



FYSB Family & Youth Services Bureau

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program



Domestic Violence Resource Network Overview

FVPSA
FACT SHEET

FYSB Mission

To support the organizations and communities that work every day to put an end to youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence.

FVPSA Purpose

The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act helps states, territories, and tribes provide emergency shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

Overview of Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Funding

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), an office of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families at the Administration for Children and Families, administers funding through the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) to ensure provision of emergency shelter and other non-shelter support services, such as victim advocacy, crisis counseling, safety planning, support groups, information and referrals, legal aid, and housing assistance to address domestic violence and dating violence ([42 U.S.C. § 10401-10414](#)). Appropriated funds are allocated through three types of formula grants to states and territories for distribution to local programs, to Tribes, and to state domestic violence coalitions. FVPSA also funds competitive discretionary grants to national, special issue, culturally specific, and emerging or current issue resource centers to provide training, technical assistance, and systems-based advocacy across the United States, and to a national domestic violence hotline which helps victims of domestic violence access immediate crisis counseling, safety planning, and local resources from highly trained, compassionate advocates.

Generally, the FVPSA appropriation has been approximately \$150 million, with an additional \$8 million for the national domestic violence hotline. Of those funds, 6% are allotted to fund FVPSA's national, special issue, and culturally-specific resource centers, and 1.5% of discretionary funds are granted to emerging or current issue resource centers. All of these partnering organizations are collectively known as the Domestic Violence Resource Network (DVRN).

Domestic Violence Resource Network



FVPSA funding supports the infrastructure and network of national training and technical assistance to help states, communities, and tribes address complex social, legal, medical, and housing needs for victims of domestic violence and their children.

All training, technical assistance, and resources provided by the DVRN are available to FVPSA grantees and the general public seeking to address domestic violence in their communities. Some resource centers focus on specific systems or populations, and may prioritize their offerings to those groups to ensure appropriate use of its funding and resources. DVRN partner organizations routinely host webinars and in-person trainings; provide written materials such as fact sheets, guides, and research briefs; respond to questions from professionals working directly with victims; offer customized training and technical assistance; and often partner with state domestic violence coalitions on research projects and promoting cutting-edge best practices. Contact each center directly for technical assistance and training opportunities. For a complete listing of DVRN partner organizations, visit acf.hhs.gov/fvpsa or nrcdv.org/dvrn.