

**30 years** **FVPSA**  
Family Violence Prevention  
and Services Act

Domestic violence affects everyone – women, children  
and men – and everyone must be part of the solution.

**October 9, 2014 Telecast**

Thank you for joining us!


**WELCOME**



Today you will hear about FVPSA's Legacy 1984-2014

First authorized as part of  
the Child Abuse  
Amendments of 1984  
(PL 98-457), the Family  
Violence Prevention and  
Services Act has been  
reauthorized eight times.

*Offering families impacted  
by domestic violence  
connections to safety &  
support for 30 years*



**LYNN ROSENTHAL**



- First ever White House Advisor on Violence Against Women
- Senior advisor to Vice President Biden and serves on the White House Council on Women and Girls
- Coordinates efforts to reduce domestic violence homicides, address domestic violence in the workplace, raise awareness about the effects of violence on youth, and improve the nation's response to sexual violence

**KEY PURPOSE OF FVPSA**

- Assist States, Territories and Tribes in efforts to prevent domestic violence and dating violence.
- Provide immediate shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents.
- Provide for a National Domestic Violence Hotline.
- Provide for technical assistance and training relating to domestic violence and DV programs to States, Tribes, public agencies, community-based programs and the public.

**FVPSA NETWORK OF SERVICES**

Throughout the U.S., domestic and dating violence support services are provided free of charge, in a confidential and private manner, 24/7 days of the year.

These services include immediate crisis counseling via hotline, emergency shelter and safe housing, counseling, advocacy, legal and medical assistance, and other services that make up a coordinated community response to abuse and violence in intimate relationships.

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, discussion of options, and referrals to resources that are available in local communities. Well-trained advocates can be reached at the National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 by calling 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE). Peer advocates are available at the National Dating Abuse Helpline by calling 1-866-331-9474 or texting "love" to 23232.

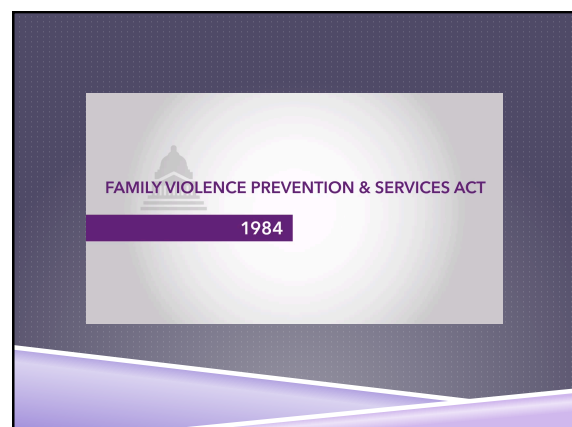
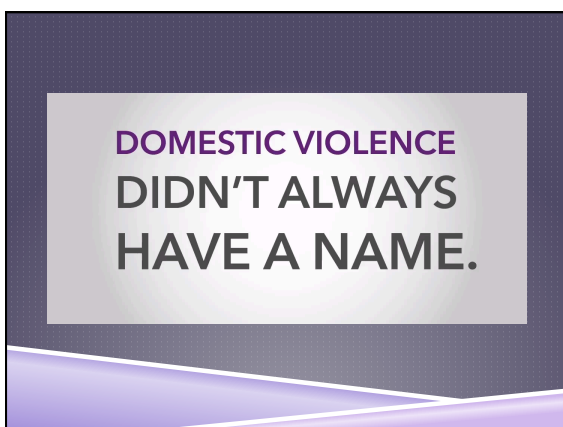
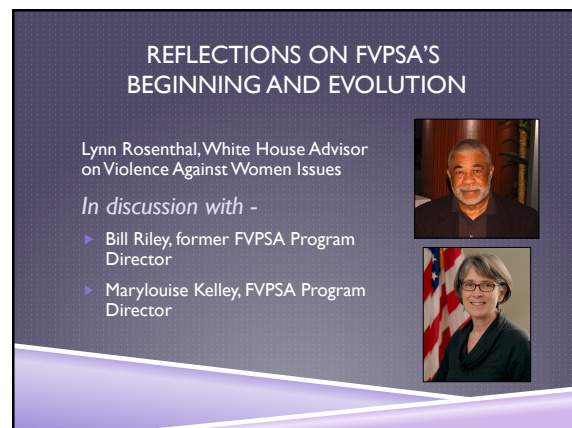
**The National Domestic Violence Hotline**

