



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND
SEXUAL ASSAULT IN VIRGINIA

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To the Chairs of the Senate and House Courts of Justice Committees, the Virginia Crime Commission, and Members of the General Assembly:

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2007 Annual Report on Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault Programs. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-515.1, the Statewide Facilitator for victims of domestic violence has the responsibility to assist agencies in implementing domestic violence programs and must report on the status of such programs each year.

The Annual Report provides an overview of grant programs and services that are available to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Report also details several other initiatives throughout the Commonwealth, including public awareness campaigns, training activities, and other statewide efforts to combat domestic violence and sexual assault.

I am proud of the accomplishments we have made in Virginia. I am confident that in the years ahead, Virginia will continue its commitment to victims by providing programs and services as it combats domestic violence and sexual assault.

Sincerely,

Robert F. McDonnell

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Attorney General's Message

“Domestic violence affects people of all ages, races, genders, religions, educational levels and classes. It impacts our most vulnerable citizens – our elderly, children, and those with disabilities. It often rips families apart. Yet, domestic violence is not just a family problem, it affects communities and is one of the most complex public safety issues. That is why public officials and law enforcement across Virginia strive to work together along with advocacy groups to create powerful laws to hold perpetrators accountable and ensure the safety of all victims. Public Officials must encourage collaboration and ensure much needed services. We must educate Virginia’s diverse communities, increase awareness, and develop a coordinated response. As we continue to work together to effectively combat domestic violence, we must ensure assistance to all victims. Further, we must recognize the importance of working with children in order to break the cycle of domestic violence. I am confident that with everyone working together as a team, we can protect victims of domestic and sexual violence. We must ensure enforcement of our strong laws and implementation of sound policies, to include effective prevention programs as well as intervention programs, in order to continue to make Virginia a safe place to call home.

Executive Summary

As part of Virginia's effort to combat domestic and sexual violence, the Commonwealth continues to provide support for victims' programs and services through funding, training, and outreach. Virginia has also enacted new laws and penalties to prosecute offenders and hold them accountable. In addition, fatality review teams, under the leadership of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, have been established to evaluate events leading up to a fatality as a result of intimate partner violence.

Certified sexual and domestic violence programs provide a host of services free of charge, 24 hours a day, throughout Virginia. These services include emergency shelters, transportation, sexual assault crisis intervention, relocation of victims to safe havens, rape prevention programs, counseling, safety planning, community outreach, job training, education programs and awareness initiatives. Information from Vadata, a statewide data collection system for Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers, shows that from 2000 to 2006, the number of families and children sheltered annually has more than doubled.

Domestic Violence Service Providers responded to over 51,000 crisis situations in 2006 and provided services to victims, family members of

victims, friends of victims, and others. In addition to hotline calls, victims' advocates also responded in person to 9,639 crises.

Further, in 2006, Sexual Assault Service Providers trained nearly 100,000 individuals and responded to over 13,000 crisis situations. In addition, they provided over 40,000 services to victims, family members, and allied professionals. Advocates also responded in person to 4,284 crises.

In October of 2007, the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, awarded continued funding of a Federal grant to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protective Orders to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Virginia Department of State Police, the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance jointly applied for the grant and will remain active partners to accomplish the goals outlined in the grant. A total of \$1,264,542 was awarded to these state agencies to continue working together to review policies and practices related to family abuse cases and to develop tools to assist communities in their efforts to assure victim safety and perpetrator accountability. The partners will continue to work together by offering

training, technical assistance, and resources to fourteen Virginia localities, based on the issues and needs identified by professionals in each of those localities. The localities are within in six regions of the Commonwealth and include: the Counties of Albemarle, Dickenson, Fairfax, Henry, Lee, Russell, Scott, Washington, and Wise; the Cities of Charlottesville, Martinsville, Norfolk, and Roanoke; and the University of Virginia campus.

Collaboration with Virginia's business community continues to improve the services we provide to victims of domestic violence. In October 2007, Verizon Wireless donated \$145,000 in grants to organizations dedicated to combating domestic violence. Details relating to other funding sources have been outlined in this Report.

Education and training are other important tools in fighting domestic and sexual violence in Virginia's communities. Community leaders, law enforcement personnel, service providers, researchers, and other experts are engaged in the search for better measures to combat domestic and sexual violence through heightened awareness. Various initiatives have been undertaken. One such initiative is the Office of the Attorney General's semi-annual conference, which focused on Native American Women and their plight to overcome domestic violence. The Office of the Attorney General also hosted a Domestic Violence Summit in October of 2007 and

brought together many of Virginia's leaders, service providers, and law enforcement personnel to assess the achievements of the past decade and to chart a course of action for the future as Virginia strives to eradicate domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Action Alliance provided training to law enforcement officers in the area of sexual assault investigation. Further, at least 1,500 health care providers received training through the Virginia Department of Health. The training was aimed at improving the capacity of health care professionals to recognize and effectively respond to victims of intimate partner violence. Additionally, the Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, partnered nationally with STOP IT NOW and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance to provide training on prevention of child sexual abuse.

