the investigation and prosecution of these cases. Specific activities include: 1) providing trained FNEs to perform medico-legal exams, 2) developing and maintaining policies and procedures, 3) assisting with standing orders and collaborate with other community agencies to provide the best care possible to victims; 4) providing a medical director to oversee medical standing orders, 5) providing guidance to the FNE, 6) assisting with policy and procedure development, 7) performing peer review, and assist with follow-up exams as appropriate; 8) and providing equipment and supplies to enable the staff to collect evidence and provide the best medical care possible. <a href="https://safecenter.org/">https://safecenter.org/</a>



#### VA - Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc.

Southwest Virginia Legal Aid, in partnership with Clinch Valley Community, Inc. (CVCA), Family Crisis Support Services, Inc. (FCSS), and People Inc. (P.I.), will implement Empowering Rural Survivors in Appalachia. Specific activities include: 1) providing legal assistance to help victims in all legal matters stemming from violence, and a resumption of representation in contested divorce cases for some victims; 2) maintaining and expanding emergency and transitional housing for victims; 3) maintaining and expanding housing-related financial assistance for victims; 4) maintaining transportation services for victims through various means; and 5) establishing Domestic Violence Dockets (DV Dockets) resulting in increased coordination of community resources and improved community responses to violence and victims' needs. <a href="https://www.swvalegalaid.org">https://www.swvalegalaid.org</a>



#### WA - Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, in partnership with New Hope, implemented a victim services project for the Washington State counties of Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Okanogan, and Yakima. Specific activities for immigrant survivors include: 1) outreach to immigrant communities; 2) education, training, and technical assistance to social service providers working with immigrant survivors; 3) cross-training and consultation to build partner capacity; 4) assessments to identify the emotional, psychological, and physical needs of immigrant survivors; 5) personalized action plans to restore safety, security, and well-being for survivors; 6) connection of survivors to support and resources to stabilize their lives; 7) legal services to ensure access to immigration protections; 8) referrals by New Hope for legal assistance; 9) assistance by New Hope with initial case preparation; and 10) referral of survivors for other civil legal needs outside of immigration. <a href="https://www.nwirp.org/">https://www.nwirp.org/</a>

#### WA - Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center

Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center, in partnership with CIELO (Centro Integral Educativo Latino de Olympia), Shelton YMCA, Shelton Police Department, and Mason County Sheriff's Office, implemented a victim services project for the Washington county of Mason. Specific activities for Latinx survivors include: 1) mobile advocacy and outreach to reach isolated rural residents; 2) providing culturally and linguistically accessible services to Mason County's Latinx communities; 3) providing training to first responders and other community-based service providers to increase awareness and availability of advocacy and SANE services and increase their understanding of how to effectively link survivors with these resources; and 4) coordinating services by different systems through regular meetings of the Mason County Coordinated Community Response (MCCCR) Team. <a href="https://turningpointe.org/">https://turningpointe.org/</a>



#### WA - Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in partnership with Aspen Victim Advocacy Services, a program of Comprehensive Healthcare; BASTA Coalition of Washington; Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties; The Lighthouse – Advocacy, Prevention, and Education Center; Nuestra Casa; Sea Mar Community Health Centers; and YWCA of Walla Walla, implemented a victim services for the Washington State counties of Benton, Franklin, Skagit, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima. Specific activities for immigrant, LatinX, and Indigenous survivors include: 1) providing culturally appropriate, multi-lingual community-based sexual assault (SA) and DV services to farmworkers and Latinx or Indigenous survivors through advocacy, support groups, and promotor as groups; 2) increasing capacity of partners to deliver survivor-driven, trauma-informed, culturally meaningful advocacy including for sexual assault advocacy through training and technical assistance; and 3) increasing or deepening relationships with agricultural employers, farmworkers, LatinX, and Indigenous communities through outreach and engagement. https://wscadv.org



#### WV - Child Protect of Mercer County, Inc.

Child Protect of Mercer County, Inc. in collaboration with the Mercer County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Mercer County Sheriff's Department, Bluefield Police Department, and the Princeton Police Department specific activities include: 1) supporting a forensic interviewer who conducts forensic interviews with child victims of sexual assault, underage victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and cognitively impaired adult victims; 2) supporting a therapist who provides trauma-informed mental health services to child victims and underage victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 3) supporting four Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners who provide a 24/7 response for victims of sexual assault; 4) supporting a special prosecutor who prosecutes cases of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; and 5) supporting two special investigators who investigate crimes related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. https://www.mercerchildprotect.com

#### WV - West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services

The West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services, in collaboration with its partners specific activities include: 1) supporting seven victim advocates who provide 24/hr. hotline services and crisis intervention to victims of sexual assault and human trafficking; 2) enhancing the Sexual Assault Response Teams by facilitating quarterly meetings, capacity-building activities, and trainings on responding to human trafficking and working with victims with mental health disabilities and substance abuse issues; 3) developing a human trafficking protocol for advocates and an advocate guide and brochure on human trafficking services; and 4) conducting annual webinars on utilizing social and electronic media to increase awareness of services. https://www.fris.org