331,078 total contacts in FY13  
77,484 improvement due to lack of resources

Online chats 55,610  
Text chats 11,053  
Hotline calls 264,415

Local	State/Territory	Tribal	National
1,505 Domestic violence shelter sites	56 State/Territory domestic violence coalitions Many of these are dual domestic and sexual violence programs	83 Tribal domestic violence shelter sites	2 Domestic & dating violence hotlines (available 24/7)
1,129 Non-residential service program sites		179 Non-residential program sites	2 Resource centers focused on broad-based technical assistance, resource development, public policy training, and on expanding the work of Tribal hotlines
			5 Special issue resource centers focused on public health, civil and criminal legal, economic, child protection and custody, mental health, trauma, and working with incarcerated victims
			3 Culturally specific resource centers and organizations focused on communities of color and immigrant populations including African Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics/Latinas
			1 Technical assistance project focused on enhancing services to children and youth
			1 Learning Center focused on services and support to LGBTQ victims

While not all inclusive of all domestic violence victims' service providers, this graph reflects those service providers and organizations funded by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Each of the national, Tribal, state, and local victim service providers work collaboratively to promote practices and strategies to improve our nation's response to domestic and dating violence to make safety and justice not just a priority, but also a reality. The numbers listed for local programs reflect the average of those funded from 2011-2013, and the average number of Tribal programs funded from 2010-2012. (Updated April 2014)





## IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT FVPSA

## FVPSA PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS

- Improving the social and emotional wellbeing of domestic violence survivors and their children
- Increasing awareness and value of culturally specific and trauma informed programming/practices
- Building evidence base for domestic violence services
- Expanding trauma-informed practices and programming
- Strengthening partnerships between states, tribes, territories, and coalitions


## FVPSA FORMULA GRANTS OVERVIEW


- **State & Territory grants 70%**
  - Awards are based on population formula and managed by FVPSA State Administrators
- **Tribal grants 10%**
  - Awards to tribes and tribal organizations based on annual applications to receive funding
- **Coalition grants 10%**
  - Awards to the designated, state and territory, domestic violence

## FVPSA FUNDS LIFE-SAVING SHELTER & SERVICES

In 2012, **1.3 million adults, youth and children** received critical services – including safe housing, crisis response, advocacy, legal assistance, counseling, safety planning and support groups – from community-based programs funded by FVPSA

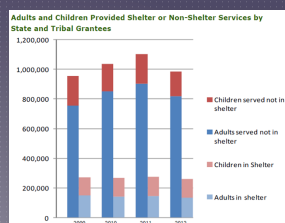
 **876,506 women**

 **76,813 men**

 **292,799 children**

## IMPACT OF FVPSA SERVICES

90% of survivors seen by local domestic violence programs report increased confidence in how to plan for their safety after receiving supportive services.



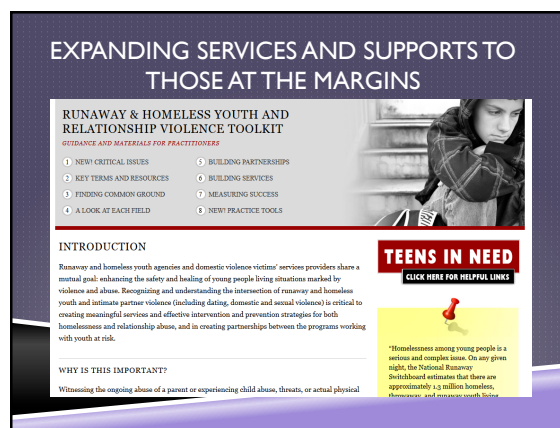
## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

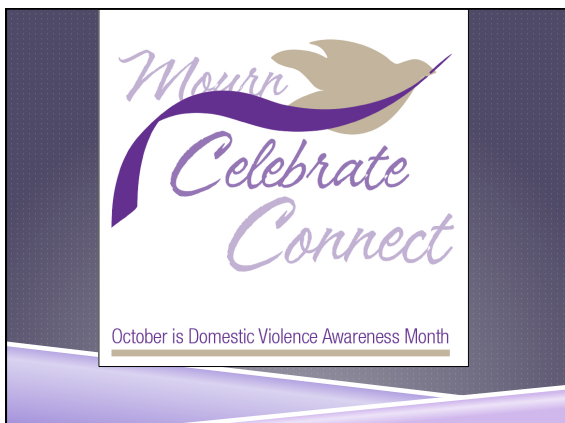
free • confidential • 24/7

The National Domestic Violence  
**HOTLINE**  
1.800.799.SAFE (7233) • 1.800.787.2224 (TTY)

The National Domestic Violence Hotline offers phone and chat services for anyone affected by domestic violence. Support is available 24/7/365 by calling **1.800.799.SAFE (7233)** or online at [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org).