Comprehensive reports of other initiatives, involving other agencies and organizations from across Virginia, are detailed in this Report.

Other initiatives by various organizations include, training for men and boys on sexual violence prevention; intensive youth-peer education; "train the trainer" programs; and collaboration with the Virginia Campus Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Virginia also made legislative changes that are crucial to protecting victims of domestic and sexual violence. These amendments and new laws will enhance the safety of all victims of domestic violence.

These efforts, along with the other initiatives detailed in this Annual Report, demonstrate that the Commonwealth of Virginia is committed to working with law enforcement, experts, service providers, legislators, and local government, and citizens to combat domestic violence and sexual assault. Clearly, working together we can make a difference in Virginia.

2007 Legislative Update

§16.1-253.4 Emergency protective orders authorized in certain cases; penalty.

Any magistrate or judge of appropriate jurisdiction can issue an emergency protective order to protect the health or safety of any person upon an assertion of abuse under oath by a law enforcement officer or the alleged abuser.

Effective July 1, 2007, When the judge or magistrate considers the issuance of an emergency protective order pursuant to clause (i) of this subsection, the judge shall presume that there is probable danger of further acts of family abuse against a family or household member by the respondent.

§ 16.1-253.2. Violation of provisions of protective orders; penalty.

Violation of a protective order is a Class 1 misdemeanor. It is a Class 6 felony if the violator causes serious bodily injury to any party protected by the order. A person who violates a protective order by furtively entering the home of any protected party while the party is present, or by entering and remaining in the home of the protected party until the party arrives, is guilty of a Class 6 felony, in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

Effective July 1, 2007, The punishment for any person convicted of a second offense of violating a protective order, when the offense is committed within five years of the prior conviction and when either the instant or prior offense was based on an act or threat of violence, shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of 60 days. Any person convicted of a third offense of violating a protective order, when the offense is committed within 20 years of the first conviction, and when either the instant or one of the prior offenses was based on an act or threat of violence, is guilty of a Class 6 felony and the punishment shall include a mandatory minimum term of confinement of six months.

§ 16.1-253.1. Preliminary protective orders in cases of family abuse; confidentiality.

A court may issue a preliminary protective order against an allegedly abusing person in order to protect the health and safety of the petitioner or any family or household member of the petitioner. A preliminary protective order may impose a wide range of conditions on the alleged abuser, including prohibiting specific acts of abuse and contacts with the petitioner - complainant.

Effective July 1, 2007, A court may extend a preliminary protective order where the party subject to the order fails to attend the hearing because he was not personally served. The extended protective order must be served as soon as possible and the extension period is limited to six months.

§16.1-253.4. Emergency protective orders authorized in certain cases; penalty.

Any magistrate, or judge of appropriate jurisdiction, may issue an emergency protective order to protect the health or safety of any person upon an assertion of abuse, under oath, by a law-enforcement officer or the allegedly abused person.

Effective July 1, 2007, when issuing an emergency protective order under this section, the judge or magistrate shall provide the protected person or the law-enforcement officer seeking the emergency protective order with the form for use in filing petitions pursuant to § 16.1-253.1 and written information regarding protective orders that shall include the telephone numbers of domestic violence agencies and legal referral sources on a form prepared by the Supreme Court of Virginia. If these forms are provided to a law-enforcement officer, the officer may provide these forms to the protected person providing that person with the emergency protective order.

§ 2.2-515.2. Address Confidentiality Program.

This statute requires the Statewide Facilitator for Victims of Domestic Violence to establish a program known as the “Address Confidentiality Program”, by providing a substitute designated address for victims of domestic violence to use as their personal address for state and local government records. An individual, who is at least 18 years of age, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor, a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person, or an emancipated minor may apply to the Office of the Attorney General for such substitute address. The enactment clause of the statute specifically provides that an evaluation of the program shall be prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and the results forwarded to the members of the Senate Committee on General Laws and the House Committee on General Laws by December 31, 2007. Currently, pursuant to this statute, this program is a pilot, limited to Arlington County.

Funding Sources

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)

The Victims of Crime Act provides funding for crisis intervention, counseling, transportation, services for elderly and disabled victims, volunteer coordinators, translation services, needs assessments, and other support services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. VOCA funds are derived entirely from criminal fines.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)

TANF funds are used to help victims of domestic violence relocate to safe places and to support the Statutory Rape Awareness Program. TANF funds are also used to develop appropriate counseling, referral services, and job training programs.

VIRGINIA FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (VFPVPP)

Virginia established the VFPVPP in 1983 to provide additional funding for the prevention of family violence and intervention in situations involving family violence. In addition to prevention and intervention services, activities funded with VFPVPP funds include the statewide hotline, training throughout Virginia, and technical assistance.

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION & SERVICES ACT (FVPSA)

The Family Violence Prevention & Services Act provides funding for services to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their children.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT (PHSA)

The PHSA authorizes funding for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHS). These funds are used for rape prevention, training, education, and other activities to reduce preventable morbidity and mortality, as well as to enhance the quality of life.

MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT (MVHAA)

MVHAA funds are distributed by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to domestic violence and homeless shelters as part of the Department's State Homeless Housing Assistance Resources (SHARE) program.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

The Federal Violence Against Women Act provides funding for a number of grant programs, including the STOP formula grant and discretionary grants.

VAWA also provides funds to statewide coalitions and legal assistance programs.

VIRGINIA VICTIM/WITNESS FUND (VVWF)

The Virginia Victim/Witness Fund was established in 1995 to support the Victim/Witness Grant Program. Revenue is generated through assessments collected by the clerks of court from convicted offenders.

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

The Family and Children's Trust (FACT) Fund generates revenue from the sale of KIDS FIRST license plates. These funds support grants for family violence programs and public awareness initiatives. Additional funds are generated from the sale of Safe Kids special license plates.

INCOME TAX CHECK-OFF

Taxpayers may voluntarily donate all or part of their income tax refund to FACT. Revenue from income tax check-off supports family violence prevention, treatment, and public awareness projects.

Grant Programs

STATE HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE RESOURCES (SHARE) PROGRAM

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development administers the SHARE program, which provides funding for emergency and transitional housing. Certain SHARE funds may be used to rehabilitate and repair shelters. These funds also may be used for maintenance, rent and utilities, or for other services for shelter residents.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM

The Domestic Violence Prevention Services Program provides awareness, education, prevention, and service programs. The Virginia Department of Social Services awards grants to public and private non-profit, incorporated agencies and organizations that provide direct crisis services to victims of domestic violence.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROGRAM GRANT

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services administers this grant, which distributes funds to provide or enhance direct services to victims of sexual assault. Local sexual assault crisis centers and statewide programs may apply.

GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES & ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS (GEAP)

The GEAP program is a federal discretionary grant to encourage communities to adopt a coordinated community response with regard to the treatment of domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law. This program challenges local communities to develop new responses to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM GRANT

Victim/Witness grants provide funds to local victim/witness programs and statewide victim assistance programs that provide information, direct services, and assistance required by Virginia's Crime Victim and Witness Rights Act.

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (V-STOP) GRANT

Federal STOP Violence Against Women formula grants are awarded to states to develop and strengthen the response of the criminal justice system to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and to support and enhance services for victims.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING GRANT

The Division for Injury and Violence Prevention of the Virginia Department of Health contracts with local sexual assault centers to provide sexual violence prevention programming in localities. Services and activities funded include: intensive youth-peer education; multi-session, curriculum-based education; community education; train-the-trainer programs; and public awareness campaigns or events.

VIRGINIA SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM FUND (DSVVF)

This grant is administered by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services to support the prosecution of domestic violence cases, law enforcement efforts, and victim services (including sexual assault, stalking, and civil legal assistance programs). One-half of the funds are dedicated to the cost of prosecuting felonies and misdemeanors involving domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking, and family abuse.

GRANTS TO STATE SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITIONS PROGRAM

The Federal Office on Violence Against Women awards grants to each state's domestic violence coalition and sexual assault coalition for the purposes of coordinating state victim services activities, as well as collaborating and coordinating with federal, state, and local entities.

Programs and Services

The certified sexual and domestic violence programs in Virginia deliver an array of services to victims and their children. Services are free and are offered 24 hours a day.

Domestic violence programs provide emergency shelter and transportation, crisis intervention, safety planning, counseling, information and referrals, service coordination, basic services for children, systems advocacy, and community education, awareness and outreach services.

Sexual assault crisis centers provide crisis intervention hotlines; advocacy and accompaniment for victims; support groups; information and referrals; and education and training programs.

ABUSE ALTERNATIVES

Bristol, TN
(423) 652-9093

ACTS/TURNING POINTS

Dumfries, VA
(703) 221-4460

ALEXANDRIA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Alexandria, VA
(703) 838-4911

AMHERST COUNTY COMMISSION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Amherst, VA
(434) 946-0300

ARLINGTON COUNTY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

Arlington, VA
(703) 228-1515

AVALON

Williamsburg, VA
(757) 258-5022

BEDFORD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Bedford, VA
(540) 587-0970

CENTER FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS

Newport News, VA
(757) 599-9844

CITIZENS AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

Martinsville, VA
(276) 632-8701

CITIZENS AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

Harrisonburg, VA
(540) 432-6430

COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR PAGE CO.

Luray, VA
(540) 743-4414

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY SERVICES

Danville, VA
(434) 799-3683

DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN & FAMILIES

Arlington, VA
(703) 522-8858

EASTERN SHORE COALITION AGAINST DV

Onancock, VA
(757) 787-1329

FAIRFAX COUNTY CSB DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT
Chantilly, VA
(703) 968-4016

FAIRFAX COUNTY DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL ASSAULT
Reston, VA
(703) 435-4948

FAIRFAX VICTIM ASSISTANCE NETWORK (VAN)
Alexandria, VA
(703)-360-7273

FAMILY CRISIS SERVICES
North Tazewell, VA
(276) 988-5583

FAMILY CRISIS SUPPORT SERVICES
Norton, VA
(276) 679-7240

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, Inc.
Wytheville, VA
(276) 228-7141

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION (CSU-FVPP)
Emporia, VA
(804)-348-0100

FIRST STEP
Harrisonburg, VA
(540) 434-0295

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
Rocky Mount, VA
(540) 483-5088

GENIEVE SHELTER
Suffolk, VA
(757) 925-4342

HALIFAX CITIZENS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Halifax, VA
(434) 454-7123

HANOVER SAFE PLACE

Ashland, VA
(804) 752-2728

HELP AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Portsmouth, VA
(757) 485-1445

HOPE HOUSE OF SCOTT CO.

