

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SERVICES ACT (FVPSA)

- *FVPSA is the only federal funding source directly dedicated to domestic violence shelters.*
- Explain the need for shelters and direct domestic violence services in your area.
- Share stories of unmet need, increase in bed nights, and a lack of funding. Use the Census.
- Tell the Member/staffer the amount of funding your state received in FVSPA last year.

Additional LHHS programs: DELTA prevention program, National Domestic Violence Hotline, Rape Prevention and Education; Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. (Reference the chart.)

- Share the need for prevention work to work toward ending domestic and dating violence.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)

VOCA is a non-taxpayer fund generated from fines and penalties collected from offenders and is used to support direct services for victims in the aftermath of crimes. Each year, Congress releases funding; a portion of that funding goes to state victim assistance grants.

- Say something like, *“In our state/district, VOCA funding provides essential, life-saving direct services to victims who are your constituents.”* (Give examples.)
- Tell the Member/staffer the amount of funding your state received in VOCA last year.
- If you have exciting VOCA-funded projects or plans for VOCA-funded projects, please share them!
- *TRIBES: We also know that Tribes can’t currently access VOCA funds, yet victims on tribal lands desperately need access to services.*

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) PROGRAMS

- **Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP Formula Grants)**
 - *A formula grant to states is the foundation of the remaining VAWA programs and our nation’s coordinated community responses to domestic and sexual violence.*
 - Explain: *In our state/district, STOP funds our coordinated community responses to domestic and sexual (including training and services).* Give examples!
 - Tell the Member/staffer the amount of funding your state received in STOP last year.
 - Talk about increased demand for training, coordination and services.

- *Full funding is necessary to meet the demand for services, to achieve new goals set out by VAWA reauthorization, and to continue the potential of this life-saving program.*
- **Civil Legal Assistance for Victims** gives victims critical access to civil protections; saves lives.
- **Rural Grants** addresses extreme gaps to serving isolated victims in rural areas.
- **Transitional Housing** a bridge from crisis to stability for victims who flee their homes.
- **Grants to Encourage Arrest** homicide reduction, firearms lethality project and full community response to increasing offender accountability.
- **Sexual Assault Services Program** only dedicated federal funding to serve victims of sexual assault.
- **Additional VAWA CJS programs:** all VAWA programs work together to meet the needs of victims. (Reference the chart.)