# WV – Military Affairs and Public Safety, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

The WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) Bureau for Social Services (BSS) serves as a MOU partner to house and support co-located advocates. Legal Aid of WV (LAWV) and the WV Prosecuting Attorneys' Institute (PAI) serves as MOU partners to support and provide technical assistance to the CCR teams. The purpose of this project is to provide state and local capacity to assess and effectively respond to families living in rural areas of the state who are experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. The intended outcome is to increase safety and well-being for adult victims and their children through direct safety and supportive services, effective rural outreach that includes traditionally underserved communities, coordination with criminal/civil legal systems and social service providers, and expansion of culturally specific services. <u>https://das.wv.gov/JCS/Pages/default.aspx</u>



# WI – End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.

End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence Inc., in collaboration with its partners, address the lack of quality legal services that impedes the safety of low-income survivors in rural areas, through the Refugees and Immigrants Seeking Empowerment Law Center (RISE) project. RISE specific activities include: 1) creating mobile, virtual law offices to provide legal services to rural victims; 2) supporting four attorneys who provide immigration and civil legal services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking; 3) creating and updating training materials that address issues related to protection orders, family and immigration law, outreach materials and training geared toward human trafficking and stalking victims; and 4) providing training for advocates and members of the legal community, on basic issues of family and immigration law, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, and cultural-specific issues related to legal representation. <a href="https://www.endabusewi.org">https://www.endabusewi.org</a>



## WYOMING

#### WY - Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, in partnership with Wyoming Division of Victim Services and Wyoming Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs, implemented a victim services project for all twenty-three counties in Wyoming and the Wind River Indian Reservation (WRIR). Specific activities include: 1) through an equity framework, increasing resources and addressing rural barriers by advancing the state and rural-local capacity to provide accessible and liberating prevention and response to victims of DVSA, dating violence, and stalking; and 2) providing training, skill, and capacity building opportunities for rural eligible DVSA programs to enhance direct services and organizational capacity for victims of DVSA, dating violence, and stalking within a racial equity and accessibility social change framework. https://www.wyomingdvsa.org



# OVW Rural Training & Technical Assistance



#### Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence (Idaho Coalition) is a non- profit, nongovernmental dual state coalition providing education, technical support, and advocacy on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Idaho Coalition Rural Teen Dating Violence Project offers training and technical assistance designed to build the capacity of OVW Rural grantees and potential grantees to provide meaningful access for underserved youth. Services offered to rural grantees include:

- Address the gaps in understanding stalking and teen dating violence
- Youth programming and engagement centering racially diverse and underserved youth Black, Indigenous and youth of color, youth with disabilities, Deaf or hard of hearing youth, LGBTQ+ youth, youth who have been resettled through the refugee process, youth immigrants, and youth who are in the juvenile system or systems involved
- Engaging young people in the prevention of teen dating violence through intergenerational partnerships
- Youth-developed, school-based prevention and intervention campaigns
- Intervention capacity building on developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed initiatives/approaches/programming to address the high prevalence of the crime of teen dating violence in rural communities
- Development and implementation of effective outreach strategies through youth-centered collaborations with school, community and justice system stakeholders
- Prevention and/or intervention efforts to increase social norms that interrupt dating violence
- Effective youth advocacy to end dating violence

Rural Teen Dating Violence Project https://idvsa.org

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#### **Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

The National Resource Sharing Project (RSP) of the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, is a project working to increase services available to sexual violence survivors by developing tools, providing technical assistance, and training, and otherwise assisting state and territory administrative agencies, state and territory sexual assault coalitions, and local rape crisis centers. Through its Enhancing Rural Sexual Assault Services in Rural Communities: A Training and Technical Assistance Project, RSP assists rural advocacy agencies in meaningfully supporting rural sexual assault survivors by providing training and technical assistance to enhance advocacy skills and techniques, increase outreach efforts, and strengthen the capacity of agencies to participate in effective community collaboration.



Services offered for rural grantees include:

- Creating healing-centered sexual violence and services
- Building core and comprehensive sexual violence advocacy services (support groups, hotlines, crisis intervention, outreach and awareness, training and education, act).
- Anti-oppression and sexual violence
- Enhancing core sexual violence advocacy skills
- Enhancing community-based partnerships
- Organizational management and supervision
- Creating trauma informed environments
- Assessing and evaluating sexual violence services and organizations
- Supporting Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

Technical Assistance:

- Sexual Violence services support and trouble shooting
- Policy review and development
- Resource creation and development
- Board training and support
- Community needs assessment development, support, data analysis and evaluation
- In-person site visits
- Organizational Capacity Building

Enhancing Sexual Assault Services in Rural Communities Project <u>http://www.iowacasa.org</u>

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# Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) run by the Institute of Intergovernmental Research

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium (LETTAC) is a single, streamlined point of entry for OVW grantees and the field to request law enforcement TTA. LETTAC prioritizes inclusivity—including support for traditionally underserved jurisdictions such as rural and tribal communities—in assisting all law enforcement in best responding to, investigating, and prosecuting intimate partner violence and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) crimes in a trauma-informed manner, supporting victim healing, safety, and justice.