Gate City, VA
(276) 386-1373

LAUREL SHELTER, INC.

Gloucester, VA
(804) 694-5552

LOUDOUN ABUSED WOMEN'S SHELTER

Leesburg, VA
(703) 771-3398

MADELINE'S HOUSE/ PIEDMONT CRISIS CENTER

Farmville, VA
(434) 292-1077

NEW DIRECTIONS

Staunton, VA
(540) 885-7273

PEOPLE, INC.

Lebanon, VA
(276) 935-4747

PROJECT HOPE AT QUIN RIVERS

Charles City, VA
(804) 966-5020

PROJECT HORIZON

Lexington, VA
(540) 463-7861

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNCIL AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

Fredericksburg, VA
(540) 371-1666

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Fredericksburg, VA
(540) 373-9372

RESPONSE

Woodstock, VA
(540) 459-5599

RESPONSE SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES OF YWCA

Norfolk, VA
(757) 623-2115

SAFE HARBOR

Richmond, VA
(804) 287-7877

SAFEHOME SYSTEMS

Covington, VA
(540) 965-3237

SAMARITAN HOUSE

Virginia Beach, VA
(757) 430-2642

SERVICES TO ABUSED FAMILIES (SAFE)

Culpeper, VA
(540) 825-8876

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE AGENCY

Charlottesville, VA
(434) 295-7273

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE AND AWARENESS

Alexandria, VA
(703) 838-5030

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE & AWARENESS

Roanoke, VA
(540) 345-7273

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE PROGRAM

Crisis Line of Central Virginia
Lynchburg, VA
(434) 947-7422

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM'S VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE

Warrenton, VA
(540) 349-7720

SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN

Winchester, VA
(540) 667-6466

SHELTER FOR HELP IN EMERGENCY

Charlottesville, VA
(434) 293-6155

SOUTHSIDE CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Blackstone, VA
(434) 292-4183

THE CRISIS CENTER

Bristol, VA
(276) 466-2218

THE HAVEN SHELTER & SERVICES, INC.

Warsaw, VA
(804) 333-5370

THE JAMES HOUSE

Hopewell, VA
(804) 458-2704

TOTAL ACTION AGAINST POVERTY

Roanoke, VA
(540) 345-6781

TRANSITIONS

Hampton, VA
(757) 722-2261

TURNING POINT (SALVATION ARMY)

Roanoke, VA
(540) 345-0400

WARREN CO. COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Front Royal, VA
(540) 635-9194

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Radford, VA
(540) 639-9592

YWCA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER

Lynchburg, VA
(434) 847-7751

YWCA WOMEN IN CRISIS PROGRAM

Norfolk, VA
(757) 625-4248

YWCA WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Richmond, VA
(804) 643-6761

Certified Batterer Intervention Programs

Batterer Intervention Programs are a court-ordered sanction and often an alternative to incarceration. The mission of Batterer Intervention Programs in Virginia is to aid in the elimination of domestic violence by providing services to batterers, promoting safety and justice for victims of domestic violence, and affecting social change leading to cultural values that prohibit rather than support abuse within intimate relationships.

See www.vabipboard.org

ACTS/TURNING POINTS MEN'S PROGRAM

Dumfries, VA 22026
(703) 221-4460

AIMS, INC.

Domestic Violence & Anger Intervention Services
Manassas, Virginia 20111
(703) 530-6262

LYNCHBURG AREA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Breaking Free
Lynchburg, VA 24501
(434) 528-4971

OAR OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

Violence Intervention Program
Fairfax, VA 22303
(703) 246-3033

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Fresh Start Men's Program
Fredericksburg, VA
(540) 372-7866

SKINNER HOLISTIC HEALTH CORPORATION

Emporia, VA 23847
(434) 348-9071

Fatality Review Teams

Fatality review is an interdisciplinary evaluation of events leading up to a fatality.

ADULT FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

Statewide Team
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Contact: Virginia Powell, Ph.D.
(804) 786-6047

VIRGINIA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM

Statewide Team
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Contact: Victoria Kavanaugh, Ph.D.
(804) 786-6095

STATE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

Statewide Team
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Contact: Kathryn Suyes
(804) 786-1047

FAMILY VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS

Local Teams

Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Contact: Virginia Powell, Ph.D.