	2012		2013		2014	
	12 months	Average	12 months	Average	5 months	Average
Calls Received	264,156	22,013	248,530	20,711	101,794	20,359
Calls Answered	212,232	17,686	198,629	16,552	70,172	14,034
Website Visits	512,330	42,694	655,732	54,644	276,480	55,296
Chats Received					3,617	723
Chats Answered					2,312	462





## THE EARLY DAYS OF THE FVPSA STORY...



Nan Stoops, Moderator  
Executive Director, Washington State Coalition Against  
Domestic Violence

## THE EARLY DAYS OF THE FVPSA STORY

### *In discussion with –*

- ▶ Lois Galgay Reckitt, Executive Director, Family Crisis Services, Portland, ME
- ▶ Antonia Drew Vann, Asha Family Services, Milwaukee, WI
- ▶ Shawna Folsom, Director of Family Violence/Family Preservation in Children & Family Services of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- ▶ Chai Jindasurat, Co-Director of Community Organizing and Public Advocacy, NYC Anti-Violence Project
- ▶ Tammy Mello, FVPSA State Administrator, Director of Violence Prevention, MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services

## LOIS GALGAY RECKITT

Family Crisis Services -  
Portland, ME

*Building services  
with a 2-bed shelter*



## RALLY TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY



## CREATING SAFE REFUGE







## CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL



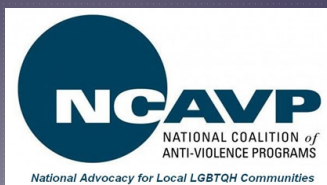
## CHAI JINDASURAT

NYC Anti-Violence Project, and the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs

*Supporting LGBTQ-identified survivors and their communities*



## WORKING LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY



## NYC AVP – MANHATTAN PRIDE 2014



## TAMMY MELLO

MA FVPSA State Administrator –

*Utilizing dedicated Federal funds to provide life-saving services and supports for survivors of domestic violence*



## MA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



- ❖ Pamela Whitney- First FVPSA State Administrator 1985
- ❖ Founder of first Domestic Violence Unit within a State Child Protection System

- ❖ Development of Statewide Network of Child Witness to Violence Services
- ❖ Response to LGBTQ Communities
  - ❖ Open Minds, Open Doors 2011
  - ❖ Governors Executive Order 526, ensuring non-discrimination, diversity & equal opportunity in all aspects of state employment, programs, services, activities and decisions.
- ❖ Governors Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence
- ❖ Partnerships with all other state and Federal Agencies funding Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services.

**NAN STOOPS**

Washington State  
Domestic Violence  
Coalition –

*Celebrating the critical role  
of state and territory  
coalitions*

**WASHINGTON STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**


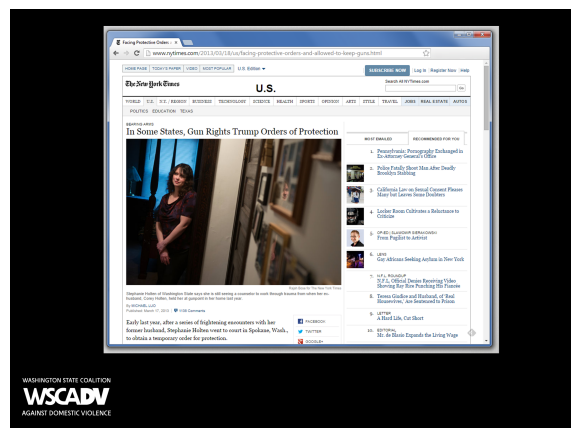
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**HOW?**

