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## Executive Summary

The Violence Against Women Act, Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, appropriated funding to encourage law enforcement, prosecution and victim services providers to coordinate efforts and develop strategies in response to crimes against women. West Virginia has chosen to foster coordination at the local level by funding proposals submitted by interagency teams (called STOP Teams) composed of, at a minimum, the local domestic violence services provider, the county prosecuting attorney's office, and a local or county law enforcement agency. The proposals outline what each team intends to achieve with the Violence Against Women Act funding to improve the community's ability to protect victims and hold perpetrators accountable. This report contains the results of each team's progress toward their proposed goals.

All teams made significant progress toward achieving their goals, as indicated by completion of objectives, or strategies, under each goal. The evaluator met with each team to help make the objectives more measurable so the team could more easily and regularly assess their own progress. For example, monthly progress reports can now reflect all the team activities for the month by objective, which allows team members to determine more specifically where the team is working together well and where there are barriers. Teams can also indicate where there were spontaneous successes that were not anticipated in the workplan, such as an increase in domestic violence convictions due to improved victim support by the advocates and evidence collection by law enforcement, or development of an interagency team to provide training to professionals in the community. It is recommended that teams continue to receive support and technical assistance in the development and use of measurable goals and objectives to assess their progress.

The number and characteristics of victims served by the STOP Teams was assessed through two data sources and are summarized in the last section of this report. STOP Teams submitted a demographic form for each victim served each month by each agency type. A total of 5,445 demographic forms were submitted. STOP Team members with access to the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV) database were asked to submit information through the database instead of the demographic forms. The WVCADV database indicated that the domestic violence programs made 34,664 contacts with victims and served 18,201 unique victims during the grant year. This section of the report and other federal reporting requirements could not be provided without the team members who submit victim and abuser information and John Brown who maintains the WVCADV database.

Overall, the Violence Against Women Act funding continues to be a valuable resource to communities. The funding promotes interagency communication and cooperation among professionals and supports positions in the community, such as assistant prosecuting attorneys and specialized law enforcement officers, that would not otherwise exist. Protocols have been developed to help keep victims from "falling through the cracks" which often occurs when agencies fail to communicate. A large number of professionals, community members and students have been made aware of the dynamics of violence against women and the resources that are available to help them. The teams have also developed cooperative relationships with local perpetrator intervention programs to improve the communities' ability to hold perpetrators of violence accountable for their actions.

It is anticipated that future evaluations will also assess the strength of interagency relationships at the local level and assess concrete indicators of improved victim safety such as rates of arrest, rates of prosecution, and the number of perpetrators referred by the courts for intervention.

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## Division of Criminal Justice Services

As the state's criminal justice planning agency, the DCJS was designated by the Governor as the state agency responsible for the administration of the STOP Programs in West Virginia. \$ 1,223,145.00 in STOP funds were made available in July of 2000 to fund projects to better respond to violence against women. Funds were awarded to eligible teams based on submission of a grant proposal and review process conducted by the West Virginians Against Violence Committee.

The current members of the committee appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety are listed below.

### **West Virginians Against Violence Committee Members**

**Melissa Crawford**

*WV Supreme Court of Appeals*

**Marla Eddy**

*Family Service of Kanawha Valley, Inc.*

**Tracy Neophytou**

*U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District*

**Gayle Midkiff**

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**Ivin Lee**

*WV Human Rights Commission*

## Grants Awarded and Funds Expended

Twenty-eight STOP Teams, three statewide initiatives, and this evaluation were awarded funds for the Project Year 1999 (July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001). The funds awarded and expended are listed for each grant. The grants are listed by the primary county in which the team was formed. All participating agencies are listed in the Grant Purposes and Progress section.

### Grants Awarded and Funds Expended

Grant Number	STOP Team	Awarded	Expended
99-VAW-001	Randolph County	\$ 66,192.00	\$ 44,109.00
99-VAW-002	Jefferson County	\$ 24,874.00	\$ 24,874.00
99-VAW-003	Monongalia County	\$ 88,285.00	\$ 83,061.00
99-VAW-004	Preston County	\$ 46,191.00	\$ 46,191.00
99-VAW-005	Taylor County	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 568.00
99-VAW-006	Ohio County	\$ 84,483.00	\$ 84,202.00
99-VAW-007	Gilmer County	\$ 38,618.00	\$ 38,278.00
99-VAW-008	Mercer County	\$ 21,825.00	\$ 18,866.00
99-VAW-009	McDowell County	\$ 56,690.00	\$ 56,659.00
99-VAW-010	Upshur County	\$ 40,023.00	\$ 33,155.00
99-VAW-011	Roane County	\$ 22,830.00	\$ 16,028.00
99-VAW-012	Pleasants County	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 14,843.00
99-VAW-013	Calhoun County	\$ 27,241.00	\$ 25,583.00
99-VAW-014	Wood County	\$ 38,150.00	\$ 36,138.00
99-VAW-016	Nicholas County	\$ 25,712.00	\$ 22,819.00
99-VAW-017	Grant County	\$ 20,150.00	\$ 19,234.00
99-VAW-018	Mineral County	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 19,353.00
99-VAW-019	Fayette County	\$ 26,937.00	\$ 26,937.00
99-VAW-020	Raleigh County	\$ 81,835.00	\$ 80,950.00
99-VAW-021	Marshall County	\$ 25,977.00	\$ 25,977.00
99-VAW-023	Summers County	\$ 35,036.00	\$ 31,527.00
99-VAW-024	Monroe County	\$ 19,160.00	\$ 18,499.00
99-VAW-025	Greenbrier County	\$ 54,375.00	\$ 53,708.00
99-VAW-026	Logan County	\$ 37,558.00	\$ 36,438.00
99-VAW-027	Mingo County	\$ 63,468.00	\$ 59,295.00
99-VAW-029	Cabell County	\$ 57,685.00	\$ 56,488.00
99-VAW-030	Putnam County	\$ 26,668.00	\$ 26,668.00
99-VAW-031	City of Charleston	\$ 68,860.00	\$ 67,922.00
Grant Number	State-Wide Initiative	Awarded	Expended
99-VAW-015	WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$ 24,340.00	\$ 24,340.00
99-VAW-022	Division of Criminal Justice Services - CJSAC	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 17,700.00
99-VAW-028	Foundation for Rape Information and Services	\$ 26,442.00	\$ 26,442.00
99VAW-032	WV Prosecuting Attorney's Institute	\$ 11,340.00	\$ 8,046.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 1,223,145</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,898</b>

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## Grant Purposes and Progress

The goals, objectives, and progress of each STOP Team and the statewide initiative are outlined in this section. The grantee and other team members are listed for each STOP Team. These teams developed their goals, objectives, and activities which they proposed to the grant review committee. This year, the evaluator met with each team to help them organize and revise their goals and objectives. This was a first step toward describing their local strategies in a more focused and measurable manner. It is anticipated that future evaluations will assess the impact of those strategies on rates of arrest, rates of prosecution, number of victims served, and other indicators. For this evaluation, progress was assessed during the site visits with the team and through monthly progress reports and is noted after each objective. The evaluator and team also noted highlights of the team's progress and any barriers the team encountered.

### **STOP Program Purpose Areas**

1. Training law enforcement officers and prosecutors to more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women.
2. Developing, training, or expanding units of law enforcement officers and prosecutors specifically targeting violent crimes against women.
3. Developing and implementing more effective police and prosecution policies, protocols, orders, and services specifically devoted to preventing, identifying, and responding to violent crimes against women.
4. Developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems, linking police, prosecutors, and courts or for the purpose of identifying and tracking arrests, protection orders, violations of protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions.
5. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs, developing or improving delivery of victims services to minorities, providing specialized domestic violence court, and increasing reporting and reducing attrition rates for cases involving violent crimes against women.
6. Developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing stalking.
7. Developing or strengthening programs addressing the needs and circumstances of Indian tribes in addressing violent crimes against women.

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**RANDOLPH COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-01**

**Grantee** *Women's Aid in Crisis*  
**Other Team Members** Randolph County Prosecutor's Office  
Randolph County Sheriff's Department  
City of Elkins Police Department

**Goal**

*Support and encourage the interagency coordination of services to effectively provide services to victims of domestic violence and their children.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The Ride-Along Program between law enforcement and Women's Aid in Crisis will be reinstated.

**Completed. Three ride-alongs were accomplished this year, with most of the scheduling bugs now worked out.**

2. An advocate will accompany law enforcement to the residence to support the victim during pick-up of personal belongings when appropriate.

**Completed.**

3. Open monthly meetings of the STOP Team will be held to discuss progress and problems.

**Completed. Meetings were held every month except July, December and May.**

**Goal**

*Improve the quality of services to Randolph County victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The STOP Team members will provide trainings about domestic violence dynamics and resources to the community.

**Completed. Five trainings were conducted with students by law enforcement-advocate teams, involving both city and county law enforcement agencies. Topics included healthy relationships, dating violence and bullying. STOP team members from WAIC provided 11 additional training to community members about the dynamics of domestic violence and how the community can help.**

2. The Prosecutor's Office will increase referrals to WAIC by 10%.

**Not Completed. The team continues to work on relationships with the prosecutor's office. WAIC and the prosecutor's victim advocate exchanged several referrals this year.**

3. Law enforcement officers will decrease response time to the scene of a domestic.

**No Data Available. It was agreed by the team that while this is an admirable objective, there is no way to determine if average response time changes from year to year, and, given the rural nature of the county, it is not a particularly realistic objective.**

4. Law enforcement officers will be able to continue investigating a domestic beyond regular shift hours to assure continuity.

**Completed.**

5. WAIC will provide support groups for victims.

**Completed. Groups were convened at least monthly. Sporadic attendance continues to be a concern.**

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**Goal**

*Improve the quality of services to rural victims of domestic violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. WAIC will distribute literature in outlying communities in locations frequently by residents (e.g., post offices).

**Completed. Over 16,000 flyers, brochures, agency cards, etc. were distributed at stores, post offices, schools, and other locations.**

2. WAIC will participate in rural health fairs to advertise availability of their services.

**Completed. Two health fairs were sponsored by hospitals, where information was provided to children as well as adults. A third fair was in a small community in the southern part of the county where the team rarely has an opportunity to present information.**

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-02**

**Grantee** *Shenandoah Women’s Center, Inc.*  
**Other Team Members** Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office  
West Virginia Legal Services  
Martinsburg Police Department  
Ranson Police Department  
Shepardstown Police Department  
Common Purpose of the Panhandle

**Goal**

*The Ride Along program will be expanded in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties.*

**Objective(s)**

1. SWC will recruit, train, and supervise 30 volunteers participating in this program.  
**Partially Completed. Nine volunteers recruited to date.**
2. SWC will participate in roll calls with the three departments to discuss the program with the officers.  
**Completed.**
3. SWC will coordinate law enforcement training based on needs identified by law enforcement.  
**Completed. Training presented to community (including officers) in March and May.**

**Goal**

*The Berkeley and Jefferson County Domestic Violence Task Forces will be combined to more effectively coordinate efforts to improve services to victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Task Force will meet monthly to discuss team concerns and assess the needs of the victims.  
**Completed. Additionally, a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) meets monthly to improve the community’s response to victims of sexual assault.**
2. Task Force will develop brochures and other resource materials for victims.  
**Completed. Informational brochures about services for victims and the Ride Along program are routinely distributed. An educational video showing what it is like to stay at the shelter was developed in cooperation with Shepherd College.**
3. SWC will coordinate the writing of monthly articles for the local newspaper to increase community awareness of domestic violence/sexual assault.  
**Completed.**
4. SWC and Martinsburg Police Dept. will meet quarterly with the Berkeley County magistrates and prosecutor to share concerns and evaluate the current judicial system.  
**Completed.**
5. SWC will communicate as needed with the two participating Jefferson County law enforcement agencies, the Jefferson County magistrates and prosecutor to share concerns and evaluate the current judicial system.  
**Completed.**

Additionally, the team has developed information and outreach strategies to improve services to the Hispanic population in their communities.

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## MONONGALIA COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-003

### Grantee

*Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center*

### Other Team Members

Monongalia County Prosecutor's Office

Monongalia County Sheriff's Department

Morgantown Police Department

Star City Police Department

Westover Police Department

### Goal

*Improve services to victims of sexual assault who seek medical attention or legal remedies.*

### Objective(s)

1. Expand membership of the STOP team to include Emergency Department physicians/nurses, WVU's Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Specialist, WVU's Public Safety Department, and the Center for Rural Emergency Medicine.

**Completed.**

2. Establish a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) composed of the current STOP team members and the expanded membership in objective 1 who will promote the use of protocol developed by WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services throughout the region.

**Completed. At least six additional volunteers were trained to respond to sexual assault crisis calls from victims. Team is working to improve the referral process with the hospital, so sexual assault victims can see an advocate as soon as they arrive at the hospital, rather than after discharge.**

3. Implement a sexual assault case review system at STOP team meetings so that the appropriate team member can offer services and provide follow-up with victims.

**Completed.**

### Goal

*Provide services to women whose batterers attend ABC classes.*

### Objective(s)

1. Develop a brochure specifically for victims about ABC classes, how abusers can enroll, a summary of source content, and importance of safety planning for the victim.

**Completed.**

2. Involve all STOP team members in offering RDVIC and other services to victims at first and every contact.

**Completed.**

3. Complete a "Victims' Report" with women whose batterers enroll in ABC classes whenever possible.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain on-going contact with victims while abusers complete ABC classes to monitor for reoccurrences of violence.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*Extend services to women whose batterers are charged with domestic battery/assault.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a letter from the STOP team offering services to victims urging them to contact RDVIC for services or information.

**Completed.**

2. Notify victims by letter and/or phone as soon as possible after batterer is arrested or charged.

**Completed**

3. Provide advocacy for victims during court proceedings.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Provide services to women needing assistance with parenting issues related to domestic violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a packet for mothers that provides guidelines for talking with children about domestic violence. This will be a "companion" packet to the children's packet developed in FY 2000.

**Completed.**

2. Distribute "Talking to Children about Domestic Violence" packets through all team members.

**Completed. The Team also creates and distributes "Kid Packs" to all law enforcement officers to share with children who are transported by law enforcement in the course of a domestic call. The packs include a stuffed animal, coloring books, and other items to help the children feel more comfortable.**

3. Develop, print and distribute a brochure for mothers that summarizes guidelines for talking with children about domestic violence. The brochure will offer services and encourage mothers to call RDVIC for further information.

**Not Completed. The brochure will be finalized in October 2001, after staff have completed additional parent education training.**

**Goal**

*Increase services to elderly women who have been or are currently being abused.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Participate in Senior Expo 2000.