(804) 786-6047

Community Corrections

**ALEXANDRIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS**

Alexandria, VA

(703) 838-4547

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Arlington, VA

(703) 228-0126

BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES

Staunton, VA

(540) 886-1008

CHESAPEAKE BAY AREA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Virginia Beach, VA

(757) 552-1800

CHESAPEAKE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Chesapeake, VA

(757) 543-0200

CHESTERFIELD COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & PRETRIAL SERVICES

Chesterfield, VA

(804) 717-2250

CLINCH VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

North Tazewell, VA

(276) 988-5583

COLONIAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Williamsburg, VA

(757) 564-2311

COURT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Salem, VA

(540) 387-5230

CULPEPER COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES PROGRAM

Culpeper, VA
(540) 727-3450

FAIRFAX CO. GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

Court Services Division
Fairfax, VA
(703) 246-4025

FAIRFAX COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

Court Services Division
Community Corrections Program
Fairfax, VA
(703) 246-3045

FAIRFAX COUNTY J&DR COURT SERVICES

Fairfax, VA
(703) 246-3040

FAUQUIER COUNTY OFFICE OF ADULT COURT SERVICES

Warrenton, VA
(540) 349-3138

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Suffolk, VA
(757) 923-2080

HALIFAX/PITTSYLVANIA COURT SERVICES

Halifax, VA
(434) 476-1183

HAMPTON/NEWPORT NEWS CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY

Hampton, VA
(757) 726-5400

HENRICO COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Richmond, VA
(804) 501-5188

LOUDOUN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Leesburg, VA
(703) 777-0207

LYNCHBURG COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & PRETRIAL SERVICES

Lynchburg, VA
(434) 845-2164

MIDDLE PENINSULA LOCAL PROBATION & PRETRIAL

Tappahannock, VA
(804) 445-0600

NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & PRETRIAL SERVICES

Pulaski, VA
(540) 994-5061

NORFOLK CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Norfolk, VA
(757) 441-1413

NORTHERN NECK COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Warsaw, VA
(804) 333-6014

OAR/JEFFERSON AREA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Charlottesville, VA
(434) 296-2441

OLD DOMINION COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Winchester, VA
(540) 665-5633

PAMUNKEY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PRETRIAL SERVICES

Hanover, VA
(804) 537-6400

PETERSBURG COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Petersburg, VA
(804) 861-4275

PIEDMONT COURT SERVICES

Farmville, VA
(434) 392-8161

PIEDMONT COURT SERVICES

Boydton, VA
(434) 738-6191

PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS & PRETRIAL SERVICES

Portsmouth, VA
(757) 393-5237

PRINCE WILLIAM OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

Manassas, VA
(703) 792-6065

RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL JAIL

Stafford, VA
(540) 288-5275

RICHMOND OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Richmond, VA
(804) 646-1980

RIVERSIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY

Prince George, VA
(804) 733-2760

ROCKINGHAM-HARRISONBURG COURT SERVICES UNIT

Harrisonburg, VA
(540) 564-3144

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Emporia, VA
(434) 348-1035

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Lebanon, VA
(276) 889-5862

VIRGINIA BEACH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Virginia Beach, VA
(757) 427-4689

*Fiscal Year 2006: 4,157 offenders were ordered to participate in anger management counseling; 3,194 offenders were ordered to participate in domestic violence counseling; and 106 offenders were ordered to participate in sex-offender treatment.

*Source: Comprehensive Community Corrections Act & Pretrial Services Act, Annual Report to the Legislature, prepared by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (2006).

Training and Education

VIRGINIA'S FOURTH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN

The Office of the Attorney General hosted a semi-annual conference that focused on Native American women and the culturally specific barriers they must overcome to end domestic violence. The conference was held in Montpelier, Virginia. At the request of the participants, an additional day of training will be held in January 2008.

MALE OUTREACH TRAINING

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury & Violence Prevention, held its annual sexual violence prevention training for men and boys. The training sessions were designed to address how to talk to men and boys about sexual violence prevention.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM TRAINING

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury & Violence Prevention, contracts with local sexual assault centers to provide sexual violence prevention programming in communities throughout the Commonwealth. Services and activities funded include intensive youth-peer

education, curriculum-based education, community education, train-the-trainer programs, and public awareness campaigns or events.

COMMUNICATE AND COLLABORATE: CAMPUSES AND COMMUNITIES

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury & Violence Prevention, also collaborated with the Virginia Campus Coalition Against Sexual Assault to promote and fund an annual conference addressing sexual violence prevention to college campuses.

TRAINING FOR TRAINERS: LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO ADULT SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Department of Criminal Justice Services, Victims Services Section, and the Virginia Action Alliance provided an opportunity for trainers of law enforcement officers to obtain advanced skills in the area of sexual assault investigation. The training also provided information about Virginia's current sexual assault laws. Further, the training included non-stranger and adult sexual assault investigations.