**visionary work**

**supporting our members**

**informing the public**

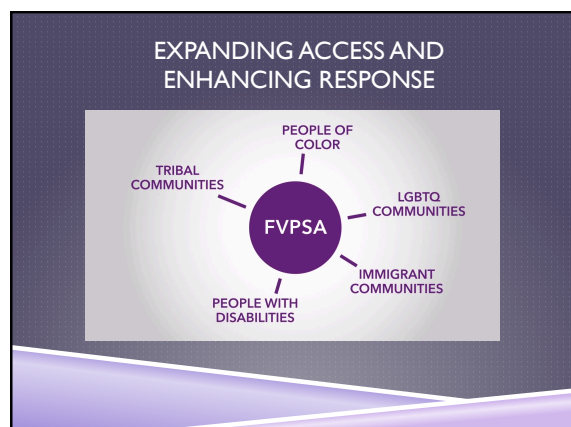



**HOW'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP?**

**CHAT ABOUT LOVE WITH THOSE YOU LOVE**

**LOVE like THIS**

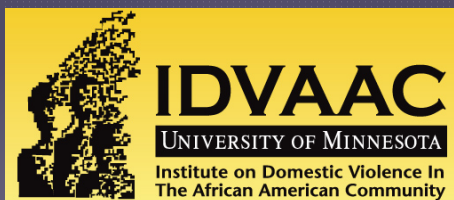








OLIVER WILLIAMS, CO-DIRECTOR



IDVAAC'S JOURNEY TO HEALING CONFERENCE



A MEETING OF IDVAAC'S  
DOMESTIC PEACE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

15 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES – 2013



ENGAGING WITH  
FAITH LEADERS

IDVAAC and Christian Faith Leaders



IDVAAC and African Imams and  
Islamic women

JUAN CARLOS AREÁN, SENIOR DIRECTOR





## GWEN PACKARD, PROGRAM SPECIALIST



## National action to support the grassroots work of the past

1984

- **The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act** was first passed and provided the first federal funds to states to support family violence prevention.

1994

- **Passage of the Violence Against Women Act** was a result of extensive grassroots efforts of advocates and professionals from the battered women's movement urging Congress to adopt significant legislation to address domestic and sexual violence. For the first time, DOJ funds 14 tribal domestic violence programs.

1997

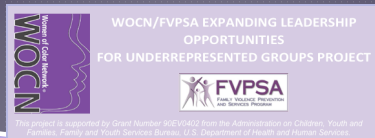
- **Sacred Circle Opens** to address violence against Native women in the context of the unique historical, jurisdictional, and cultural issues that American Indian/Alaska Native Nations face. Sacred Circle becomes the first National Indian Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, funded through FVPSA.



In 2011 the **National Indigenous Women's Resource Center** receives funding by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to serve as the new National Indian Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women.

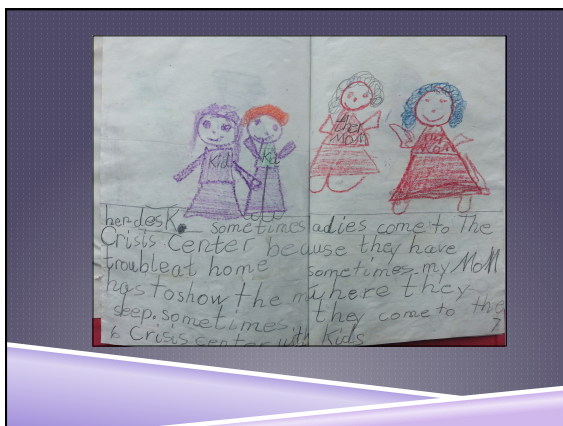
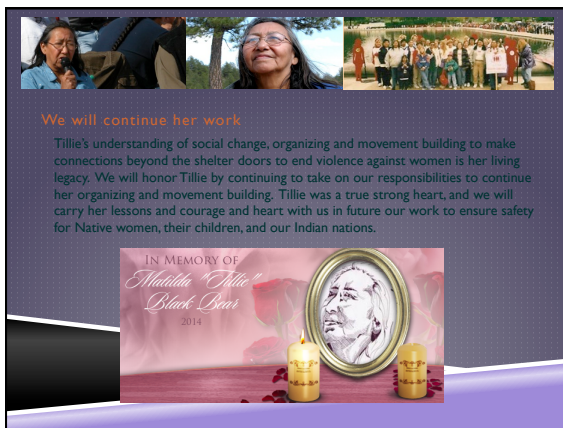
## WOMEN OF COLOR NETWORK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

- ▶ Completed first 2 years of project to develop 18-month long academy
- ▶ Trained 56 DV advocates (Fellows) from underrepresented communities
- ▶ Held 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation in April 2013