**Completed.**

2. Provide a bulletin board for at least one Senior Center focusing on domestic violence and the elderly.

**Completed.**

3. Speak for a minimum of six senior groups regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Completed.**

4. Develop and distribute handouts geared to older women.

**Completed. Distribution of brochures through Meals-on-Wheels, social service agencies, hospitals, senior centers, community groups.**

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**Goal**

*Continue enhanced services to previously underserved victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Participate in Ride Alongs with law enforcement agencies in Monongalia County.

**Completed.**

2. Provide Courtwatch with combined efforts of RDVIC staff and volunteers.

**Completed. Courtwatch is more manageable in Monongalia County than in Preston or Taylor Counties because the pro bono program allows for all domestic violence petitions to be heard on two afternoons a week rather than randomly scheduled.**

3. Provide Special Groups Training to social service agencies in Monongalia County, including Council of Social Agencies and Monongalia County Family Resource Network.

**Completed. Also provided three hours of training to WVU School of Nursing students.**

**Goal**

*Provide Abusive Behavior is Criminal classes to batterers as a prevention/education method.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Provide weekly ABC classes.

**Completed. Course facilitators have received training in both the Duluth and EMERGE models of perpetrator intervention.**

2. Provide feedback to the court system and victim as requested.

**Completed.**

3. Report to Magistrates and Circuit Court judges on status of the ABD project on a quarterly basis specifying the number of participants and changes in project policies.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Increase educational/awareness opportunities for team members.*

**Examples of accomplishments:**

- RDVIC staff regularly attend advocate training.
- Trooper Lynch attended training in the Duluth model of perpetrator intervention and is certified to offer the training to others.
- Elder abuse presentation was made at a Team meeting.
- “Rural Response to Domestic Violence” training presented to 41 law enforcement officers and advocates in June.

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**PRESTON COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-004**

**Grantee** *Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center*  
**Other Team Members** Preston County Prosecutor's Office  
Preston County Sheriff's Department  
Kingwood City Police Department

**Goal**

*Improve services to victims of sexual assault who seek medical attention or legal remedies.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Expand membership of the STOP team to include Emergency Department physicians/nurses, WVU's Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Specialist, WVU's Public Safety Department, and the Center for Rural Emergency Medicine.

**Completed.**

2. Establish a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) composed of the current STOP team members and the expanded membership in objective 1 who will promote the use of protocol developed by WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services throughout the region.

**Completed.**

3. Implement a sexual assault case review system at STOP team meetings so that the appropriate team member can offer services and provide follow-up with victims.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Provide services to women whose batterers attend ABC classes.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a brochure specifically for victims about ABC classes, how abusers can enroll, a summary of source content, and importance of safety planning for the victim.

**Completed.**

2. Involve all STOP team members in offering RDVIC and other services to victims at first and every contact.

**Completed.**

3. Complete a "Victims' Report" with women whose batterers enroll in ABC classes whenever possible.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain on-going contact with victims while abusers complete ABC classes to monitor for reoccurrences of violence.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*Extend services to women whose batterers are charged with domestic battery/assault.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a letter from the STOP team offering services to victims urging them to contact RDVIC for services or information.

**Completed.**

2. Notify victims by letter and/or phone as soon as possible after batterer is arrested or charged.

**Completed**

3. Provide advocacy for victims during court proceedings.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Provide services to women needing assistance with parenting issues related to domestic violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a packet for mothers that provides guidelines for talking with children about domestic violence. This will be a "companion" packet to the children's packet developed in FY 2000.

**Completed.**

2. Distribute "Talking to Children about Domestic Violence" packets through all team members.

**Completed. The Team also creates and distributes "Kid Packs" to all law enforcement officers to share with children who are transported by law enforcement in the course of a domestic call. The packs include a stuffed animal, coloring books, and other items to help the children feel more comfortable.**

3. Develop, print and distribute a brochure for mothers that summarizes guidelines for talking with children about domestic violence. The brochure will offer services and encourage mothers to call RDVIC for further information.

**Not Completed. The brochure will be finalized in October 2001, after staff have completed additional parent education training.**

**Goal**

*Increase services to elderly women who have been or are currently being abused.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Participate in Senior Expo 2000

**Completed.**

2. Provide a bulletin board for at least one Senior Center focusing on domestic violence and the elderly.

**Completed.**

3. Speak for a minimum of six senior groups regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Completed.**

4. Develop and distribute handouts geared to older women.

**Completed. Preston County advocates have provided counseling for elderly victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault.**

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**Goal**

*Continue enhanced services to previously underserved victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Participate in Ride Alongs with law enforcement agencies in Preston County.

**Completed.**

2. Provide Courtwatch with combined efforts of RDVIC staff and volunteers.

**Completed.**

3. Provide Special Groups Training to social service agencies in Preston County, including the Preston County Caring Council Family Resource Network.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Provide Abusive Behavior is Criminal classes to batterers as a prevention/education method.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Provide weekly ABC classes.

**Completed. Classes are available in Monongalia County.**

2. Provide feedback to the court system and victim as requested.

**Completed.**

3. Report to Magistrates and Circuit Court judges on status of the ABC project on a quarterly basis specifying the number of participants and changes in project policies.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Increase educational/awareness opportunities for team members.*

**Examples include:**

- Advocate attended law enforcement Instructor Development course and is now a certified to train law enforcement officers about domestic violence.
- Training was provided to 911 telecommunications
- Advocate attended Facilitation Skills training, Apple Seed parent education training, and training about the new Family Court System.

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**TAYLOR COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-005**

**Grantee** *Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center*  
**Other Team Members** Taylor County Prosecutor's Office  
Taylor County Sheriff's Department  
Grafton City Police Department

**Goal**

*Improve services to victims of sexual assault who seek medical attention or legal remedies.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Expand membership of the STOP team to include Emergency Department physicians/nurses, WVU's Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Specialist, WVU's Public Safety Department, and the Center for Rural Emergency Medicine.

**Completed.**

2. Establish a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) composed of the current STOP team members and the expanded membership in objective 1 who will promote the use of protocol developed by WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services throughout the region.

**Completed.**

3. Implement a sexual assault case review system at STOP team meetings so that the appropriate team member can offer services and provide follow-up with victims.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Provide services to women whose batterers attend ABC classes.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a brochure specifically for victims about ABC classes, how abusers can enroll, a summary of source content, and importance of safety planning for the victim.

**Completed.**

2. Involve all STOP team members in offering RDVIC and other services to victims at first and every contact.

**Completed.**

3. Complete a "Victims' Report" with women whose batterers enroll in ABC classes whenever possible.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain on-going contact with victims while abusers complete ABC classes to monitor for reoccurrences of violence.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*Extend services to women whose batterers are charged with domestic battery/assault.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a letter from the STOP team offering services to victims urging them to contact RDVIC for services or information.

**Completed.**

2. Notify victims by letter and/or phone as soon as possible after batterer is arrested or charged.

**Completed**

3. Provide advocacy for victims during court proceedings.

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**Goal**

*Provide services to women needing assistance with parenting issues related to domestic violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a packet for mothers that provides guidelines for talking with children about domestic violence. This will be a “companion” packet to the children’s packet developed in FY 2000.

**Completed.**

2. Distribute “Talking to Children about Domestic Violence” packets through all team members.

**Completed.**

3. Develop, print and distribute a brochure for mothers that summarizes guidelines for talking with children about domestic violence. The brochure will offer services and encourage mothers to call RDVIC for further information.

**Not Completed. (See Monongalia and Preston County reports.)**

**Goal**

*Increase services to elderly women who have been or are currently being abused.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Participate in Senior Expo 2000

**Completed.**

2. Provide a bulletin board for at least one Senior Center focusing on domestic violence and the elderly.

**Completed.**

3. Speak for a minimum of six senior groups regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Completed.**

4. Develop and distribute handouts geared to older women.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*Continue enhanced services to previously underserved victims.*

**Objectives**

1. Participate in Ride Alongs with law enforcement agencies in Taylor County.

**Not Completed.**

2. Provide Courtwatch with combined efforts of RDVIC staff and volunteers.

**Completed.**

3. Provide Special Groups Training to social service agencies in Taylor County, including the Taylor County Family Resource Network.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Provide Abusive Behavior is Criminal classes to batterers as a prevention/education method.*

**Objectives**

1. Provide weekly ABC classes.

**Completed. Classes offered in Morgantown.**

2. Provide feedback to the court system and victim as requested.

**Completed.**

3. Report to Magistrates and Circuit Court judges on status of the ABC project on a quarterly basis specifying the number of participants and changes in project policies.

**Completed.**

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## OHIO COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-006

### Grantee

*Ohio County Commission*

### Other Team Members

Ohio County Sheriff's Department

Wheeling Police Department

Ohio County Prosecutor's Office

YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program

Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center

U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District

### Goal

*Provide comprehensive support and advocacy services to domestic violence victims in Ohio County.*

### Objective(s)

1. Maintain the position of Victim Advocate with the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program.

**Completed.**

2. The Advocate will participate in staff development trainings and receive supervision by the FVPP Program Director.

**Completed.**

3. The Advocate will implement follow-up protocol on all domestic violence cases involved in the criminal justice system.

**Completed.**

4. The Advocate will meet with and offer assistance to all domestic violence victims involved in the criminal justice system. "Involvement" begins at the point a victim is issued a final protective order

**Completed.**

5. The Advocate will be present at the Ohio County Magistrate's office upon referral from the Magistrate Clerk to link with and offer information and assistance to victims filing domestic violence petitions.

**Completed.**

### Goal

*Continue to increase the conviction rate of perpetrators of crimes against women.*

### Objective(s)

1. Maintain the position of a part-time special assistant prosecuting attorney.

**Completed.** In addition to regular court-related responsibilities, the prosecutor's office

a) keeps an overall database of the names of all offenders charged with domestic violence or any other crime in Ohio County, disposition of the case, number of domestic violence incident reports, updated list of the number of domestic violence incident reports filed in Ohio County;

b) keeps a database of all domestic violence offenders on probation, terms of the probation, date entered, ending date of probation, and any suspended sentence held over on that matter; and

c) tracks attendance of all domestic violence offenders sentenced to attend C.O.P.E.

2. Maintain the position of compliance officer through the Ohio County Sheriff's Dept.

**Completed.**

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3. All police reports involving female victims will be given to the advocate and compliance officer on a daily basis to allow them to contact victims.

**Completed.**

4. A list of persons on probation for crimes involving female victims will be distributed to the advocate and compliance officer each week.

**Completed.**

5. The compliance officer will maintain daily contact with the Magistrates to locate protective orders filed with or without a police report.

**Completed.**

### **Goal**

*Continue a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to serving victims of domestic violence.*

### **Objective(s)**

1. The assistant prosecutor will convene monthly meetings with the Ohio County Sheriff's Dept., the YWCA FVPP, the Sexual Assault Help Center, the US District Attorney's Office, Wheeling Police Dept., and all Ohio County Police Departments.

**Completed. With the assistant prosecutor's leadership, this team has developed an effective protocol for collecting and sharing information that members have identified as useful to their coordination process.**

2. The compliance officer and a therapist contracted through the YWCA FVPP will co-facilitate C.O.P.E., the local perpetrator intervention program.

**Completed. Co-facilitator attended EMERGE training this year. Involvement of compliance officer in perpetrator intervention program strengthens communication between program, law enforcement and prosecutor's office, particularly with respect to revocation of probation. There is informal data to indicate that the C.O.P.E program is more successful for offenders ordered to attend for the entire 40 week program rather than attending for just 16 weeks. Additionally, the compliance officer and the advocate both note that there is an increase in referrals to the C.O.P.E. perpetrator intervention program when they are in court on a daily basis.**

Additionally, the successful prosecution of a murder suspect triggered a spirit of cooperation and support among agencies during the investigation and trial, and heightened the community's sensitivity to domestic violence.

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**GILMER COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-07**

**Grantee** *Task Force on Domestic Violence, "HOPE," Inc.*  
**Other Team Members** Gilmer County Sheriff's Department  
Gilmer County Prosecutor's Office  
Glenville Police Department

**Goal**

*Maintain the multidisciplinary STOP Team to serve female victims of violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The Team will consist of the Gilmer County Prosecutor, the Gilmer County Sheriff, Glenville Chief of Police, and the Case Manager of Hope, Inc.

**Completed.**

2. The Team will meet quarterly.

**Completed. The team members are in frequent contact in the community, as well as during formal team meetings, and have developed a good working relationship.**

**Goal**

*Improve law enforcement response to female victims of violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Provide 8 hours/week of additional personnel time for the Gilmer County Sheriff's Dept. and the Glenville City Police, beginning July 1, 2000.

**Completed.**

2. Provide Gilmer County Sheriff's Dept. with cellular phone service for communication and safety in responding to crimes against women by July 1, 2000.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Maintain the position of case manager to provide crisis intervention, supportive counseling, advocacy, and to her essential support services to female victims of violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The advocate will provide direct services to 50 victims and their families.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*Improve court-related services to female victims of violent crimes.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Provide the prosecutor with two student interns to assist with the research and documentation necessary for court preparation for female victims.

**Completed.**

2. Provide the prosecutor with two student interns to keep victims apprised of court proceedings and legal rights.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Improve the response to and investigation of sexual assault crimes in Gilmer County.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Provided a training on Sexual Assault and Abuse and Neglect of Women and Children by May 31, 2001.

**Training was not funded, however the STOP Team developed a Sexual Assault Response Team.**

**Goal**

*Increase public awareness of the complex issues related to crimes against women, victims' rights and victims' services.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Develop a 12-month plan for domestic violence and sexual assault awareness by September 30, 2000.

**Completed.**

2. Provide a minimum of twelve community education programs to community organizations and school groups to increase awareness of crimes of violence against women.

**Completed. Examples of presentations include: Presentation at the Teen Institute about dating violence; presentation to Glenville Presbyterian Church about services offered by HOPE, Inc.**

Additionally, the new prosecutor was able to return a 113-count indictment against a couple for child abuse.

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**MERCER COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-008**

**Grantee** *STOP Abusive Family Environments, Inc.*  
**Other Team Members** Princeton Police Department  
Bluefield Police Department  
Mercer County Prosecutor's Office

**Goal**

*Expand existing services to female crime victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Increase the number of clients served by the SAFE advocate to at least 100 during the period of July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001.

**Completed.**

2. The STOP Project Director and the victim advocate will conduct pre-trial interviews with at least 60 clients from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

**Not Completed. Staff changes interfered with meeting this goal, but no problems are foreseen for next year.**

3. Law enforcement will provide better documentation of injuries and verbal statements of the victim to be used in criminal hearings.

