

intervention prior to adulthood. Adolescents may have witnessed domestic violence as a child, experienced abuse directly, or themselves been perpetrators of abusive behavior. Studies on the prevention of domestic abuse and violence in interpersonal relationships suggest that youth education may represent an effective community action to reduce the incidence of violence in adolescent relationships.

Perpetrators of domestic violence often have multiple problems that contribute to their battering behavior, such as alcohol or drug abuse, insecurity or extreme jealousy, lack of self discipline or criminal behavior, or severe reactions to stress. Consequently, services for perpetrators may be more effective through coordinated efforts with substance abuse, mental health, and criminal justice programs.

Witnessing violence as a child is an important risk factor for being a victim or perpetrator of violence later in life. Developing innovative strategies for identifying and treating child witnesses is an under-explored potential avenue for preventing violence. Providing home visitation services, integrating children into shelter services with survivors, and providing long-term education and outreach can reduce the potential for these children to domestic violence as adults.

### III. State Coalition Grant Requirements

This section provides information and requirements for family violence prevention and services grants for State domestic violence coalitions and is organized as follows:

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#### A. Legislative Authority

Title III of the Child Abuse Amendments of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-457, 42 U. S. C. 10401, *et seq.*) is entitled the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (the Act). The Act was first implemented in FY 1986, was reauthorized and amended in 1992 by Pub. L. 102-295, and was amended and reauthorized for fiscal years 1996 through 2000 by Pub. L. 103-322, the Violence Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, and by Pub. L. 104-235, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendment of 1996.

The Act was most recently amended by the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (Pub. L. 106-386, October 28, 2000).

#### B. Background

Section 311 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 10410, requires the Secretary to award grants to statewide private non-profit State domestic violence coalitions to conduct activities to promote domestic violence intervention and prevention.

#### C. Eligibility

To be eligible for grants under this program announcement, an organization shall be a statewide private non-profit domestic violence coalition meeting the following criteria:

(1) The membership of the coalition includes representatives from a majority of the programs for victims of domestic violence operating within the State (a State domestic violence coalition may include representatives of Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, 25 U.S.C. 450b);

(2) The Board membership of the coalition is representative of such programs;

(3) The purpose of the coalition is to provide services, community education, and technical assistance to domestic violence programs in order to establish and maintain shelter and related services (as defined in the FVPSA) for victims of domestic violence and their children; and,

(4) In the application submitted by the coalition for the grant, the coalition provides assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that the coalition:

(A) has actively sought and encouraged the participation of law enforcement agencies and other legal or judicial entities in the preparation of the application; and

(B) will actively seek and encourage the participation of such entities in the activities carried out with the grant.

#### D. Funds Available

The Department will make 10 percent of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act appropriation available for grants to State domestic violence coalitions. One grant each will be available for the State domestic violence coalitions of the 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. The coalitions of the U. S. Territories (Guam, U. S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands) are also eligible for domestic violence coalition grant awards.

#### E. Expenditure Period

The FVPSA funds may be used for expenditures obligated on and after October 1 of each fiscal year for which they are granted, and will be available for expenditure through September 30 of the following fiscal year and may be used for obligations incurred from October 1, 2002. Recipients must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award by September 30, 2004.

#### F. Application Requirements

The State domestic violence coalition application must be signed by the Executive Director of the Coalition or the official designated as responsible for the administration of the grant. The application must contain the following information (consistent with the requirements of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act):

1. A description of the process and anticipated outcomes of utilizing these Federal funds to work with local domestic violence programs and providers of direct services to encourage appropriate responses to domestic violence within the State, including:

(a) Training and technical assistance for local programs and professionals working with victims of domestic violence;

(b) Planning and conducting State needs assessments and planning for comprehensive services;

(c) Serving as an information clearinghouse and resource center for the State; and

(d) Collaborating with other governmental systems that affect battered women (section 311(a) (1), 42 U.S.C. 10410(a)(1)).

2. A description of the public education campaign regarding domestic violence to be conducted by the coalition through the use of public service announcements and informative materials that are designed for print media, billboards, public transit advertising, electronic broadcast media, and other forms of information dissemination that inform the public about domestic violence, including information aimed at underserved racial, ethnic or language-minority populations (section 311(a)(4), 42 U.S.C. 10410(a)(4)).

3. The anticipated outcomes and a description of planned grant activities to be conducted in conjunction with judicial and law enforcement agencies concerning appropriate responses to domestic violence cases and an examination of issues including:

(a) Inappropriateness of mutual protection orders;

(b) Prohibition of mediation when domestic violence is involved;