## NEW 2013 FVPSA CULTURALLY SPECIFIC GRANT PROGRAMS

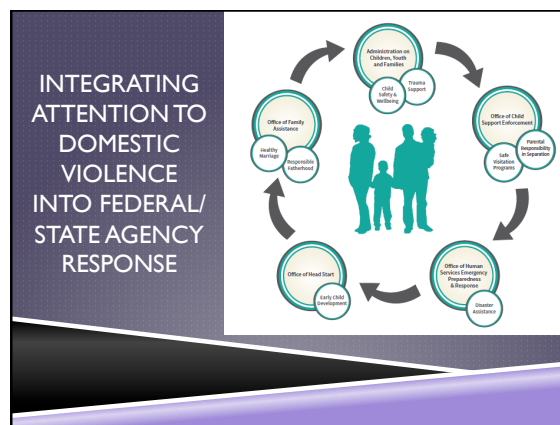
- ▶ **LGBTQ Capacity Building Learning Center**
  - ▶ Develop and identify effective approaches for serving LGBTQ survivors of intimate partner violence
  - ▶ Educate domestic violence service providers on how to accommodate LGBTQ survivors
- ▶ **Culturally Specific Trauma Services for Families Impact by Domestic Violence**
  - ▶ 7 grantees funded to develop trauma-informed domestic violence services tailored to their cultural community context, with from OVW for 2 additional grantees



## OUR COMMITMENTS

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- Raise grantees awareness about domestic violence, trauma-informed and culturally specific programming.
- Seek opportunities to foster meaningful partnerships with culturally specific community based organizations.
- Build partnerships with culturally specific researchers and culturally specific community based organizations to bolster the evidence base.
- Prioritize training and partnerships to increase linguistic and culturally specific accessibility of services as well as language access planning.



## CHILD SUPPORT AND DV TRAINING

### OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

An Office of the Administration for Children & Families

Search

HOME ABOUT FAMILIES STATE AGENCIES TRIBAL AGENCIES EMPLOYERS OTHER PARTNERS RESEARCHERS POLICY GR

ACT Home » Office of Child Support Enforcement » State Agencies » Child Support Toolkit & Training » Family Violence

#### Family Violence

Because the child support program serves both parents, often around a crisis point, we have a unique responsibility—and a unique opportunity—to reduce the risk of family violence and help family violence survivors pursue child support safely. Collaborating with programs that address fatherhood, domestic violence, and child welfare can simultaneously reduce family violence, increase father involvement, and improve child support outcomes.

**Browse Family Violence Resources**

- Information About
- State/Local Child Support Agencies
- Tribal Child Support Agencies
- Employers
- Families
- Courts
- Other Public Partners

## OFFICE OF HEAD START LEADING BY EXAMPLE

### HEAD START

An Office of the Administration for Children and Families  
Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (ECLKC)

Head Start » Policy & Regulation » Information Memoranda (IMs) » 2010 » IM 10-07 Helping Victims

#### Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and Their Children

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**A Special Message from the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women**

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time to join together and take new steps to prevent violence in our communities. Domestic violence touches the lives of Americans of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances, and without intervention it can have tragic and long-lasting effects on children and families.

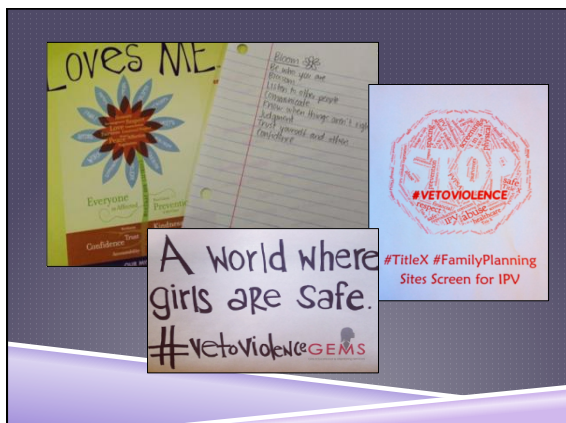
This October, we encourage you to explore ways you can partner with other organizations, such as state and local domestic violence programs, to support the children and families you serve. Head Start and other early childhood programs have a unique role in reaching young children and families victimized by domestic violence. You are well positioned to identify children exposed to violence and provide appropriate referrals to services. This type of early intervention is a critical part of our strategy to end violence against women.

As the President recently said in his proclamation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, "this month – and throughout the year – let each of us resolve to be vigilant in recognizing and combating domestic violence in our communities, and let us build a culture of safety and support for all those affected."

Sincerely,  
Lynn Rosenthal  
White House Advisor on Violence Against Women

## MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED...

## BUT THE NEED IS STILL GREAT



### WHAT'S COMING UP?

- October 28<sup>th</sup> Twitter Townhall featuring the voices of youth discussing their vision and hope for our ongoing work to end domestic violence and dating violence.



**VISIT [LearnAboutFVPSA.com](http://LearnAboutFVPSA.com)**

**What can you do now?**

Share this video with your friends, family, and colleagues

Learn more about FVPSA and domestic violence

We honor your work and appreciate your partnership as we continue to build....



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!**