**Partially Completed. Improvement regarding injuries and mailing addresses significantly improved in past month.**

**Goal**

*Increase coordination of services.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Hold monthly STOP Team meetings involving STOP Project Director, Law Enforcement representatives, and Victim's Advocate for the purpose of discussing specific policies, protocols, and procedures which should be initiated, and to discuss ways to improve existing services and safety for victims.

**Completed.**

2. Develop and maintain a comprehensive database related to crimes of violence against women linking all team members.

**Not Completed.**

**Goal**

*Increase awareness and training for emergency services.*

**Objective(s)**

1. STOP Team director and advocate will plan and implement training for law enforcement officers about effective intervention with victims of domestic violence, the cycle of violence, collection of evidence, and current laws involving domestic violence/sexual assault/stalking.

**Not Completed at request of Mercer County Sheriff. He requested that all training be postponed until after July 1, 2001 since maximum requirements have been met. Training is scheduled for October 2001.**

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2. STOP Team director and advocate will plan and implement training for 911 and emergency services about effective intervention with victims of domestic violence, the cycle of violence, and policies and procedures for contacting law enforcement agencies.

**Not Completed. Training postponed until Fall 2001.**

3. STOP Team director and advocate will plan and implement training for local health care professionals about effective intervention with victims of domestic violence and appropriate referrals for female crime victims, especially sexual assault victims.

**Not Completed. Training is in the planning stages.**

4. STOP Team director and advocate will plan and implement training for the Mercer County Prosecuting Attorney's staff about the cycle of violence and effective ways to prosecute cases where the victim is female and may be a reluctant witness.

**Not Completed. Training postponed until Fall 2001.**

A domestic violence-related murder has triggered renewed interest in the issue this year.

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**McDOWELL COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-009**

**Grantee** *McDowell County Commission*  
**Other Team Members** McDowell County Prosecutor's Office  
McDowell County Sheriff's Department  
West Virginia State Police  
Stop Abusive Family Environments, Inc. (SAFE)

**Goal**

*The victim service agencies and justice system agencies will intervene in domestic violence cases at the earliest possible occurrence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Maintain the position of Victim Services Advocate to conduct safety checks and assist victims with domestic violence petitions and criminal hearings.

**Completed.**

2. Maintain the position of Victim Services Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the Team, attend hearings in Magistrate Court, monitor hearings, inform victims of available services, and develop and present educational programs/presentations.

**Completed.**

3. The Victim Services Coordinator will arrange for contact with victims who present to law enforcement or magistrate court within ten days of the court hearing.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain employment of the Sheriff's Deputy to respond to domestic violence complaints and provide home safety checks.

**Completed.**

5. Provide law enforcement personnel with a history of offenders' prior convictions.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Increase the coordinated community response to victims of violent crimes.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The domestic violence multidisciplinary team (DVMDT), composed of the McDowell County Sheriff's Department, SAFE, Inc., the McDowell County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, West Virginia State Police, Welch Community Hospital, Southern Highlands, WV Department of Health and Human Resources, and Children's Home Society, will meet regularly to plan and implement a coordinated community response to victims of domestic violence.

**Completed. In addition, the Prosecutor's Office has spearheaded an effort to develop a Child Advocacy Center that will coordinate and improve the system's response to child victims of sexual abuse and assault.**

2. The medical community will attend more meetings of the DVMDT in 2001 than in 2000 and will be involved in the development of at least one project or educational presentation.

**Partially Completed. Hospital staff are attending child abuse multidisciplinary treatment team meetings.**

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3. The DVMDT will develop protocols for diagnosing and treating sexual assault and domestic violence victims at local hospitals and clinics.

**Partially Completed. Protocols have been adopted and are awaiting implementation.**

4. The Victim Services Coordinator will maintain and update the existing database of domestic violence and sexual assault cases and share data with Team members.

**Completed.**

5. The DVMDT will develop a plan for a Children's Advocacy Center in McDowell County.

**Partially Completed. Planning meetings are taking place.**

### **Goal**

*Increase public awareness of the dynamics of domestic violence and available resources, with an emphasis on early intervention.*

### **Objective(s)**

1. The DVMDT will provide educational presentations in schools to educate youth about domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault.

**Completed.**

2. The DVMDT will provide training to county law enforcement officers to assist officers in providing information to victims.

**Not Completed. Training scheduled for July 2001.**

3. The DVMDT will increase the number of presentations to inform the public about the dynamics of domestic violence and of the Team's services.

**Not completed.**

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**UPSHUR COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-010**

**Grantee** *Upshur County Commission*  
**Other Team Members** Upshur County Prosecutor's Office  
Upshur County Sheriff's Department  
City of Buckhannon Police Department  
Women's Aid in Crisis

**Goal**

*Domestic violence and sexual assault cases will be effectively prosecuted.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The conviction rate of domestic violence and sexual assault cases will be increased.

**Completed. The prosecutor's office maintains a "no drop" policy regarding domestic crimes, and has been successful in prosecuting almost every case that comes to the office's attention.**

2. All convicted offenders will receive jail time and at least one year of supervised or unsupervised probation with counseling.

**Completed. Offenders are also referred to the licensed Perpetrator Intervention Program operated by United Summit Center.**

3. Create a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to strengthen the criminal investigation process

**Partially Completed. Several team members attended statewide SART training, and the local hospital has made a commitment to be involved.**

**Goal**

*Cases will move quickly through the court system to avoid victims changing their wants and desired outcomes of the case.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The Victim Advocate will schedule appointments with victims immediately upon complaint being filed and prosecution being notified.

**Completed.**

2. Duration of time from incident date to final adjudication will be reduced.

**In Process. Data are being collected.**

3. The Assistant Prosecutor will study the extent to which continuances are unnecessary.

**Completed. Data are now available to indicate extent to which continuances were used. Team is addressing the issue with magistrates and defense attorneys.**

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**Goal**

*Domestic violence and sexual assault cases will be thoroughly and effectively investigated by Upshur County law enforcement agencies.*

**Objective(s)**

1. City of Buckhannon Police Department and Upshur County Sheriff's Department will provide additional hours to officers responding to violence against women.

**Completed.**

2. City of Buckhannon Police Department and Upshur County Sheriff's Department will provide officers to document crimes.

**Completed.**

3. Provide the domestic violence/sexual assault protocol manual and training to all law enforcement officers in Upshur County

**Not Completed. There has been a personnel change in the prosecutor's office and training has been postponed until the new assistant prosecutor becomes acclimated.**

**Goal**

*Provide support to all victims of violence against women.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Maintain Victims Services Advocate position through Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

**Completed.**

2. Maintain Outreach Coordinator through Women's Aid in Crisis.

**Completed.**

3. Maintain part-time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney position.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain regular monthly participation in STOP Team meetings of Upshur County Sheriff's department and Buckhannon Police Department.

**Completed.**

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**ROANE COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-011**

**Grantee**                      *Family Crisis Intervention Center*  
**Other Team Members**      Roane County Prosecutor's Office  
   Roane County Sheriff's Department

**Goal**

*Maintain an outreach coordinator to provide domestic violence services, including: legal advocacy, peer support counseling and community awareness.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The outreach coordinator will participate in trainings and supervision to maintain her skills.

**Completed.**

2. The outreach coordinator will develop a consistent support group for victims of domestic violence.

**Partially Completed. Fifteen people have indicated interest in the support group, which is scheduled to hold its first meeting in July 2001.**

3. The outreach coordinator will distribute information about domestic violence and community resources to outlying towns within the county.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Increase public awareness of the dynamics of domestic violence and available resources.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The advocate will develop educational materials specific to Roane County for distribution to victims, schools, law enforcement, and other interested persons/groups.

**Completed. Educational materials are available through DHHR, Westbrook Behavioral Health Center, elementary schools, high schools, various health fairs, Summer Fest, etc.**

2. The advocate will provide public awareness programs to churches, civic groups and other organizations requesting information.

**Completed. Advocate regularly attends FRN and PATCH meetings to keep people informed about domestic violence resources.**

3. The advocate will present conflict resolution program and the curriculum developed by the Dept. of Education Partnership project to educate students about domestic violence.

**Partially Completed. The Department of Education curriculum is not ready for presentation, however, the advocate has presented information to all school staff regarding domestic violence.**

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**PLEASANTS COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-012**

**Grantee** *Family Crisis Intervention Center*  
**Other Team Members** Pleasants County Prosecutor's Office  
Pleasants County Sheriff's Department

**Goal**

*Victims of domestic violence will have greater access to advocacy and other victim services.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Family Law Masters will allow advocates to attend court proceedings to assist victims of abuse who are going through divorce actions.

**Completed.**

2. Fifty additional victims who live in rural sections of Pleasants Co. will receive services of an advocate. (Rural is defined as outside St. Mary's city limits.)

**Partially Completed. Overall referrals of domestic violence are down, compared with last year.**

3. Guidelines and protocols will be developed for the family visitation center.

**Completed. The Visitation Center is open and regularly received clients referred by the magistrates and the Family Law Master. The good working relationship between the magistrates and the Visitation Center staff has resulted in the magistrate delegating authority for carrying out the court's orders to the staff, which reduces time families must spend in court amending orders.**

**Goal**

*Services for underserved populations, such as the elderly, rural residents and teens who live in violent families, will be addressed.*

**Objective(s)**

1. A program will be developed, in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept., to address family violence, dating violence and its connection to cults and teen suicide.

**Partially Completed. Meetings have been held with Board of Education and a presentation planned for Fall 2001.**

2. Public awareness materials will be distributed to improve outreach to the rural parts of the county.

**Completed.**

3. A program will be developed for elderly victims of domestic violence.

**Not Completed, due to reorganization of the structure of the local senior services program.**

The working relationship among the domestic violence advocate, Prosecutor's Office and the law enforcement agencies can be evidenced by the joint development of an information packet for jurors in domestic-related criminal trials, and the successful resolution (conviction) to a trial where the perpetrator was charged with Sexual Assault of a Spouse and Sexual Assault by a Guardian.

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**CALHOUN COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-013**

**Grantee**

*Family Crisis Intervention Center*

**Other Team Members**

Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office

Calhoun County Sheriff's Department

**Goal**

*Calhoun County will maintain an outreach victim service advocate program to provide legal advocacy, group and individual peer support, and community education.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Advocate will receive training in computer skills, "training of trainers" at State Police Academy, and will attend regular advocate trainings provided by WVCADV.

**Partially Completed. The Academy training was full. Will be done at a later date.**

2. Public awareness and education will be provided to 20 groups upon request.

**Completed. Presentations have been made, for example, to the Calhoun/Gilmer Career Center, WVU-Parkersburg, and for Calhoun County Senior Services. In addition, the team is now offering parenting classes and "Eat Smart Be Smart" classes.**

3. Advocate will respond to domestic violence calls on-scene to better enable the advocacy process.

**Completed. (Met through the Ride-Along program).**

**Goal**

*Calhoun County organizations will cooperate to serve domestic violence victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. DHHR will refer 10 clients to FCIC Outreach Program.

**Completed.**

2. Minnie Hamilton Health Care will identify and refer 10 patients to the FCIC Outreach Program.

**Completed.**

3. The Family Resource Network will contribute personal supplies for domestic violence victims.

**Completed.**

4. Advocate and law enforcement personnel will initiate a "ride along" program to create a better understanding of each professional's responsibilities and to allow the advocate to further acquaint herself with rural roads in Calhoun County.

**Completed. The team also arranged for each patrol car to have stuffed bears to give the children with whom they come into contact.**

5. Calhoun County Magistrates will conduct hearings in the West Fork community each week at the Minnora Community Center.

**Completed. There is also a part-time advocate in the West Fork area 20 hours a week to assist victims, effectively creating two outreach offices in this large county.**

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**Goal**

*Underserved populations will be identified and a plan developed to serve them.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The FCIC advocate, the Commission on Aging, DHHR, and Minnie Hamilton Primary Health Care Center will develop an action plan, using the materials from the “Rural Road” conference.

**Completed**

Additionally, clients who cannot afford an attorney now have the benefit of an attorney who comes to the domestic violence outreach office once a week to answer legal questions and look over *pro se* divorce packets.

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**WOOD COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-014**

<b>Grantee</b>	<i>Wood County Commission</i>
<b>Other Team Members</b>	Wood County Prosecutor's Office Family Crisis Intervention Center of Region V, Inc. S.A.F.E. Team (Silence Affects Families Everywhere) Wood County Sheriff's Department Parkersburg Police Department Vienna Police Department

**Goal**

*By the end of the grant year, the S.A.F.E. Team will have increased public and professional awareness and the availability of information concerning domestic violence and victimization in Wood County.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The Education Committee will develop programs and secure appropriate speakers.

**Completed. Examples include: Debbie Bonasso (Date Rape); Anne Menard (Ending Violence Against Women – A National Agenda); training for Emergency Room nurses at Camden Clark Hospital.**

2. The media (billboards, newspapers, radio) will be used to announce events and distribute public awareness information.

**Completed. Strategies include billboards, websites, magazine and newspaper articles, and radio spots.**

3. Brochures and other public awareness materials will be distributed to victims, the general public and service delivery agencies.

**Completed. Examples include: "Hands Are Not For Hitting" presented to Wood County students; SAFE displays at various community health fairs.**

**Goal**

*Law enforcement officers will be more available for court appearances and security at the Domestic Violence Court.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Overtime funds will be provided to the Wood County Sheriff's Dept., the Parkersburg Police Dept. and the Vienna Police Dept. to permit officers to attend court hearings.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Victims of domestic violence will have better understanding of their legal rights and options available to them.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The Domestic Violence Prosecuting Attorney will note a 3% increase in the number of domestic violence guilty pleas and guilty trial verdicts compared to the time period of 7/1/00 – 6/30/00.

**Partially Completed. Annual statistics from FY 2000 and FY 2001 indicate: 39% of cases were classified as "set for trial" as opposed to 31% last year. While the outcome of these cases is not available, it suggests that the system is improving its ability to take cases to court, through better evidence collection, victims deciding to testify, etc. Dismissals decreased from 23% in FY 2000 to 13% in FY 2001. "Not guilty" verdicts decreased from 4% in FY 2000 to 1% in FY 2001.**

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**NICHOLAS COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-016**

**Grantee** *Women's Resource Center*  
**Other Team Members** Nicholas County Circuit Court and Magistrate Court  
Nicholas County Sheriff's Department  
Nicholas County Prosecutor's Office  
HOPE, Inc. Outreach Office

**Goal**

*Continue the availability of a victim advocate for any women who become a victim of violent crime in Nicholas County.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Maintain 24 hour/ 7 day a week availability of victim advocates/outreach workers by continued funding through the VAWA program.

**Completed. In addition to regular outreach, advocacy and support for victims, the advocates are facilitating a peer support group and a workshop to build "survival skills" for women.**

2. Provide for training of the advocate to improve service delivery skills and continuing education in the problems and remedies of assisting women victims of crime.