- LETTAC OVW's Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium. This program provides customized TTA to OVW grantees or potential grantees. There is also a comprehensive Clearinghouse with hundreds of resources available at the site. Information on LETTAC and to request TTA can be found at www.lettac.org.
- Co-Responder Program this program, which is a project under LETTAC, provides law enforcement and communities a guide on integrating a co-responder model in their community – the online guide and an interactive program are accessible at <u>Co-Responder</u> <u>- LETTAC</u>.
- OVW's Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) Program—This program provides support and TTA to ICJR grantees or potential grantees. We are currently working on the public website for this project, so the URL will be available soon. This program offers educational webinars, virtual academies, connections with other TA providers, other TTA activities, new grantee orientations, and in-person events.

LETTAC https://www.lettac.org/

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#### Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

The Sexual Violence Justice Institute at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault implements the Rural Sexual Assault Coordinated Community Response/Sexual Assault Response Team Project (Rural CCR/SART Project). The Rural CCR/SART Project provides basic and advanced training and technical assistance to increase the presence, capacity, and effectiveness of rural sexual assault CCR and SART initiatives to improve victim coordinated services and criminal justice outcomes to sexual assault in rural communities.

Services offered to rural grantees for training and technical assistance includes:

- One-on-one technical assistance
  - o Brainstorming
  - Walk through resources
  - o Review information
  - o Support
- Connections
  - o Other TA providers.
  - o Other SART Coordinators
- Training
  - Customized trainings to individual teams, programs, disciplines, etc.
  - o Statewide trainings
  - o Regional trainings
  - o National trainings
  - o National conferences
- Training Topics
  - o SART 101
  - o Engagement
  - o Protocol Development
  - o Evaluation
  - o Case File Review
  - Frameworks for SART Effectiveness
  - Community Resource Mapping and more!

Rural Sexual Assault Response Team TA Project <u>https://www.nsvrc.org/organizations/204</u>

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#### Conference on Crimes Against Women, Inc. Institute for Coordinated Community Response

ICCR's mission is to work alongside rural communities to improve their collaborative, systemic response to domestic violence.

The Institute was created as a program of the Conference on Crimes Against Women in 2018. CCAW provides a national platform to disseminate the highest level of training, information, and strategies to professionals who are responders and advocates to victims of the many and varied forms of crimes against women.

ICCR will implement the Institute for Coordinated Community Response (ICCR) Rural Cohort Program with OVW rural grantees. This project will work alongside selected rural counties evaluating their current responses to domestic violence and assisting selected sites in establishing effective, sustainable, survivor-centered coordinated community response (CCR) teams. The Institute for Coordinated Community Response: <u>https://instituteccr.org/</u>

Services offered for rural grantees include:

- Rural Virtual Conference
- Monthly Webinars
- On-demand training addressing urgent needs in the field
- Personalized support

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#### **Praxis International**

International (Praxis), is a national non-profit training, research, and technical assistance organization focused on providing innovative and victim-focused approaches to addressing violence against women. Praxis is the Rural Comprehensive Training and Technical Assistance provider. Through this project, Praxis will provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to grantees of the OVW Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program. Praxis also provides the Strengthening Rural Advocacy Training and Technical Assistance Project. The project focuses on building the organizational capacity of rural advocacy programs and strengthening the expertise of rural advocates. https://praxisinternational.org

Services offered for rural grantees include:

- Individual and ongoing technical assistance
- Monthly Office Hours
- In-person training
- National webinars



- Collective learning cohorts
- The Rural Digest: Bi-monthly newsletter
- Rural Connect: Learning opportunities with leaders in the field
- Rural Restore: Candid conversations about advocate wellness

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#### Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse

Technical Assistance to OVW-Funded Rural Grantees to Support Outreach to & Partnerships with Rural Faith-Based Organizations Regarding Sexual & Domestic Violence. Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse (Safe Havens) is a multi-religious nonprofit that strengthens the capacity of diverse faith communities and service providers to engage in collaborative efforts that address domestic violence and sexual assault. Safe Havens and its partners implement the Building Collaborations with Faith-Based Organizations to Support Victims and to Enhance Coordinated Community Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Project (The Project). The goal of The Project is to provide OVW grantees, partners, and subgrantees with resources, training, and outreach skills to train and build partnerships with faith leaders.

www.interfaithpartners.org

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#### Resources

For a complete list of OVW grant awards by state, visit OVW's website: <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw/awards</u>

If you have additional questions, contact the OVW Rural Unit at: <u>OVW.Rural@usdoj.gov</u> or call OVW at: 202-307-6026.

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