BEST PRACTICES, STRONG COMMUNITIES

Funded by the Federal grant to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protective Orders (GEAP), the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of

Virginia, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, and the Virginia State Police partnered to provide technical assistance to fourteen localities in Virginia. The localities are located in six regions of the Commonwealth and include: the Counties of Albemarle, Dickenson, Fairfax, Henry, Lee, Russell, Scott, Washington and Wise; the Cities of Charlottesville, Martinsville, Norfolk and Roanoke; and the University of Virginia campus. These partners, along with the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, will continue to work together to review policies and practices related to family abuse cases and the use of arrest and protective order. Further, they will develop tools to assist communities in their work to ensure victim safety and perpetrator accountability.

OUTREACH TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Project RADAR, an initiative of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Division of Injury and Prevention, seeks to improve the health care providers' ability to identify and effectively respond to victims of intimate partner violence. A primary care/core curriculum and a six specialty-specific curricula, including obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, geriatrics, dental, emergency medical services, and teen dating violence, have been developed over the last year.

At least 1,500 health care providers attended RADAR trainings at workshops held in various parts of the Commonwealth. An additional 170 health care and advocacy professionals were certified to provide RADAR workshops in their communities. An online course of the RADAR curriculum was also created and approved for continuing medical education credits through the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. A model policy for hospitals in Virginia, based on standards set forth by "best practice" and by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), was developed.

To begin implementing the model policy, VDH initiated a project with Old Dominion University and provide 30 hospitals in Virginia with policy review and written analyses of their current policies on abuse rate in comparison with the standards set forth in the model. In the near future technical assistance will be provided to develop a policy that reflects the model. This project will continue in fiscal year 2008, with the goal of providing policy analysis/review to 30 additional hospitals in Virginia.

In the spring of 2007, the Project RADAR initiative sponsored its first statewide awareness initiative regarding impact of domestic violence on an individual's health. The campaign included bus ads, billboards, and public service announcements. Information regarding resources was offered to

those experiencing abuse. Finally, throughout the course of the year, educational materials such as pamphlets, CDs, resource cards, and posters on intimate partner violence, specific to the health care setting, were made available to health professionals. Through conferences, awareness events, website promotion, and order forms, close to 10,000 of these educational items were distributed throughout Virginia.

STOP IT NOW!

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention in partnership with Stop It Now® held two new training events in Norfolk and Harrisonburg as part of the “Stop It Now!” initiative. These training programs, on preventing child sexual abuse were presented by a panel that included a survivor of child sexual abuse, a recovering sex offender, a non-offending family member (bystander), and a sex offender treatment provider. The campaign encourages adults who are concerned about possible sexualized behaviors directed towards children to take appropriate steps toward safety by calling the Stop It Now!’s toll free national Helpline, 1-888-PREVENT (1-888-773-8368).

Public Awareness and Prevention

CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

The Virginia Department of Social Services continued its “Domestic Violence, It’s closer than you think” public awareness campaign. This campaign is intended to educate the public about how domestic violence affects everyone in a community. A series of culturally diverse pictures, posters, billboards, flyers, and brochures were used as part of this initiative. A website, (www.closerthanyouthink.org) has been established and the Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault hotline number are used as an additional tool to provide the information to the public. Printed materials were distributed to all local domestic violence programs, local departments of social services, local health departments, as well as organizations serving some of Virginia’s diverse cultural groups.

MEN ENDING VIOLENCE

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, offers the “Men Ending Violence” program. The goal of this program is to encourage men to participate in efforts to reduce sexual

violence. The program includes "Men of Strength" posters, radio ads, and billboards. See www.menendingviolence.com.

TRAINING CONCERNING STATUTORY RAPE AND SEXUAL COERCION

ISN'T SHE A LITTLE YOUNG?

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, sponsors public awareness campaigns across Virginia to help reduce sexual coercion and statutory rape. The campaign's message, "Isn't she a little young? Sex with a minor, don't go there." appears on billboards in various locations. Postcards are also sent to restaurants and retail establishments.

The effort was a follow-up to a pilot project VDH conducted in the Hampton Roads area in July of 2003. The pilot project showed that 55% of men interviewed at the close of the pilot were able to recall the campaign's message. The campaign has been featured in Teen Vogue magazine and on national network television programs. See www.varapelaws.org.

Other Initiatives

PARTNERSHIPS WITH VERIZON WIRELESS

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2007, the Office of the Attorney General hosted a summit at the Science Museum of Virginia.

The summit, **“Looking Back, Moving Forward: Building on Virginia’s Plan to End Domestic Violence”**, was sponsored by the Verizon Wireless Foundation. The event brought together some members of the original Commission on Family Violence Prevention, judges, legislators, state agency heads, community groups, advocates, and victims. Panelists and moderators discussions on specific issues related to domestic violence. The summit also focused on progress made since the enactment of legislation and implementation of the Commission’s recommendations. The result of the summit will serve to aid in development of an effective strategy to move Virginia forward. During the event, Verizon also announced their grant recipients for 2007. Verizon awarded organizations in Virginia \$145,000 in Verizon Foundation and Verizon Wireless grants. (See Appendix A)

OUTREACH TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

The Virginia Department of Health, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, offers the "Gracias Papa" campaign, consisting of three series of Spanish radio ads that feature Latino fathers and daughters. The web page, www.paramihija.com, provides information regarding sexual coercion of teens by adults and warnings regarding statutory rape. Finally, VDH has a “Fotonovela” for young women addressing the issue of teens dating older adults. The “Fotonovela” is now available in Spanish. These resources have

received national recognition as one of the few resources addressing this topic. The radio ads received a 2007 "Gracie" award.