**Completed. Example: attended Victim Advocate training sponsored by the Office of the U.S. Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program.**

3. Make information available through the filing of reports to the state coalition that will provide demographic information regarding victims served.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Improve the ability of Nicholas County deputies to investigate and document crimes perpetrated against women in Nicholas County.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Purchase film for use in documenting victims' injuries and crime scenes for the Polaroid Spectra cameras purchased in previous awards.

**Completed. Numbers are not available at this time, but team members feel the photographs have increased the prosecutor's ability to take cases to court.**

2. Purchase a Blue Lightning Forensic Light for the use of Deputies in detecting the presence of seminal fluid and blood stains in the investigation of violent crimes where women have been raped or beaten.

**Completed. Numbers are not available at this time, but team members feel this additional evidence has increased the prosecutor's ability to take cases to court.**

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**Goal**

*Provide for the availability of trained law enforcement officers to respond and investigate violence crimes against women.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Assist the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department with the cost of overtime hours generated by the investigation and court appearances necessary to prosecute perpetrators of crimes against women.

**Completed.**

On September 27, 2000, the Nicholas County STOP Team received a U.S. Department of Justice Award for Public Service for "invaluable service and assistance to victims and witnesses of crime, and for representing the criminal justice system in a just and caring way, while maintaining the highest standards of American law enforcement." The team was recognized for, among other accomplishments:

- development of a protocol specifying the function of each discipline on the team when responding to a domestic incident;
- the Prosecutor's "no drop" policy on criminal cases until all parties can come together to discuss the best outcome for a case; and
- the Sheriff's Department's "zero tolerance" policy when responding to domestic violence calls.

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**GRANT COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-017**

**Grantee** *Family Crisis Center, Inc.*  
**Other Team Members** Grant County Prosecutor's Office  
Grant County Sheriff's Department

**Goal**

*Continue to encourage victims of domestic violence in initiating and following through with legal procedures through the Family Crisis Center.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Continue the position of Legal Advocate in Grant County.

**Completed.**

2. Purchase and utilize equipment that will provide better communication between the Legal Advocate and the main office, and will provide the Legal Advocate a means of reaching help in an emergency situation.

**Completed. Cell phones and pagers purchased.**

3. Determine the needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the community as a method to determine gaps in services.

**Not Completed. Team plans to compile responses from FCC "end of service" interviews with victims and collect responses from DHHR family assessments.**

4. Increase the number of protective orders filed in Grant County by 15%.

**Completed. Twelve protective orders were filed in FY 2000 and twenty were filed in FY 2001.**

**Goal**

*Abusers will be held accountable for their actions.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Work in conjunction with the Prosecuting Attorney for training law enforcement officers in reference to domestic violence.

**Completed. Advocate provided training about domestic violence dynamics and available resources to law enforcement officers, 911 telecommunicators, nurses, attorneys.**

**Goal**

*Grant County will maintain a coordinated community response.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Plan and conduct regular meetings of the team participants, including Family Crisis Center, Grant County Sheriff's Dept., Grant County Prosecutor's Office, other law enforcement agencies, other service providers, interested persons.

**Completed. Nine meetings were held.**

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2. Distribute informational material to service providers on coordinated community response and the recourse available to battered victims through the judicial system.

**Completed. Awareness activities include: weekly ad in local newspaper; radio public service announcements; brochures placed in local businesses, service agencies, law enforcement offices, and the court house; displays at tri-county fair.**

3. Establish a Sexual Assault Response Team.

**Partially Completed. The advocate has attended meetings and training about Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE); SART training has been provided to law enforcement, nurses and other service providers; Director of Nursing at Grant Memorial Hospital is helping develop a team for the hospital and has referred sexual assault victims to the domestic violence outreach staff.**

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**MINERAL COUNTY STOP TEAM  
99-VAW-018**

**Grantee** *Family Crisis Center, Inc.*  
**Other Team Member** Mineral County Sheriff's Department  
Mineral County Prosecutor's Office

**Goal**

*Continue to encourage victims of domestic violence in initiating and following through with legal procedures through the Family Crisis Center.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Continue the position of Legal Advocate in Mineral County.

**Completed.**

2. Purchase and utilize equipment that will provide better communication between the Legal Advocate and the main office, and will provide the Legal Advocate a means of reaching help in an emergency situation.

**Completed. Cell phones and pagers were purchased.**

3. Determine the needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the community as a method to determine gaps in services.

**Completed. The Task Force summarized responses from Family Crisis Center "end of service" interviews with clients and collect responses from DHHR family assessments.**

4. Increase the number of protective orders filed in Mineral County by 25%.

**Not Completed. There were over 70 protective orders filed in FY 2000 (no data available for July 2000) and 57 orders filed in FY 2001.**

5. Increase the number of victims who follow through with protective orders filed in Mineral County by 25%.

**No Data Available. It was agreed by the team that while this is an admirable objective, the time and effort required to gather this information outweigh the value of collecting it.**

**Goal**

*Abusers will be held accountable for their actions.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Work in conjunction with the Prosecuting Attorney for training law enforcement officers in reference to domestic violence.

**Not Completed. The team is working to strengthen the relationship with the prosecuting attorney.**

2. Initiate a Perpetrator Intervention Program in Mineral County.

**Completed. A Perpetrator Intervention Program has been meeting since April 2001.**

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**Goal**

*Mineral County will maintain a coordinated community response.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Plan and conduct regular meetings of the team participants, including Family Crisis Center, Mineral County Sheriff's Dept., Mineral County Prosecutor's Office, other law enforcement agencies, other service providers, interested persons.

**Completed. Nine Task Force meetings were convened.**

2. Distribute informational material to service providers on coordinated community response and the recourse available to battered victims through the judicial system.

**Completed. Billboards ("Hug, Don't Slug! There's No Excuse for Domestic Violence" with FCC's contact number) have been erected in various parts of the county.**

3. Establish a Sexual Assault Response Team.

**Completed (almost!) First meeting will be held in early July 2001. The team has enjoyed a cooperative relationship with Potomac College and Potomac Valley Hospital.**

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**FAYETTE COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-019**

**Grantee** *Women's Resource Center*  
**Other Team Members** Fayette County Sheriff's Department  
Fayette County Emergency Services  
Fayette County Prosecutor's Office  
New River Health Association  
Montgomery General Hospital

**Goal**

*Expand victim advocacy services at the new outreach office.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Continue funding for victim advocate position.

**Completed.**

2. The advocate will offer a weekly support group for victims and their children.

**Not Completed. The support group was not funded in the VAWA grant. The community is continuing to try to address barriers of transportation, child care, etc.**

3. Continue funding for Outreach Office space

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*Increase the number of domestic violence prosecutions that do not rely on victim testimony/cooperation.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Fayette County 911 Center will purchase a digital analog recording system for the 911 Center

**Not completed (not funded).**

2. Continue to enter domestic violence data into the CRISNET system to allow law enforcement officers instant access to information about DVPs and histories of reported domestic violence incidents.

**Partially Completed. Data is still being entered into the CRISNET system and is up to date. At this time the system is not integrated with the 911 center to allow officers instant access.**

Additionally, the team has expanded its active membership to include DHHR, the Family Law Master Office's case coordinator and Appalachian Legal Services.

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## RALEIGH COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-020

**Grantee** *Women's Resource Center*  
**Other Team Members** Beckley Police Department  
Raleigh County Prosecutor's Office

### Goal

*Train professionals working with victims of domestic violence and educate the community at large on the problems associated with violence against women and the services available.*

### Objective(s)

1. Coordinate training with agencies in Raleigh County through the RCDVCRT and the WRC.

**Completed.** WRC staff completed a variety of community education projects with professionals from DHHR, Raleigh County Board of Education, Hidden Valley nursing home, Extend-A-Care Home Health, Raleigh General Hospital along with several others.

2. Offer programs in Junior and Senior high schools on teen dating violence and prevention.

**Completed.** Staff presented at all five Raleigh County high schools and in four junior high schools.

3. WRC and RCDVCRT members will offer community presentations on domestic violence issues.

**Completed.** Staff have participated in community education and awareness projects at family expos, women's expos, church groups, civic groups and others. Additionally, the Team has developed an interagency training for law enforcement officers that will be presented by a "triad training team" composed of the domestic violence advocate, the domestic violence officer from the Beckley Police Department and the assistant prosecutor.

### Goal

*Improve services for female victims of violent crime.*

### Objective(s)

1. The City of Beckley will provide a Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Officer to: respond to complaints of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; serve DV orders; work with the DV Advocate to conduct follow-up contacts with victims of domestic crimes to ensure that they are aware of all resources and services available to them; act as a liaison between the Beckley Police Department and the courts in matters pertaining to domestic crimes; assist the Domestic Violence Assistant Prosecutor in preparing cases involving domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; develop programs to enable the Beckley Police Dept. to better respond to reports of domestic crimes; and attend monthly RCDVCRT meetings to report and semimonthly core team meetings.

**Completed.**

2. WRC will provide a Domestic Violence Victim Advocate to: provide advocacy for victims of domestic violence; assist police departments and prosecutors; help work with the community to improve victim services in Raleigh County; spend one day a week at a Family Resource Center in rural Raleigh County; establish relationships with appropriate legal personnel; compile and record victim statistics; and attend monthly RCDVCRT meetings to report and semi-monthly core team meetings.

**Completed.**

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## Goal

*Improve the system to assure that batterers are held accountable for their actions.*

### Objective(s)

1. The county will provide a Domestic Violence Assistant Prosecutor to: seek aggressive prosecution of domestic crimes; educate agencies involved with domestic violence issues and the community of the duties, responsibilities and risk involved with domestic violence; review criminal files, discuss cases with officers, review police reports, and discuss cases with victims prior to the hearing date; inform victims what to expect in court and what is expected to successfully prosecute offenders; attend monthly RCDVCRT meetings to report and semimonthly core team meetings.

**Completed. The assistant prosecutor maintains a comprehensive database of domestic violence arrests by law enforcement agencies, of defendants and victims, charges, and case resolutions. The Prosecutor's Office has adopted a "no drop" policy, and charges are pursued whenever legally possible. During the first six months of the grant year: the conviction rate increased 16.6% over the previous period, and the dismissal rate has decreased 16.4%.**

2. WRC will provide a Batterers Program Educator/Counselor (E/C) to: network with other agencies involved with domestic violence intervention; hold training sessions for Junior and Senior High school males; will provide a Batterer's Program, group meetings and individual screening sessions; attend workshops on batterer's treatment, intervention and prevention strategies; offer assistance with trainings/apprenticeship for developing batterers intervention programs; attend monthly RCDVCRT meetings to report and semimonthly core team meetings.

**Completed. The Educator/Counselors attended EMERGE training this year. The domestic violence law enforcement officer has started serving as co-educator/counselor for this perpetrator intervention group. Arrangements have been made to begin an education group for teenage males.**

## Goal

*Increase the amount of information available to law enforcement and judicial agencies.*

### Objective(s)

1. Support a tracking system to be developed between all law enforcement agencies (local, county, state) in Raleigh County that follows all domestic related responses and gives officers access to that information.

**Completed. Law enforcement agencies now have access to the Raleigh County Magistrate Court system information.**

## Goal

*Increase coordinated community response to women who are victims of violent crimes.*

### Objective(s)

1. Hold monthly meetings of the Raleigh County Domestic Violence Community Response Team.

**Completed. This team meets regularly to discuss systems issues, and a CORE team meets at least monthly to discuss response to specific cases.**

2. Personnel hired through the STOP Grant will report on progress at each meeting.

**Completed.**

3. RCDVCRT will involve key players in Raleigh County.

**Completed. There is regular participation from Beckley Police Department; Raleigh County Sheriff's Department; Raleigh County Prosecutor's Office; Women's Resource Center; Appalachian Legal Services; RESA I (adolescent health); the Prevention Resource Center (substance abuse prevention); and HRDT, Inc. (a local welfare-to-work agency).**

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## MARSHALL COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-021

**Grantee**

*Marshall County Commission*

**Other Team Members**

YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program

Marshall County Sheriff's Department

Marshall County Prosecutor's Office

**Goal**

*Bring together agencies in a cooperative Partnership that assures safety for victims and staff.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Continue to provide safe Partnership office space for the domestic violence advocate and the compliance officer in the Sheriff's Dept.

**Completed.**

2. Law Master hearings will take place inside the Magistrate's Courthouse.

**Completed.**

3. Marshall County Sheriff will assign a full-time sworn officer as a bailiff for the new Magistrate's Courthouse.

**Completed.**

4. The bailiff will be trained to assist domestic violence victims and serve as a referral officer for the Partnership Office.

**Completed.**

**Goal**

*The STOP Team will build on community support to reduce reliance on grant funding.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The amount of funding requested from VAWA will be reduced.

**Completed.**

2. Increase amount of support from community sources.

**Completed. The team has received contributions from the United Way, churches, unions, and other community organizations to begin to reduce the dependence on government funding.**

**Goal**

*The STOP Team will assist in promoting a standardized law enforcement response to domestic violence in West Virginia.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The STOP Team will plan and conduct a regional conference in the northern panhandle for police, victim service workers, 911 dispatch, and other allied professionals to address law enforcement and police dispatch response.

**Not completed. Training postponed until fall 2001.**

2. The police supervisor will conduct trainings about victim service and law enforcement cooperation.

**Completed.**

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**In addition:**

**The Team keeps statistics about domestic complaints and arrests per law enforcement agency.**

**A new deputy was assigned in May as the Domestic Violence Officer by the Sheriff's Department.**

**A new digital camera was purchased for the Domestic Violence Officer to assist with evidence collection.**

**Goal**

*Increase full faith and credit for out of state protective orders.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The STOP Team will develop a response system and protocol.

**Not Completed. Staff turnover in the advocate and Sheriff's deputy positions have challenged the team's capacity to do much more than maintain essential services for clients.**

2. The STOP Team will plan and conduct a regional conference in the northern panhandle for police, victim service workers, 911 dispatch, and other allied professionals to train them about the full faith and credit response system/protocol.

**Not completed. Training postponed until fall 2001.**

**Goal**

*Increase response to underserved populations: people living in remote, rural areas; elderly victims; gay and lesbian victims. (Focus this year on rural population).*

**Objective(s)**

1. Establish office hours in Cameron for the team.

**Not Completed. Staff turnover in the advocate and Sheriff's deputy positions have challenged the team's capacity to do much more than maintain essential services for clients.**

2. Team members will provide presentations in rural areas of the county to increase awareness of domestic violence and available resources.

