



## FVPSA State and Territorial Domestic Violence Coalition Fact Sheet

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act is the primary federal funding stream for State and Territorial Domestic Violence Coalitions, which coordinate state- and territory-wide improvements within local communities, social service systems, and programming regarding the prevention and intervention of domestic violence. Every Coalition provides comprehensive training and technical assistance on a multitude of social, legal, and economic issues that affect victims' safety and well-being. Coalitions partner with government, private industry, non-profit and faith-based communities, and other stakeholders to effectively coordinate and improve the safety-net of services available to victims and their dependents.

### What is a State Domestic Violence Coalition?

Each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, have a HHS-designated Domestic Violence Coalition. Each Coalition's membership includes a majority of the *primary-purpose domestic violence service providers* in the State or Territory. Click [here](#) to find your State or Territorial Coalition. Many Tribes also have coalitions, but they are funded and operated differently. For more information, please contact the [National Indigenous Women's Resource Center](#).

A *primary-purpose domestic violence service provider* is one that operates a project of demonstrated effectiveness, carried out by a nonprofit, nongovernmental, private entity or a tribe or tribal organization that has as its project's primary-purpose the operation of shelters for victims of domestic violence and their dependents; or provides counseling, advocacy, or self-help services to victims of domestic violence.

### Ending Domestic Violence Requires Teamwork

- The purpose of a Coalition is to provide education, support, and technical assistance to the primary-purpose domestic violence service providers and providers of direct services in the State in order to establish and maintain shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents;
- Each Coalition serves as an information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence for the State and supports the development of policies, protocols, and procedures to enhance domestic violence intervention and prevention in the State.
- Coalitions play an important role in helping programs develop and continue culturally competent practices consistent with FVPSA guidance, including the promotion of trauma-informed services that help facilitate the social and emotional well-being of both victims and their children.

### Coalitions Provide:

- *Coordinated and Accessible Services*
  - Coordination and collaboration among victim services providers; community-based, culturally specific, and faith-based service providers; housing and homeless services providers, and Federal, State, tribal, and local public officials and agencies is needed to provide more responsive and effective services to victims of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, and their dependents.

- *Trauma-Informed Programming*
  - A trauma-informed approach involves understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma and traumatic stress across the lifespan. Coalitions are uniquely situated to provide support to domestic violence programs in order to ensure that trauma-informed interventions are at the core of working with victims and their children. As Coalitions plan their training and technical assistance priorities, they include responses that help support trauma-informed services among their member programs to promote positive outcomes for all service populations.

**Support for State Domestic Violence Coalitions**

10% of the funds appropriated by Congress for FVPSA formula grants are allocated for the Coalitions. Each Coalition receives an equal share of the funding. Total funding for Coalitions was approximately \$13 million in FY's 2011 and 2012.