NATIONAL CENSUS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

In November of 2006, 45 out of the 46 local domestic violence programs in Virginia participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services (NCDVS). With the safety and confidentiality needs of victims in the forefront of the planning, the Census conducted an unduplicated, non-invasive count of adults and children who received services from local programs during a 24 hour period. During the 24 hour survey period, 1,162 adults and children received services from Virginia domestic violence programs.

- 438 adults and children found refuge in emergency domestic violence shelters.
- 145 adults and children were living in transitional housing programs designed specifically for domestic violence survivors.
- 579 adults and children sought non-residential advocacy and services such as individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

CONFIDENTIALITY COMMITTEE

In 2006 the Code of Virginia was amended to specifically protect the confidentiality of persons receiving services. Section 63.2-104.1 provides that “in order to ensure the safety of adult, youth, and child victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their families,” programs and individuals providing services to victims of sexual or domestic violence shall protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons receiving services.

Based on this legislation, a Confidentiality Committee was formed to examine some of the current “best practices” and to develop model policies for domestic and sexual violence service providers in Virginia. This committee, which consists of representatives of local domestic and sexual violence programs, the Virginia Department of Social Services Office of Family Violence, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, prepared an assessment based on current practices. Based upon the information, Virginia’s current practices regarding confidentiality will be further developed to include a model policy in 2008.

2007 TRENDS AS OBSERVED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

The Office of Family Violence (OFV) has been working with local domestic violence programs to ensure that underserved populations, including clients with mental health disorders, receive services. This issue was discussed at each “regional” meeting held by the OFV in collaboration with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance.

There has been an increase in referrals from mental health professionals for clients with mental health issues beyond depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Another continuing trend in Virginia is a lack of affordable housing in many of the communities where the domestic violence programs are located. During FY 07, domestic violence programs in Virginia provided shelter for 3013 families. Only 427 (14%) of these families moved into self-supported housing; 724 (24%) families moved with family and friends; and 182 families (6%) moved into transitional housing. Lack of affordable housing continues to pose problems for clients who are seeking a safe and stable living environment.

Agencies and Organizations

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
900 EAST MAIN STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 786-2071
www.vaag.com**

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) promotes public awareness of sexual and domestic violence and sexual assault. Through the implementation of a grant and other initiatives, promotion of sound public policy and legislation, and collaboration with state agencies, non-profit organizations and businesses, the OAG works to combat sexual and domestic violence in Virginia. The OAG employs the Statewide Facilitator for Victims of Domestic Violence, established pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-515.1.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA
100 NORTH NINTH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 786-6455
www.courts.state.va.us**

The Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia provides ongoing training and technical assistance to all judges, magistrates, and court personnel on domestic violence issues. The OES spearheads the I-CAN!™ project in Virginia and the initiative to establish guidelines for court referral for domestic violence offenders.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF INJURY AND
VIOLENCE PREVENTION
GOVERNOR STREET
8TH FLOOR
RICHMOND VA 23219
(804) 864-7732
www.vahealth.org/civp**

The Division of Injury and Violence Prevention (DIVP) provides funding and technical assistance to local sexual assault centers so that they can offer prevention education in local communities. The DIVP collects and analyzes data on the prevalence of sexual violence, provides training, and develops and promotes resources. The DIVP provides training and resources on domestic violence to health care providers and conducts medical outreach to improve the health care response to youth violence.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL
EXAMINER
400 E. JACKSON STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 786-6044
www.vdh.state.va.us/medexam**

Pursuant to § 32.1-283.3 of the Code of Virginia, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) conducts surveillance of fatal family violence and provides technical assistance to local teams conducting family and intimate partner fatality review. The OCME collects information on fatal family violence in Virginia and publishes a report entitled Family and Intimate Partner Violence Homicide.

**VIRGINIA STATE POLICE
P.O. BOX 27472
RICHMOND, VA 23261
(804) 674-2000
www.vsp.state.va.us**

Under the Virginia Code, the Virginia State Police (VSP), as the central repository, collects crime information from participating agencies. The VSP utilizes the Uniform Crime Reporting Program to collect and analyze crime statistics on selected crimes. The full report, Crime in Virginia, is available on the VSP web site.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
THE JACKSON CENTER
501 NORTH SECOND STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 371-7000
www.dhcd.virginia.gov**

Domestic violence programs that provide emergency or transitional housing are eligible to receive one of several grants administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The SHARE Shelter Support Grant (SSG) uses state and TANF funds. The SHARE Federal Shelter Grant (FSG) is a formula grant funded from the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The SHARE Expansion program assists shelters in developing or enhancing comprehensive self-sufficiency programs and is funded from the general fund.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE
7 N. EIGHTH STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 726-7000
www.dss.virginia.gov**

Since 1982, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) has provided the primary source of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Office of Family Violence administers the Domestic Violence Prevention Services Program and monitors all funded domestic violence programs and sexual assault crisis centers. Further, it collects statistical data related to sexual and domestic violence. VDSS works with local domestic violence programs to enable communities to effectively serve victims and survivors of domestic violence and their families. Grants are awarded to public and private non-profit, incorporated agencies and organizations in Virginia whose programs have as their main purpose the provision of direct crisis services to victims.

**THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND (FACT) OF VIRGINIA
7 NORTH EIGHTH STREET
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 726-7604
www.fact.state.va.us**

FACT raises funds through sales of its KIDS FIRST license plate and the Virginia State Income Tax Check-off Program. FACT distributes funds to domestic violence and other programs through its local services and

technology grants and community collaboration projects. FACT is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the Governor to raise and distribute funds for family violence treatment, prevention and public awareness. The Virginia Department of Social Services provides staff support and technical assistance to the FACT Board.

**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES
VICTIMS SERVICES SECTION
202 NORTH NINTH STREET
10TH FLOOR
RICHMOND, VA 23219
(804) 786-3923
www.dcjs.virginia.gov**

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is charged with planning and implementing programs to improve the functioning and effectiveness of the criminal justice system. The Victims Services Section develops, coordinates, and funds victim/witness programs, sexual assault crisis centers, and programs designed to combat violence against women. The Section offers services, training, and resources to victim service providers, law enforcement officials, allied professionals, prosecutors, and other local government officials. Additionally, DCJS: (1) provides technical assistance to localities in establishing, maintaining, and expanding victim assistance programs; (2) monitors, assesses, and disseminates information on victim-related legislation; and (3) monitors and evaluates grant programs.

VIRGINIA SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION ALLIANCE
1010 N. THOMPSON STREET
SUITE 202
RICHMOND, VA 23230
(804) 377-0335
www.vsdvalliance.org

The Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance is a non-profit agency dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence, increasing public access to resources and services, offering opportunities for professional development, and initiating legislative and policy change. The coalition is comprised of 45 domestic violence programs, 37 sexual assault crisis centers, allied organizations providing services to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault, and individuals. The Action Alliance operates the statewide Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline. The toll-free Hotline provides crisis intervention services, referrals to community resources, information and resources for professionals, victims, families and their affected individuals throughout the Commonwealth.

Appendices

APPENDIX A: FUNDING

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Year	Legal Name	Title	Award Amount
2006	City of Alexandria	Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders	\$98,420.00
2006	County of Gloucester	Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders	\$421,102.00
2006	City of Fredericksburg	Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders	\$307,140.00
2006	City of Virginia Beach	Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders	\$400,000.00
2006	Loudoun County	Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders	\$399,903.00
2006	National Sheriffs' Association	OVW Technical Assistance Bridge Awards	\$499,999.00
2006	International Association of Chiefs of Police	OVW Technical Assistance Bridge Awards	\$800,000.00
2006	Virginia Commonwealth University	Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus	\$177,027.00
2006	Virginia Commonwealth University	Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with Disabilities	\$429,075.00
2006	Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc.	Housing Program	\$205,402.00
2006	NOVACO, Inc.	Housing Program	\$255,000.00
2006	Legal Services of Northern Virginia Inc.	Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program	\$250,000.00
2006	Tahirih Justice Center	Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program	\$449,706.00
2006	Virginian's Against Domestic Violence	Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions	\$166,082.00
2006	City of Roanoke	Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program	\$350,000.00
2006	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services	STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program	\$2,887,278.00

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The Virginia Department of Social Services awarded \$6 million to local and domestic violence programs and over \$600,000 for statewide projects through the state coalition. The funding for these programs comes and from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

The chart below reflects the distribution of funding by funding stream managed through VDSS.

State and Federal Funds for Domestic Violence Services

Funding Source	Amount
VOCA	\$2,213,696.00
FVPSA	\$2,001,270.00
VFVPP	\$1,500,000.00
TANF/General Funds	\$1,187,500.00

VERIZON WIRELESS AND VERION FOUNDATION GRANTS

\$20,000 to Norfolk's Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters
\$20,000 to Arlington's Doorways for Women and Families
\$15,400 to Richmond's Training and Development Corp
\$15,000 to Newport News's Patient Advocate Foundation, Inc...
\$10,300 to the statewide Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
\$10,000 to Charlottesville's Shelter for Help in Emergency
\$9,000 to Alberta's Southside Virginia Community
\$6,000 to Virginia Beach's Communities Promoting a Safer.
\$5,000 to Falls Church's.
\$5,000 to YWCA of Richmond
\$5,000 to the University of Virginia's Women's
\$5,000 to the Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia
\$4,000 to Arlington's Just Neighbors Ministry, Inc
\$4,000 to Lynchburg's Miriam's House, Inc.
\$3,000 to Falls Church's Homestretch, Inc
\$3,000 to Suffolk's Genieve Shelter
\$2,500 to Newport News's Just-Us-
\$2,000 to Falls Church's SERAs, Inc
\$1,500 to XXX Hanover Safe Place