**Not Completed. Staff turnover in the advocate and Sheriff's deputy positions have challenged the team's capacity to do much more than maintain essential services for clients.**

Cell phones and minutes cards were purchased for advocates to use in areas that a police radio will not work.

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## SUMMERS COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-023

**Grantee** *Women's Resource Center*  
**Other Team Members** Summers County Prosecutor's Office  
Summers County Magistrate Office  
Hinton City Police Department  
REACHH (Outreach Office)

### Goal

*To improve coordination of services.*

### Objective(s)

1. Hold case review meetings involving the Assistant Prosecutor, Sheriff's Deputy, City Officer, Victim's Advocate.

**Completed. Staffing meetings held on a monthly basis.**

2. Advocate, and Victim/Witness coordinator on a monthly basis to discuss specific cases and how to improve prosecution and services to victims.

**Completed.**

3. Maintain and expand Oversight Team meetings involving representatives of at least eight involved programs.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain the comprehensive database related to crimes of violence against women, linking law enforcement and prosecutor's office, the courts, and accessible to the victim's advocate.

**In process. Advocate and staff from Prosecutor's Office have begun gathering data about DVPs from Magistrate files for FY 2001. Examples of how the database can be used: to search for third domestic conviction; trial preparation.**

5. Victim Services Coordinator will develop, implement and monitor a system to coordinate referrals between the STOP Victim Advocate and other REACHH advocates.

**Partially Completed. The Victim Services Coordinator reviews logs from all staff and helps assure that referrals to appropriate advocates are made, that advocates and case managers who are working with the same family from different agencies are aware of each others efforts, and facilitates multidisciplinary team meetings with families served by several agencies to improve coordination.**

**Additionally, Summers County has opened the first Child Advocacy Center in the state, designed to 1) enhance coordination of services to child abuse victims and their families; 2) reduce the number of times child victims of sexual abuse/assault must tell their stories to professionals, and 3) improve the investigation and prosecution of cases; and 4) serve as the hub for all multidisciplinary teams county-wide.**

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## Goal

*To improve and increase services to victims in civil and criminal cases.*

### Objective(s)

1. Maintain a designated Law Enforcement officer to specialize in violence against women to serve as liaison with other law enforcement branches on related cases, and to increase law enforcement availability to victims of violence against women and decrease response time.

**Completed.**

2. Provide for training of the designated officer.

**Completed. The officer received training in the goals and philosophy of the STOP grant.**

3. Increase advocate involvement in felony cases, reaching at least 6 victims by June 30, 2001.

**Completed.**

4. Maintain one day per month for pretrial interviews of victims by the Assistant Prosecutor with assistance from the client advocate who will provide support services before, during, and after hearings, serving at least 30 victims by June 30, 1999.

**Completed.**

5. Advocate will review Magistrate Court dockets weekly and contact victims to offer services, reaching at least 35 additional victims by June 30, 2000.

**Partially Completed. Magistrate interpretation of Supreme Court memo prevents advocate from seeing petitions until after final hearing. Services are offered at that point.**

6. Maintain and expand a transportation network to assure victims will be able to get to shelter and court –related appointments.

**Completed. Volunteer drive registry maintained.**

7. All law enforcement officers will document on video and Polaroid the physical features and verbal statements of victims of violence as evidence for court hearings.

**Completed.**

8. To encourage, coordinate, and facilitate referrals of abusers/batterers to appropriate out of county services.

**Completed. Fourteen referrals to perpetrator intervention this year. The team recently finalized a contract with the Family Refuge Center to offer a licensed perpetrator intervention program in Summers County.**

9. VAWA funded staff to participate in related training offered to prosecutors, law enforcement, and advocates on state/regional levels.

**Completed.**

10. Initiate and develop protocol for use of a victim interview room, with video/audiotaping equipment/capacity, through June 30, 2001.

**Partially Completed. Room completed, protocol under review.**

11. Inventory and provide linkage to up to five appropriate sexual assault victims.

**Completed.**

12. Provide child care for up to 15 victims during legal and related proceedings.

**Completed.**

13. Provide employment related services to up to 10 victims.

**Completed.**

14. Provide court and employment appropriate attire to at least 5 victims.

**Completed.**

15. Provide housing related services to least 5 victims.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*To increase awareness of issues related to violence against women.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Increase the awareness by students of Summers County schools of issues related to violence against women by launching a community-wide educational campaign.

**Completed, via presentations to students at various local schools.**

2. Increase the awareness by medical and social services professionals of issues related to violence against women in order to enhance identification, constructive intervention and support, and referrals of victims.

**Completed, via training for various local human services organizations.**

3. Provide for joint training of domestic violence, juvenile justice and child welfare professionals to enhance screening for domestic violence and appropriate referrals.

**Completed. A multidisciplinary panel provided training on Sexual Assault Evidence Collection for domestic violence, CPS and law enforcement staff. The Family Violence Options advocate conducted ongoing training with DHHR staff and has presented at two DHHR staff meetings.**

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## MONROE COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-024

**Grantee** *Family Refuge Center*  
**Other Team Members** Monroe County Sheriff's Department  
Monroe County Prosecutor's Office  
Peterstown Police Department  
Alderson Springs Police Department

### Goal

*Improve the response of service agencies and the judicial/legal community to victims of domestic violence.*

### Objective(s)

1. A Victim/Witness Coordinator will be hired to coordinate victim contact with the Prosecutor and the FRC advocate and perform other support services in the Prosecutor's Office.

**Not Completed. Position not funded.**

2. A Victim Advocate will be maintained by the Family Refuge Center to provide support to victims in court, provide information, and facilitate communication between the victim and people in other systems.

**Completed.**

3. The number of domestic violence petitions that are dropped in Monroe County will be reduced.

**In Progress. Baseline data collected this year to serve as a basis for comparison in the future (132 Protective Orders filed and 32 dropped).**

One of the magistrates provided a literature rack for the Union Magistrate office to display domestic violence literature.

### Goal

*Increase public and professional knowledge of domestic violence issues.*

### Objectives

1. One domestic violence training program will be provided for police and other professionals.

**Completed. A workshop was presented to clergy. Law enforcement training is being planned for fall 2001.**

2. Domestic violence programs will be provided for teachers.

**Not Completed. The Team hopes to start teacher training in the fall of 2001.**

3. Domestic violence programs will be provided to students in Monroe County schools.

**Completed. Presentations included classroom sessions on bullying, date rape, sexual harassment, "Good Touch, Bad Touch" sexual abuse prevention; and at various Kiddie Fairs. Over 600 students have been contacted.**

4. Domestic violence programs will be provided for community members upon request.

**Completed. Examples include presentations for the Monroe Jump Start class; the AARP at the Senior Center; employees of B.F. Goodrich; and at Applebee's restaurant, where each guest was greeted and given information.**

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**Goal**

*Improve law enforcement response to victims of domestic violence.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Overtime compensation funding will be provided for the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept., the Peterstown Police Dept., and the Alderson Police Dept. to support officer time for court appearances and domestic violence/sexual assault investigations.

**Completed.**

2. A protocol for disbursement of overtime funds will be developed by/for the Alderson and Peterstown Police Departments.

**Not Completed. Alderson Police Department has not yet participated in the Team, and Peterstown has not developed a protocol.**

3. A computerized database of domestic violence crimes will be developed in Monroe County to assure that law enforcement officers responding to a domestic violence call are aware of prior domestic violence incidents.

**Not Completed. In planning stages.**

Additionally, the Monroe County team has a very active part-time assistant prosecutor, has begun a monitored visitation center, and has a Perpetrator Intervention Program.

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## GREENBRIER COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-025

### Grantee

*Family Refuge Center*

### Other Team Members

Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department  
Greenbrier County Prosecutor's Office  
Lewisburg Police Department  
White Sulphur Springs Police Department  
Ronceverte Police Department  
Rainelle Police Department  
Greenbrier County Domestic Violence Coordinated Response Team

### Goal

*Improve the response of service agencies and the judicial/legal community to victims of domestic violence.*

### Objective(s)

1. A Victim Advocate will be maintained by the Family Refuge Center to provide services to all victims at FPO hearing in Magistrate Court.

**Completed. Advocate also provides community and professional education (e.g., trained medical and nursing students at WV Osteopathic School).**

2. A half-time Assistant Prosecutor will be maintained to specifically handle domestic violence cases.

**Completed. In addition to meeting with victims and advocates and handling cases, the assistant prosecutor maintains a database that includes number of defendants, number of cases prosecuted, and dispositions (dismissals, convictions, jail, fine, referrals to batterers intervention program with disposition pending program completion), and monitors attendance at batterers intervention classes.**

3. A Batterer's Intervention Program will be provided under the auspices of the Family Refuge Center to re-educate men who exhibit abusive behavior.

**Completed. Program facilitator attended Duluth and EMERGE training this year. He also conducted an educational group for teen males, and provides community and professional education (e.g., Social Work Conference workshop).**

**Additionally, five cameras were purchased for the Lewisburg City Police Department, Alderson Police Department and the Greenbrier Sheriff's Department with funds raised from the community. The cameras will improve evidence collection by law enforcement.**

### Goal

*Increase public and professional knowledge of domestic violence issues.*

### Objective(s)

1. The prosecutor and FRC advocates who are certified police trainers will develop two training programs on "*The Nuts and Bolts of Domestic Violence Identification and Prosecution*" for six local police departments in Greenbrier County.

**Partially completed. The certified trainers presented training to the Alderson Police Department, the Lewisburg Police Department, the Greenbrier County Sheriff's Department, and the State Police. They also assisted with training students and staff at the Osteopathic School of Medicine.**

2. Domestic violence programs will be provided for community members upon request.

**Completed. Examples include: Presentations about medical aspects of domestic violence to medical and nursing students at the Osteopathic School; Violence prevention programs for elementary students; Date rape, sexual harassment and "healthy dating" presentations for high school students.**

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## LOGAN COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-026

**Grantee** *Tug Valley Recovery Shelter*  
**Other Team Members** Logan County Sheriff's Department  
Logan County Prosecutor's Office

### Goal

*To protect and empower victims of domestic violence and sexual assault that seek protection from their perpetrators.*

### Objective(s)

1. The STOP Team will serve 50 – 60 victims per month.

**Completed.**

2. The STOP Team will implement a database to document number of clients served, services provided and results by the Court Advocate, outreach providers, and shelter staff.

**Completed. This is the same database as the one maintained for victim and perpetrator statistics for the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence.**

3. The TVRS staff will discuss safety plans with victims.

**Completed.**

4. The TVRS staff will provide information about legal rights to all persons seeking civil/criminal relief from domestic/family violence and sexual assault.

**Completed.**

### Goal

*Batterers/perpetrators will be held accountable for their violence against victims.*

### Objective(s)

1. TVRS will initiate and conduct a Perpetrator Intervention Prevention Program in Logan County.

**Completed. The class is usually at capacity, due largely to referrals from the prosecutor's office. The facilitator attended EMERGE training.**

2. A higher percentage of petitions (including contempt of orders, modifications, etc.) filed will be served on the perpetrator than during the previous year by accessing law enforcement overtime funds as needed.

**Data not available. The team began keeping this information in March 2001, so the baseline year is not yet completed.**

3. The STOP Team will contact magistrates to educate them about the Perpetrator Program and encourage referrals.

**Completed. Evidence of the effectiveness of the education is continued referrals to the perpetrator intervention program.**

4. TVRS staff will perform lethality assessments on all perpetrators whose victims are served by TVRS.

**Completed.**

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## Goal

*Domestic/family violence will be prevented through public/community education that violence is a serious crime and will not be tolerated.*

## Objective(s)

1. TVRS staff members will develop a presentation about dating violence and domestic violence for students and staff of Logan County Schools.

**Partially Completed.** The anticipated curriculum from the Department of Education has not yet been finalized, but the team does presentations to schools when requested (e.g., presentation to Vocational School in May).

2. TVRS staff will develop a presentation about domestic violence and available resources targeted to elderly victims.

**Partially Completed.** Plans were developed to present to each Senior Center in Logan County.

3. TVRS staff members will develop a presentation about domestic violence and available resources targeted to victims of color.

**Not Completed.**

4. STOP Team will organize a Speaker's Bureau to involve all members of the team in public and professional awareness presentations in the county.

**Completed.** While not formally organized, all members of the STOP Team have made public presentations in the community at some time during the year.

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## MINGO COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-027

**Grantee** *Tug Valley Recovery Shelter*  
**Other Team Members** Mingo County Sheriff's Department  
Mingo County Prosecutor's Office

### Goal

*To protect and empower victims of domestic violence and sexual assault that seek protection from their perpetrators.*

### Objective(s)

1. The STOP Team will serve 50 – 60 victims per month.

**Completed.**

2. The STOP Team will implement a database to document number of clients served, services provided and results by the Court Advocate, outreach providers, and shelter staff.

**Completed. This is the same database as the one maintained for victim and perpetrator statistics for the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence.**

3. The TVRS staff will discuss safety plans with victims.

**Completed.**

4. The TVRS staff will provide information about legal rights to all persons seeking civil/criminal relief from domestic/family violence and sexual assault

**Completed.**

### Goal

*Batterers/perpetrators will be held accountable for their violence against victims.*

### Objective(s)

1. TVRS will continue the Perpetrator Intervention Prevention Program in Mingo County.

**Completed. However, program is not used very much (average of 4 enrolled). The community also offered CHANGE, a group for women.**

2. A higher percentage of petitions (including contempt of orders, modifications, etc.) filed will be served on the perpetrator than during the previous year by accessing law enforcement overtime funds as needed.

**Data not available. The team began keeping this information in March 2001, so the baseline year is not yet completed.**

3. The STOP Team will contact magistrates to educate them about the Perpetrator Program and encourage referrals.

**Completed. The education has not resulted in an increase in magistrate referrals to the perpetrator intervention program, however.**

4. TVRS staff will perform lethality assessments on all perpetrators whose victims are served by TVRS.

**Completed.**

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**Goal**

*Domestic/family violence will be prevented through public/community education that violence is a serious crime and will not be tolerated.*

**Objective(s)**

1. TVRS staff members will develop a presentation about dating violence and domestic violence for students and staff of Mingo County Schools.

**Partially Completed.** The anticipated curriculum from the Department of Education has not yet been finalized, but the team does presentations to schools when requested (e.g., presentation to Vocational School in May).

2. TVRS staff will develop a presentation about domestic violence and available resources targeted to elderly victims.

**Partially Completed.** Plans were developed to present to each Senior Center in Mingo County.

3. TVRS staff members will develop a presentation about domestic violence and available resources targeted to victims of color.

**Not Completed.**

4. STOP Team will organize a Speaker's Bureau to involve all members of the team in public and professional awareness presentations in the county.

