



FYSB Family & Youth Services Bureau

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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.

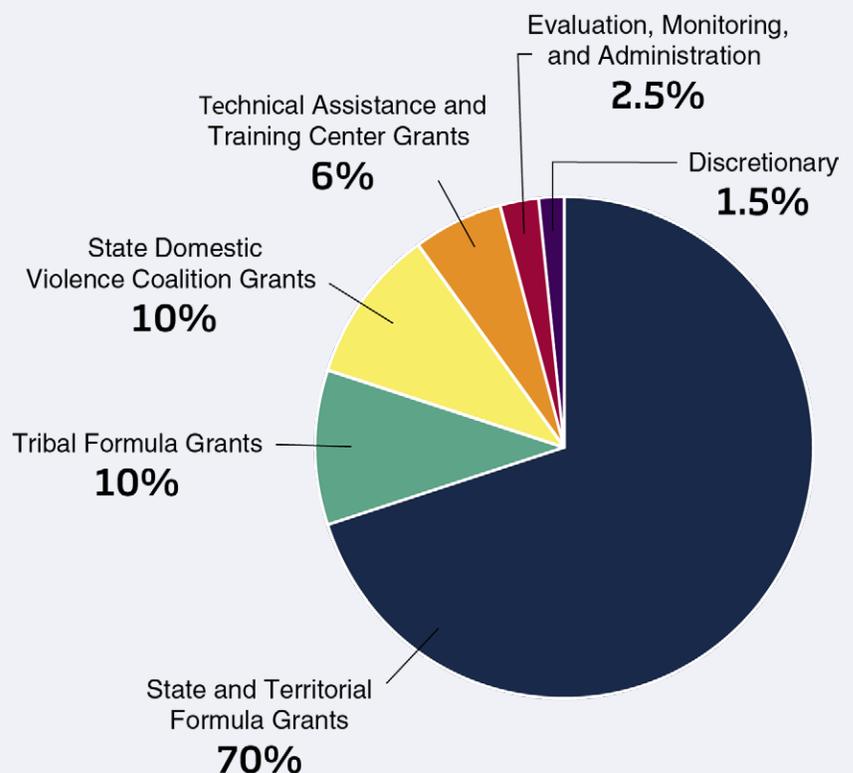
History and Purpose

Codified into law since 1984 under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act ([42 U.S.C. § 10401 -10414](#)), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. § et seq) (FVPSA) funds the federal response system to ensure vital crisis services are available to individuals experiencing domestic or dating violence and their dependents. When FVPSA was first written, Congress used the term “family violence” in the legislation as synonymous with domestic violence. However, as research and evidence have grown over the past 35 years of FVPSA’s existence, the more commonly used language of domestic violence and dating violence has been adopted; these definitions are consistent with those found in the Violence Against Women Act and the Victims of Crime Act.

The FVPSA Program is located in the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), an office of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families at the Administration for Children and Families. FVPSA implements statutorily required programs for the purposes of:

1. Increasing public awareness and primary prevention of domestic and dating violence
2. Providing immediate shelter and supportive services for individuals experiencing domestic or dating violence and their dependents
3. Operating a national domestic violence hotline
4. Providing technical assistance and training relating to domestic and dating violence to local public agencies, non-profits, tribal organizations, and others, including the establishment of state domestic violence coalitions and national resource centers.

DISTRIBUTION OF FVPSA FUNDS



Appropriation of FVPSA Funds

FYSB administers FVPSA funding as specified within statute. Appropriated funds are allocated through grant programs to states and territories, Tribes, and coalitions; competitive discretionary grants to technical assistance and training centers; and a national domestic violence hotline. Generally, the FVPSA appropriation has been approximately \$150 million, with an additional \$8 million for the national domestic violence hotline. Any remaining discretionary funds are used for competitive demonstration grants or special projects that respond to critical or otherwise unaddressed issues, such as enhanced services to children and youth exposed to domestic violence, culturally specific services, and technical assistance to FVPSA state administrators and coalitions.

Through these grants, FVPSA puts the power to effectively address violence perpetration into the hands of the community and supports their efforts to reduce crime, while also funding prevention and public awareness efforts. These programs provide both a safe haven and an array of supportive services to intervene when help is needed and to prevent abuse.

The National Domestic Violence **HOTLINE**

1.800.799.SAFE (7233) • 1.800.787.3224 (TTY)



The National Domestic Violence Hotline, loveisrespect, and StrongHearts Native Helpline

Answered **323,081** total contacts in FY 17



Calls
239,479



Texts
13,619



Online Chats
69,983

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) provides crisis intervention, emotional support, counseling, and safety planning to individuals experiencing domestic or dating violence, and resources or information for families, friends, and service providers. Advocates at The Hotline can directly connect callers to over 4,500 community programs across the United States. It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is available in 200 languages, including services to deaf and hard of hearing contactors.

Call 800-799-SAFE (7233) or 800-787-3224 for TTY to reach The Hotline or use live online chat services throughout the day at thehotline.org or <http://espanol.thehotline.org> from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Central for Spanish speakers.