**Partially Completed.** Advocates provide a majority of the public and professional awareness presentations.

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## CABELL COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-029

**Grantee**

*Branches Domestic Violence Shelter*

**Other Team Members**

Cabell County Prosecutor's Office  
Cabell County Alternative Sentencing  
Cabell County Emergency 911  
Huntington Police Department  
Marshall University Police Department  
Family Service, Inc.  
Barboursville Police Department  
St. Mary's Hospital  
Prestera Mental Health Center

**Goal**

*To increase prosecution of batterers.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Increase investigations of DV cases by adding a victim advocate to the Cabell County Prosecutor's Office by August 31, 2000.  
**Not Completed. Not funded. At this time, there is not a perceived need for an additional advocate in the Prosecutor's Office.**
2. Have medical records that will detail what caused injuries in a way that will be admissible in court.  
**Completed.**
3. Have law enforcement officers provide records of domestic violence interventions to support conviction in domestic battery, rape and stalking.  
**Not Completed. The consistency with which officers bring records to court could be improved.**
4. Provide one digital camera for the Investigative Bureaus of the Huntington Police Department to facilitate better recording of DV cases.  
**Completed.**

Additionally, the Assistant Prosecutor has initiated a system for monitoring whether or not defendants are enrolling in and successfully completing BIPPs or other programs as a term of probation, and has succeeded in revoking probation for those who fail to comply.

**Goal**

*To have a well-trained team of agencies responding to domestic violence victims.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Train 25% of the law enforcement officers in this county in domestic violence issues.  
**Not Completed. Training scheduled for September 2001. The Branches legal advocate, an advocate from the Prosecutor's Office and the assistant prosecutor for domestic violence are all certified law enforcement trainers.**

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2. Provide domestic violence training to the staff of all member agencies including Emergency 911.

**Completed. Training provided by Branches legal advocate and assistant prosecutor in May.**

3. Provide domestic violence training to medical staff of two Emergency Departments in Huntington and offer the same training to staff of primary care practices.

**Completed.**

4. Send three officers of the Huntington Police Department to a national conference on domestic violence by November 30, 2000.

**Partially Completed. Funding available to send one officer, who attended a conference in California in October 2000.**

### **Goal**

*Increase the disciplines represented on the STOP Team*

#### **Objective(s)**

1. Include representatives of the medical community on the STOP Team.

**Not Completed.**

2. Include representatives of the community of faith on the STOP Team.

**Not Completed.**

### **Goal**

*To continue to provide legal advocacy, batterers intervention and targeted prosecution in domestic violence cases.*

#### **Objective(s)**

1. Provide legal advocacy for all victims requesting protective orders on an ongoing basis.

**Completed.**

2. Continue to make BIPPs an alternative to jail for batterers.

**Completed. The perpetrator intervention program is being revamped and will re-apply for licensure. The assistant prosecutor facilitated discussions among the advocates, Family Services, and defense attorneys to arrive at agreed-upon changes in the program that have resulted in increased referrals.**

### **Goal**

*Continue providing safety for victims of domestic violence under a protective order.*

#### **Objective(s)**

1. Provide the "Juris Monitor" program through the Cabell County Alternative Sentencing Program with up to 15 abusers at any one time.

**Partially Completed. There are an average of three abusers on the program at any one time. The assistant prosecutor has analyzed the issues that seem to hinder use of the program and hopes to address the concerns.**

2. Offer cell phones to victims without telephone service who are deemed at danger from their abusers, with up to 12 victims having phones at any one time.

**Partially Completed. There are an average of 8 victims using the program at one time.**

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## PUTNAM COUNTY STOP TEAM

99-VAW-030

<b>Grantee</b>	<i>Branches Domestic Violence Shelter</i>
<b>Other Team Members</b>	Putnam County Sheriff's Department Putnam County Emergency 911 Winfield Police Department Putnam County Dept. of Health and Human Resources Putnam County CASA Putnam County Dispatch Putnam County Women Care/Family Care Putnam County Family Resource Network Putnam County Aging Program Putnam Counseling Center Family Service of Kanawha Valley, Inc. Appalachian Legal Services Insight New Hope Counseling St. Timothy's in the Valley

### Goal

*Hire a special investigative law enforcement officer.*

### Objective(s)

1. The Special Investigative Officer will maintain accurate documentation while collecting evidence by use of the "Incident Report Form."

**Completed.**

2. The Special Investigative Officer will review reports from the domestic violence follow-up box at the Sheriff's department with a phone call or face-to-face contact with victim.

**Completed.**

### Goal

*Law enforcement officers will participate in training and other strategies to develop effective practices to ensure victim safety.*

### Objective(s)

1. All law enforcement agencies in the county will use the same "Domestic Violence Incident Report."

**Completed. Eleanor, Hurricane, Poca, and Winfield Police Departments and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department currently use the same incident report form.**

2. The Special Investigative Officer will present workshops and in-service training for law enforcement countywide.

**Completed. Examples include: Conducted mock domestic violence hearing with Poca High PRO officer; Presented information to Mason County Domestic Violence Focus Group; Trained Poca and Winfield Police Departments about standard incident form and domestic violence laws.**

**In addition, the officer became a certified law enforcement trainer on domestic violence.**

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3. The Special Investigative Officer will attend a national conference and share information during training of other law enforcement officers as well as other members of the Stop Team.

**Completed. The officer attended conference in California in April 2001.**

4. Domestic Violence advocates will be involved in presentations to offer sensitivity training.

**Completed. The advocates have trained all 911 telecommunications staff in the county.**

#### **Goal**

*The Special Investigative Officer will coordinate efforts with victim advocates and victim liaison in order to promote victim safety and effective follow-up procedures.*

#### **Objective(s)**

1. The officer will meet monthly with victim advocates, victim liaison and prosecutor to assess cases for purposes of “red flagging,” status of offenders and needs assessment of victim.

**Completed.**

Having the Special Investigative Officer has helped create a more uniform law enforcement response to domestic violence in Putnam County and has helped improve communication between law enforcement agencies and the other agencies that respond to domestic violence.

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**KANAWHA COUNTY STOP TEAM**  
**99-VAW-031**

<b>Grantee</b>	<i>City of Charleston</i>
<b>Other Team Members</b>	Charleston Police Department Charleston Public Safety Council Kanawha County Prosecutor's Office YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program Family Service of Kanawha Valley Appalachian Legal Services Kanawha County Sheriff's Dept. Dunbar Police Department South Charleston Police Department Pratt Police Department Handley Police Department East Bank Police Department Chesapeake Police Department St. Albans Police Department Nitro Police Department Belle Police Department Cedar Grove Police Department Montgomery Police Department Clendenin Police Department Glasgow Police Department Marmet Police Department

**Goal**

*Ensure female victims safety from violence in a fair, prompt and efficient manner by providing consistent enforcement of the law relating to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Current positions will be maintained on the Multidisciplinary RISK Team.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Charleston Police Dept. officer

Prosecutor's Office Intake Specialist

Charleston Police Dept. Victim Services Coordinator

Kanawha County Sheriff's Dept. Deputy

Kanawha County Sheriff's Dept. Victim Advocate

**Completed. Additional RISK Team participants include Appalachian Legal Services, Dunbar Police Department Victim Advocate and YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program Advocate.**

2. The Court Subcommittee will improve data collection and the sharing of information.

**Partially Completed. The subcommittee has planned what data to collect and how it will be collected.**

3. Training by the Court Subcommittee will continue for participating law enforcement agencies.

**Completed.**

4. The multidisciplinary RISK Team will continue to staff cases referred for review and intervention.

**Completed.**

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## Goal

*Assist in program duplication (establishing other multidisciplinary RISK Teams and Task Forces or Councils) in other WV communities.*

## Objective(s)

1. Make available information on AWARE provided by ADT Home Security Systems to other task forces.

**Completed. Presentations made upon request.**

2. Make available the written multidisciplinary RISK Team protocols/policies developed by the Charleston Police Department.

**Completed.**

3. Schedule “How To” workshops for any area of the state that may need help with their area’s STOP VAWA plan.

**Completed. Presentation made to Putnam County STOP Team.**

4. Provide video on victim services to other developing teams to use in assisting victims – May 2000.

**Not Completed. The Team continues to explore low cost options for this project.**

5. Disseminate DVTF packet of information to teams forming to establish a STOP VAWA team – December 2000.

**Not Completed. Materials need to be updated.**

## Goal

*The Domestic Violence Task Force will continue to develop a partnership among law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, victim advocates, service providers, and the community.*

## Objective(s)

1. The DVTF will meet on a monthly basis

**Completed.**

2. The DVTF will prepared a work plan for FY 2001.

**Completed.**

3. A year-end report to the Charleston Public Safety Council will be prepared by the Chairperson of the DVTF in cooperation with all subcommittee chairs.

**Completed.**

4. Implement the Wireless Alliance for Safe Families by issuing pre-programmed cellular telephones donated by Cellular One.

**Completed.**

5. Collect data from law enforcement agencies on the number of arrests for domestic assault and domestic battery.

**Partially Completed. Data submitted from Dunbar Police Department, St. Albans Police Department, Charleston Police Department, and the Kanawha County Sheriff’s Department, which are the agencies funded for overtime for domestics.**

6. Provide support counseling for victims of DV through referrals to victim service providers.

**Completed.**

7. Establish an Advocate Subcommittee to develop roles/responsibilities among the various domestic violence advocates in the county.

**Completed. There has been one meeting to date.**

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**Goal**

*Increase public and professional awareness, understanding and prevention of violence against women and violence in families.*

**Objective(s)**

1. The DVTF will continue to distribute the brochure “You Are Not Alone.”

**Completed.**

2. The DVTF will continue to distribute the “Trust Betrayed” brochure at all appropriate public speaking engagements.

**Completed.**

3. The DVTF will provide training to community professionals upon request.

**Completed. Examples include: Assisted Putnam County advocates in training Putnam County 911 telecommunicators; Filmed public service announcements about domestic violence that were aired on local cable channels; Presented training about case preparation, trial demeanor, and evidenced-based prosecution at the State Police Academy.**

**Goal**

*Increase victim awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault and available resources.*

**Objective(s)**

1. Victim services providers will produce and distribute a victim services video.

**Completed. The YWCA Resolve Family Abuse Program developed a short video depicting a stay at the shelter and distributed it to advocates and other team members to share with victims.**

2. Distribute brochure by the Victim Services Providers that gives victims additional information about how to “Break the Cycle” of domestic violence.

**Completed. Variety of WVCADV brochures are kept on display in the Judicial Annex and various other locations.**

3. The DVTF will continue to distribute the “Trust Betrayed” brochure as a way to discuss sexual assault with victims.

**Completed.**

A good working relationship has been maintained between the prosecutor’s office and the Resolve Family Abuse Program, despite changes in the leadership of both organizations.

## Statistical Summary of Persons Served

This section provides a detailed statistical summary of victims served from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. The FY99 STOP Teams completed and submitted 5,445 demographic reports for each victim served in each month by each agency type. Database records maintained by the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV) were also obtained and used in this section. A total of 34,664 victim contacts were made by the 13

licensed domestic violence programs. Of these, 18,201 unique victims were served. This represents an 11.8% increase over FY98.

### Contacts by STOP Team

Demographic forms were submitted by 23 of the 28 STOP Teams. Table 1 shows the breakdown of demographic forms submitted by each Team for the three agency types. Those Team members having access to the

Table 1  
FY 99 Demographic Forms by STOP Team and Agency Type

STOP Team	Victim Services	Prosecution	Law Enforcement	Total
Cabell County	305	70	0	375
Calhoun County	9	0	2	11
Fayette County	0	0	0	0
Gilmer County	94	0	84	178
Grant County	0	0	0	0
Greenbrier County	86	3	0	89
Jefferson County	84	0	1	85
Kanawha County	95	303	0	398
Logan County	1	2	72	75
Marshall County	140	0	1	141
McDowell County	204	65	265	534
Mercer County	170	144	0	314
Mineral County	0	0	0	0
Mingo County	2	146	44	192
Monongalia County	11	167	887	1,065
Monroe County	120	10	172	302
Nicholas County	0	0	0	0
Ohio County	0	0	100	100
Pleasants County	182	0	0	182
Preston County	0	35	63	98
Putnam County	0	0	71	71
Raleigh County	0	336	15	351
Randolph County	0	0	3	3
Roane County	0	0	0	0
Summers County	51	0	2	53
Taylor County	0	1	46	47
Upshur County	0	0	11	11
Wood County	0	551	219	770
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,833</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>5,445</b>

WVCADV database were asked not to submit these forms, but to use the database instead. Because each agency submits a demographic form for each victim served each month and unique identifiers are not collected, this table will contain duplicate victims. Overall, law enforcement submitted the greatest percentage of forms (37.8%) during FY99. 33.7% were submitted by prosecution and 28.5% were submitted by victim services. Last year, FY98, victim services submitted the greatest percentage of forms (42.2%).

A few differences were noted between the information submitted on demographic forms and that in the database. More demographic forms indicated that the incident was reported to the police (84.6%). Only 26.1% of the unique victims in the database indicated that the incident had been reported to the police. 67.2% of the demographic forms indicated that physical abuse was a reason for service, while 57.2% of the unique victims in the database reported this type of abuse. Both of these differences could be attributable to the fact that a large portion of the demographic forms are submitted law enforcement and prosecution Team members.

An accurate count of victim contacts for services by STOP Team was not available from the database. This was in part due to programs removing advocate

information at termination or temporary leave of absences. It was also due to low reporting of VAWA grant numbers. However, of the 34,664 contacts in the Coalition’s database, 69.8% of services were provided to victims from STOP Team counties. The Table on the following two pages shows the number of victims served from each county by domestic violence program. STOP Team counties are shown in purple. 988 of the contacts for services were from out-of-state victims. County was unknown for 1,337 of the victim contacts.

Only the database records for 18,201 unique victims were used to illustrate the victim demographics presented in the remainder of this section to avoid duplication. A limitation to using this data is that the database contains information for victims served by domestic violence programs. It could not be limited to the services provided by the STOP Team members. Programs may participate on STOP Teams in more than one county. Also, all STOP Team members may not have access to the database. Table 2 below shows the number of unique victims served by domestic violence program and the STOP Team(s) that each program participates on.

Information about the services provided and the abusers was obtained from the database records for all contacts made by the domestic violence programs.

Table 2  
Unique Victims Served by Domestic Violence Program

Domestic Violence Program	STOP Team(s)	Victims
Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.	Cabell and Putnam	1,961
Family Crisis Center, Inc.	Grant and Mineral	533
Family Crisis Intervention Center of Region V, Inc.	Calhoun, Pleasants, Roane, and Wood	1,790
Family Refuge Center	Greenbier and Monroe	1,119
Family Violence Prevention Program	Marshall and Ohio	1,068
HOPE, Inc.	Gilmer	1,311
Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center	Monongalia, Preston, and Taylor	1,738
Resolve Family Abuse Program	Kanawha	1,797
SAFE	Mercer and McDowell	1,434
Shenandoah Women’s Center	Jefferson	952
Tug Valley Recovery Shelter Association, Inc.	Logan and Mingo	1,161
Women’s Aid in Crisis	Randolph and Upshur	1,147
Women’s Resource Center	Fayette, Nicholas, Raleigh, and Summers	2,190
<b>Total</b>		<b>18,201</b>

	BRAN	FCC	FCIC	FRC	FVPP	HOPE	RDVIC
Barbour	0	0	0	0	0	8	9
Berkeley	0	2	0	0	3	0	4
Boone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Braxton	0	0	5	0	0	1	0
Brooke	1	0	0	0	39	0	0
<b>Cabell</b>	1,772	0	1	0	4	0	1
<b>Calhoun</b>	0	0	383	0	0	0	0
Clay	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Doddridge	0	0	1	0	0	180	0
<b>Fayette</b>	0	0	0	1	2	12	1
<b>Gilmer</b>	0	0	4	0	0	96	8
<b>Grant</b>	0	186	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Greenbrier</b>	1	0	0	1,842	0	0	0
Hampshire	0	122	0	0	0	1	2
Hancock	0	0	2	0	116	0	0
Hardy	0	124	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison	0	0	12	0	5	681	53
Jackson	1	0	143	0	1	0	0
<b>Jefferson</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Kanawha</b>	24	0	1	4	2	0	0
Lewis	0	0	0	1	0	153	2
Lincoln	190	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Logan</b>	2	0	2	0	1	0	3
Marion	0	1	1	0	0	948	107
<b>Marshall</b>	0	0	0	0	405	0	0
Mason	276	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>McDowell</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mercer</b>	1	0	0	3	0	0	1
<b>Mineral</b>	0	387	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mingo</b>	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Monongalia</b>	0	1	0	10	1	34	1792
<b>Monroe</b>	0	0	0	458	0	0	0
Morgan	0	0	0	0	2	16	0
<b>Nicholas</b>	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
<b>Ohio</b>	15	0	0	0	468	1	10
Pendleton	0	64	0	18	0	0	0
<b>Pleasants</b>	0	0	121	0	0	0	0
Pocahontas	0	0	0	254	0	0	0
<b>Preston</b>	0	1	0	0	0	3	870
<b>Putnam</b>	564	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Raleigh</b>	19	1	0	13	1	0	0
<b>Randolph</b>	1	0	0	1	0	21	2
Ritchie	0	0	162	0	0	10	0
<b>Roane</b>	1	0	452	0	0	1	0
<b>Summers</b>	0	0	0	22	0	0	0
<b>Taylor</b>	2	0	0	1	0	16	246
Tucker	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler	0	0	71	0	49	0	0
<b>Upshur</b>	0	0	1	1	1	6	1
Wayne	497	0	0	0	0	0	0
Webster	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wetzel	0	0	3	0	365	2	0
Wirt	0	0	60	0	0	0	0
<b>Wood</b>	0	0	1,985	1	2	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out of State	180	23	129	87	87	16	100
Unknown	307	26	34	1	170	85	51
<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>3,857</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>3,576</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>3,263</b>

	RFAP	SAFE	SWC	TVRS	WAIC	WRC	TOTAL
Barbour	0	2	0	0	202	5	226
Berkeley	0	0	987	0	0	1	997
Boone	542	1	0	5	0	4	553
Braxton	0	0	0	0	271	3	280
Brooke	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
<b>Cabell</b>	5	0	0	1	0	10	<b>1,794</b>
<b>Calhoun</b>	4	0	0	0	0	0	<b>387</b>
Clay	352	0	0	0	4	4	361
Doddridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	181
<b>Fayette</b>	8	0	0	0	2	482	<b>508</b>
<b>Gilmer</b>	0	0	0	0	4	0	<b>112</b>
<b>Grant</b>	0	0	0	0	14	0	<b>200</b>
<b>Greenbrier</b>	0	1	0	1	0	60	<b>1,905</b>
Hampshire	0	0	3	0	1	1	130
Hancock	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Hardy	0	0	0	0	4	0	128
Harrison	0	0	0	0	29	2	782
Jackson	8	0	0	0	0	0	153
<b>Jefferson</b>	0	0	641	0	0	0	<b>642</b>
<b>Kanawha</b>	2,135	11	1	1	9	36	<b>2,224</b>
Lewis	1	0	0	0	30	0	187
Lincoln	28	0	0	3	0	0	221
<b>Logan</b>	15	9	0	662	0	1	<b>695</b>
Marion	4	0	1	0	4	3	1,069
<b>Marshall</b>	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>407</b>
Mason	2	0	0	0	0	0	280
<b>McDowell</b>	0	449	0	4	0	5	<b>458</b>
<b>Mercer</b>	0	1,528	0	2	0	59	<b>1,594</b>
<b>Mineral</b>	0	0	1	0	1	0	<b>389</b>
<b>Mingo</b>	0	53	0	1,020	0	0	<b>1,076</b>
<b>Monongalia</b>	0	0	0	0	4	4	<b>1,846</b>
<b>Monroe</b>	2	8	1	0	0	31	<b>500</b>
Morgan	0	0	88	0	0	0	106
<b>Nicholas</b>	3	1	0	1	6	713	<b>728</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	0	0	0	0	7	2	<b>503</b>
Pendleton	0	0	0	0	2	0	84
<b>Pleasants</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>121</b>
Pocahontas	0	0	0	1	8	4	267
<b>Preston</b>	0	0	0	0	7	0	<b>881</b>
<b>Putnam</b>	63	0	0	0	0	4	<b>631</b>
<b>Raleigh</b>	4	38	0	1	1	2031	<b>2,109</b>
<b>Randolph</b>	1	0	0	0	693	0	<b>719</b>
Ritchie	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
<b>Roane</b>	7	0	0	0	0	0	<b>461</b>
<b>Summers</b>	0	1	0	1	0	663	<b>687</b>
<b>Taylor</b>	0	0	0	0	3	0	<b>268</b>
Tucker	0	0	0	0	83	0	84
Tyler	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
<b>Upshur</b>	0	0	0	0	348	0	<b>358</b>
Wayne	0	0	0	9	0	0	506
Webster	0	0	0	0	196	38	235
Wetzel	1	0	0	0	0	0	371
Wirt	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
<b>Wood</b>	1	0	0	0	1	2	<b>1,992</b>
Wyoming	1	374	0	2	0	56	433
Out of State	13	117	0	116	17	103	988
Unknown	371	5	132	2	8	145	1,337
<b>Total Contacts</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>4,472</b>	<b>34,664</b>

## Victims

Of the 18,201 victims served by domestic violence programs between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001, 87.1% were females and 12.9% were males.

Race was known for 14,962 of the victims. 94.7% were white and 3.6% were black. The remaining 1.7% included multi-racial, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern victims.

The majority (84.4%) of the victims were adults. The average age of the victims was 23.

14,922 victims reported their relationship status. Most, 41.6%, were married. Graph 1 shows a complete breakdown of victims relationship status.

36.5% of the victims reported a history of abuse as an adult. 10.0% reported being victimized as children, while 5.2% reported witnessing abuse/assault as a child.

41.9% of victims whose education level was reported indicated that they had finished high school. Only 6.5% had a college or professional degree.

Many victims reported that they were not employed full-time. 18.5% were employed full-time. 15.9% of the victims reported that they were homemakers. 15.5% were unemployed, 10.4% were students, 6.6% were employed part-time, and 1.3% were retired.

Most victims (36.9%) sought services from the domestic violence programs as a result of a self-referral or a referral from a friend (Table 3). Magistrates referred 24.1% while law enforcement referred 12.5% of victims. The greatest number of referrals by magistrates were to Mercer County (483) victims. Law enforcement referred more victims from Nicholas County (152) than any other county.

A little over one-quarter (26.1%) of the victims indicated that they had reported the violence to the police. Victims in Mercer County (745) reported more incidents to the police than any other county. In fact, 82.4% of the victims from Mercer County indicated that they had reported the violence to the police. In addition to Mercer, other counties where over 50% of the victims reported to the police included Pleasants, McDowell, Tucker, Doddridge, Jackson, Gilmer, and Lewis. Less than 5% of the victims from Hardy, Wayne, Grant, Hampshire, Mineral, Mason, Cabell, and Lincoln counties reported to the police.

Graph 1  
Victim's Relationship Status

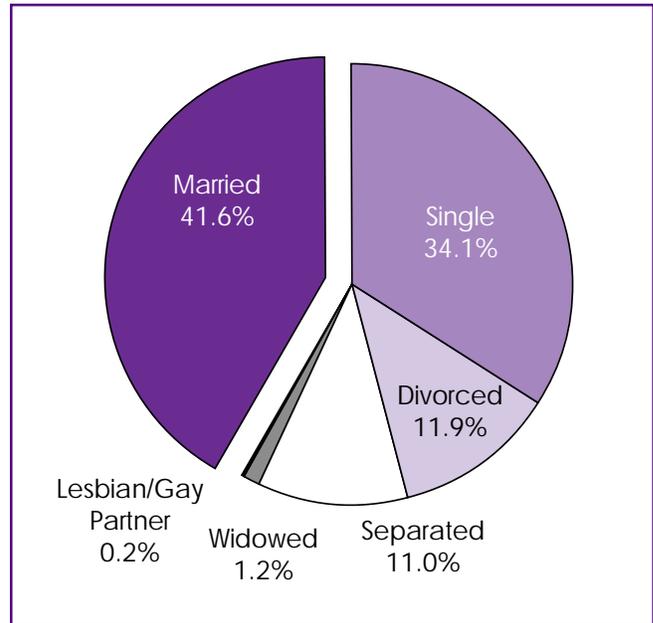


Table 3  
Source of Referral to Domestic Violence Program

	% Victims
Self/Friend	36.9%
Magistrate	24.1%
Law Enforcement	12.5%
Legal Services	6.1%
Social Services	5.9%
Former Client	3.4%
Shelter	2.8%
Medical	2.5%
DHHR	2.5%
School	1.8%
Therapist	1.0%
Church/Minister	0.4%

**Magistrates** referred over 100 victims from Mercer (483), Monongalia (262), Marion (203), Wood (203), Kanawha (189), Greenbrier (160), Raleigh (140), Cabell (131), and Harrison (119) counties.

**Law Enforcement** referred over 100 victims from Nicholas (152), Raleigh (147), Mingo (126), and Kanawha (111) counties.

## Services

Victims may have received services more than once during the year and may have reported more than one reason for service. Emotional abuse was reported most frequently (77.6%) (Graph 2). 57.2% of victims reported physical abuse. Sexual abuse (8.8%), stalking (4.8%), neglect (2.5%), and homicide (1.3%) were also reported as reasons for seeking services.

Domestic violence programs most often provided information and referral services (62.7%) to victims. 39.6% of victims received crisis counseling. Other services provided included legal advocacy (36.8%), follow up services (32.5%), personal advocacy (32.0%), case management (28.7%), hotline (22.6%), criminal justice support (17.4%), group treatment (7.1%), financial assistance (3.0%), therapy (2.7%), and compensation claims (0.2%).

Graph 2  
Type of Services

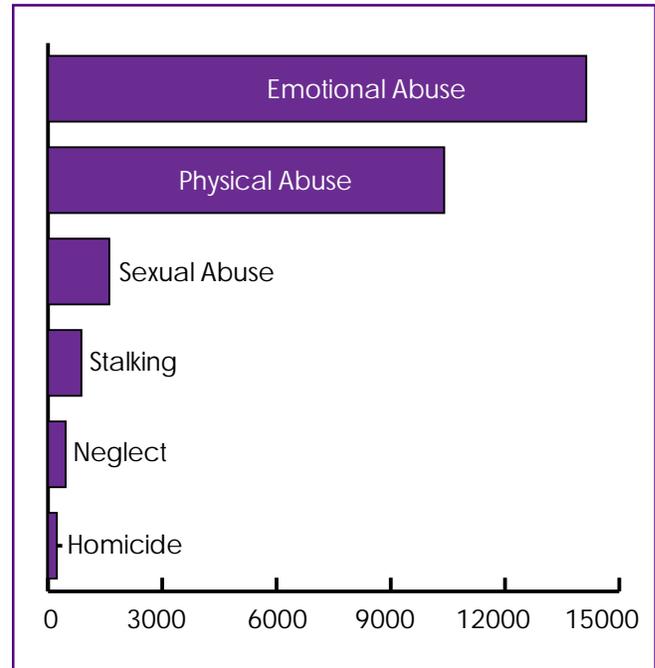
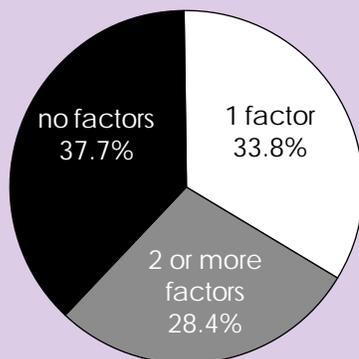


Table 4  
Contributing Factors

	# Abusers	% Abusers
History of Abuse	11,442	46.9%
Alcohol	8,967	36.7%
Stress	2,284	9.4%
Unemployment	1,402	5.7%

Distribution of abusers by the number of contributing factors reported.



## Abusers

Information about the abuser was also collected each time a contact for service was made by a victim. There were a total of 24,408 abuser records in the Coalition's database for contacts made from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. Abusers are not uniquely identified in the database. Thus, some duplication of abuser data may occur.

Of the 23,536 abusers whose gender was reported, 91.3% were males. 8.7% of abusers were females.

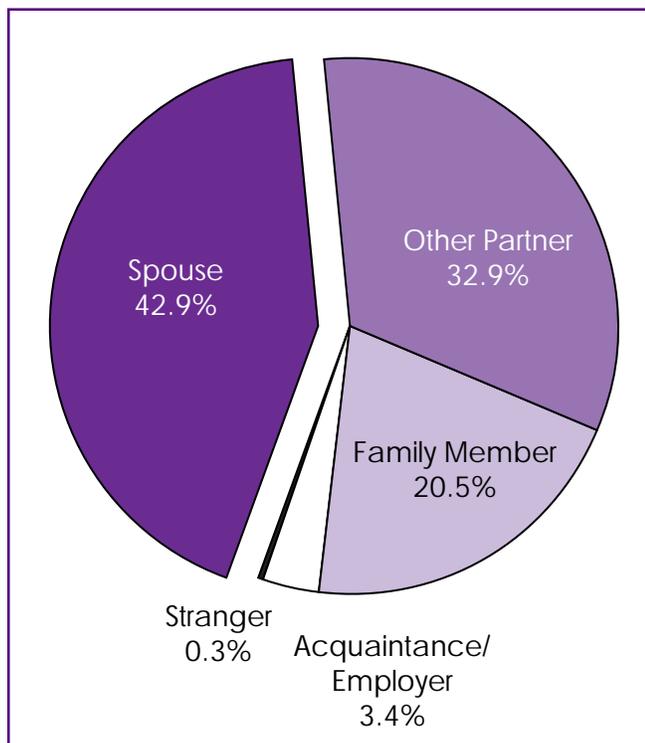
The majority, 93.3%, of abusers were white. 5.5% were black and other races made up the remaining 1.2%.

Age of the abuser was known for 16,243 of the contacts. The average age of the abuser was 36 and the most frequently reported age was 35.

A history of abuse was reported as a contributing factor to the violence for 46.9% of the abusers (Table 4). The abuser may have been a child witness or victim of violence or may have previously abused someone. Alcohol (36.7%), stress (9.4%), and unemployment (5.7%) were also indicated as contributing factors to the abusers' violence.

The abuser's relationship to the victim was reported for 22,600 of the contacts. The abuser was most frequently reported to be the spouse of the victim (42.9%). Only 0.3% of abusers were strangers to their victims. Table 5 shows the complete distribution of the abuser's relationship to the victim.

Graph 3  
Abuser's Relationship to the Victim



## Weapons

The type of weapon(s) threatened and/or used was reported for each of the 24,408 abusers in the database. Abusers most often threatened and/or used their fists (36.9%) as weapons against their victims (Graph 4). 8.8% of abusers threatened and/or used firearms. Knives (4.0%) and clubs (2.8%) were also reported.

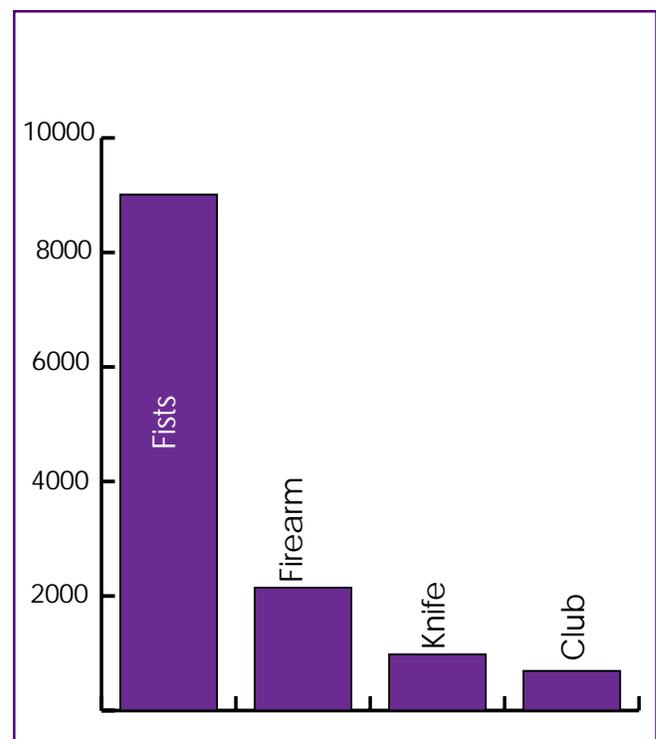
13.5% of the abusers had firearms present on the property during the violence. Firearms were talked about by 6.3% of the abusers. 5.4% of the abusers threatened to use a firearm to commit suicide. It was reported that 3.5% of the abusers held a firearm during the violence. However, 0.9% of abusers actually discharged a firearm.

In 2000, 1,549 offenses involving a firearm were reported to law enforcement in the West Virginia Incident Based Reporting System. This includes a variety of offenses and not all are considered domestic based on the victim/offender relationship. Because 2,146 abusers threatened and/or used a firearm, it appears that only a small fraction of the domestic violence abusers are reported to the police, even when firearms are present.

Table 5  
Abuser's Relationship to the Victim

Spouse	9,692	42.9%
Significant Other	3,488	15.4%
Former Significant Other	2,352	10.4%
Father	2,132	9.4%
Former Spouse	1,546	6.8%
Acquaintance	764	3.4%
Other Relative	679	3.0%
Mother	482	2.1%
Son/Daughter	444	2.0%
Step Parent	400	1.8%
Parent's Significant Other	305	1.3%
Brother/Sister	193	0.9%
Stranger	62	0.3%
Lesbian/Gay Partner	54	0.2%
Employer	7	0.03%
Total	22,600	100.0%

Graph 4  
Type of Weapon Threatened/Used



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## Appendix



# WV Violence Against Women Act Programs

## Monthly Demographic Form

STOP Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reporting Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write in the number(s) of the appropriate response(s) to each question in the space provided. **If the question does not apply or the information is not available, leave the space blank.** Provide only one response unless otherwise specified. Please complete one form for each person served. Additional instructions and definitions are on the Instructions sheet.

1. 99-VAW- \_\_\_\_\_ **Grant Number**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Month**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Role** on the STOP Team

1. Victim Services    3. Law Enforcement  
2. Prosecution    4. Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** of Client

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Age Status**

1. Child    2. Adult    3. Emancipated Child

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **New or Continuing Client?**

1. New    2. Continuing

7. \_\_\_\_\_ **Type of Victimization** (list ALL that apply)

1. Direct Victim    3. Child Witness to Domestic Violence  
2. Indirect Victim    4. Batterer or Perpetrator

8. \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender**

1. Female    2. Male

9. \_\_\_\_\_ **Race**

1. White    4. American Indian/Native Alaskan  
2. Black/African American    5. Multi-Racial  
3. Asian    6. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

10. \_\_\_\_\_ **Ethnicity**

1. Hispanic/Latino    2. Not Hispanic/Latino

11. \_\_\_\_\_ **Physical Characteristics** (list ALL that apply)

1. Pregnant    3. Mental/Emotional Disability  
2. Physical/Medical Disability    4. Other \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_ **City**    **Client's Home**

\_\_\_\_\_ **County**

\_\_\_\_\_ **State**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code**

13. \_\_\_\_\_ **Economic Status** (list ALL that apply)

1. Homemaker    3. Part Time    5. Retired  
2. Full Time    4. Unemployed    6. Student

14. \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Children** in the Home

15. \_\_\_\_\_ **Education** (indicate highest level attained)

1. GED    4. Some college    7. Doctorate  
2. HS Diploma    5. Bachelor's    8. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Technical or Trade School    6. Master's

16. \_\_\_\_\_ **Client's Military Status**

1. Veteran    3. Never Served  
2. Active Duty or Reserves    4. Other \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_ **Gov't Benefits?** (list ALL that apply)

1. Food Stamps    3. Housing    5. Soc. Sec. Benefits  
2. Medical Card    4. TANF/WV Works    6. Other \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_ **Client's Relationship Status**

1. Single    3. Separated    5. Widow(er)  
2. Married    4. Divorced    6. Lesbian/Gay Partner

19. \_\_\_\_\_ **History of Abuse?** (list ALL that apply)

1. Previous Domestic Violence    3. Child Witness  
2. Child Victim    4. None

20. \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** of offender to victim

1. Spouse    8. Relative/In-law  
2. Former Spouse    9. Son/Daughter  
3. Significant Other    10. Acquaintance  
4. Former Significant Other    11. Stranger/other  
5. Parent    12. Employer  
6. Step-Parent    13. Lesbian/Gay Partner  
7. Parent's Significant Other    14. Other \_\_\_\_\_

21. \_\_\_\_\_ **Reason for Service** (list ALL that apply)

1. Physical Assault/Abuse    4. Neglect  
2. Sexual Assault/Abuse    5. Stalking  
3. Emotional Assault/Abuse    6. Other \_\_\_\_\_

22. \_\_\_\_\_ **Weapons** (list ALL that were threatened or used)

1. Firearm    3. Knife    5. Bat, Club, or Stick  
2. Fist    4. Other \_\_\_\_\_

23. \_\_\_\_\_ **Was this incident reported to the Police?**

1. Yes    2. No

24. \_\_\_\_\_ **Was a Domestic Violence Petition Filed?**

1. No, not Filed    3. Yes, Filed but Denied  
2. Yes, Filed & Issued    4. Yes, Filed but Dropped

25. \_\_\_\_\_ **Did victim require Medical Attention?**

1. Yes    2. No

26. \_\_\_\_\_ **Did victim receive Medical Services?**

1. No    3. Hospital Stay    5. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
2. ER    4. Doctor's Office/Clinic Visit

27. \_\_\_\_\_ **Use of Firearms** (list ALL that apply)

1. Firearm(s) present on property  
2. Firearm(s) talked about  
3. Abuser threatened suicide  
4. Firearm held by abuser  
5. Firearm discharged by abuser

28. \_\_\_\_\_ **Underserved Geographic Area**

1. Rural Area    3. Underserved Urban Area  
2. Tribal Area    4. Other Underserved Area \_\_\_\_\_

29. \_\_\_\_\_ **Language Spoken** if client does not speak English.

1. Spanish-Speaking    3. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Asian Language

30. \_\_\_\_\_ **Underserved Populations** (list ALL that apply)

1. Migrant Farm Worker  
2. Immigrant  
3. At-Risk Group (incarcerated, prostitute, and/or substance abuser, etc.)  
4. Other Underserved Population \_\_\_\_\_

# WV Violence Against Women Act Programs

## Instructions

Please write in the number(s) of the appropriate response(s) to each question in the space provided. If the question does not apply or the information is not available, leave the space blank. Provide only one response unless otherwise specified. Please complete one form for each person served.

Please write the name of the STOP Team and your name in the upper portion of the demographic form.

1. Write in the **Grant Number** for the current grant year.
2. Write in **Month** during which services were provided.
3. Write in the number that indicates **Your Role** on the STOP team. If the first three do not apply, please write in your role under #4.
4. Write in the client's **Age**. If not available, leave the space blank.
5. Write in the number corresponding to the client's **Age Status**.
  1. Child: Client is under 18 years old and not emancipated.
  2. Adult: Client is 18 or older.
  3. Emancipated: Client is under 18 years old, but emancipated.
6. Write in a number to indicate if the client is **New or Continuing**. Continuing clients are those that have previously received services since July 1, 2000.
7. Write in as many numbers needed to indicate the **Type of Victimization** the client experienced.
  1. Direct Victim: The client personally experience assault/abuse.
  2. Indirect Victim: The client was impacted by another person's victimization.
  3. Child Witness to DV: The client witnessed assault/abuse as a child.
  4. Batterer or Perpetrator: The client is being served as a batterer.
8. Write in a number to indicate the client's **Gender**.
9. Write in a number that best indicates the client's **Race**.
10. Write in a number to indicate the client's **Ethnicity**.
11. Write in as many numbers needed to describe the client.
  1. Pregnant
  2. Physical/Medical: Impairments substantially limit one or more major life activities.
  3. Mental/Emotional: Impairments substantially limit one or more major life activities.
12. Write in the **Client's Home** city, county, state, and zip code.
13. Write in the numbers that apply to the client's **Economic Status**.
  1. Homemaker: Client does not regularly work for pay.
  2. Full Time Employment: Client is employed 35 hrs or more per wk or regularly provides contracted services.
  3. Part Time Employment: Client is employed less than 35 hrs per wk or periodically provides contracted services.
  4. Unemployed: Client was previously employed, but currently is not.
  5. Retired: Client has voluntarily ended employment and is voluntarily unemployed.
  6. Student: Client is a full or part time student in academic or professional school.
14. Write in the number of **Children** under the age of 18 who live 50% or more of the time in the client's home.
15. Write in a number to indicate the highest level of **Education** obtained by the client.
16. Write in a number to indicate the client's current **Military Status**.
17. Write in the numbers that indicate all the **Gov't Benefits** received. 18.

Write in a number to indicate the client's current **Relationship Status**.

1. Single: Client has never been legally married.
  2. Married: Client is currently in a legal marriage.
  3. Separated: Client is legally separated.
  4. Divorced: Client is legally divorced and has not remarried.
  5. Widowed: Client is widowed and has not remarried.
  6. Lesbian/Gay Partner: Client is in a long-term intimate same-sex relationship.
19. Write in as many numbers as needed to indicate the client's **History of Abuse**.
  1. Previous Domestic Violence: Client has been abused/assaulted as an adult prior to this incident.
  2. Child Victim: Client has been abused/assaulted as a child prior to this incident.
  3. Child Witness: Client witnessed abuse/assault as a child prior to this incident.
20. Write in a number to indicate the offender's **Relationship** to the client.
21. Write in the numbers to indicate the **Reason for Service**.
  1. Physical Assault/Abuse: Non-sexual bodily harm or injury caused or threatened directly or indirectly.
  2. Sexual Assault/Abuse: Unwanted sexual contact, e.g. rape, molestation, incest.
  3. Emotional Abuse: Exploitation of client's vulnerability, insecurity, or character in order to demean or control. Includes verbal assault.
  4. Neglect: Refusal or failure to provide basic needs to a child or incapacitated adult.
  5. Stalking: Following, harassing, or threatening with intent to harm the client or the client's family.
22. Write in the numbers to indicate all the types of **Weapons** threatened or used against the victim in the latest incident.
23. Indicate if any person called or notified any **Police** agency during or after the incident.
24. Indicate if the client requested and received a **Domestic Violence Petition**.
25. Indicate if the client required **Medical Attention** for latest incident.
26. Indicate the **Medical Services** received, if any.
27. Write in the numbers that apply to **Firearms** during the latest incident. It is important to list all options that apply, not just the most serious.
  1. Firearm(s) present on property: Either client's or abuser's property, including garages, barns, or land.
  2. Firearm(s) talked about: Abuser mentioned any firearm.
  3. Abuser threatened suicide: Abuser threatened to hurt himself or herself with any firearm.
  4. Firearm held by abuser: Abuser touched, lifted, held, or waved any firearm.
  5. Firearm discharged by abuser: Regardless of what the bullet hit.
28. Indicate the client's **Geographic Area** if considered an underserved area.
  1. Rural Area: Outside of any city limits.
  2. Tribal Area: Recognized tribal area.
  3. Underserved Urban Area: Within city limits, but with limited services.
  4. Other Underserved Area: Describe location of the underserved area.
29. Indicate the primary **Language Spoken** if the client does not speak English.
30. List all of the following **Underserved Populations** the client represents.
  1. Migrant Farm Worker
  2. Immigrant
  3. At-Risk Group: Includes incarcerated, prostitute, substance abuser.
  4. Other Underserved Population: Please write in the specific, underserved population the client represents other than non-Caucasian, elderly, and disabled clients.



