

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
FFY 2026-2029 Implementation Plan

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I. Introduction

A. The date on which the plan was approved by the State (this should be the final approval, after all other approvals required by the State are completed, such as approvals by the planning committee or by State officials). (REQUIRED)

Pennsylvania's 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan was approved by the statewide Victims' Services Advisory Committee on May 12, 2026. A copy was also presented to the Commission in June 2026 as an informational item.

B. The time period covered by this plan. (28 C.F.R. 90.12(a)) (REQUIRED)

This four-year Plan outlines goals, objectives, and funding priorities of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support the next competitive VAWA STOP funding cycle from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029.

II. Needs and Context

A. Demographic information regarding the population of the State derived from the most recent available United States Census Bureau data including population data on race, ethnicity, age, disability, and limited English proficiency. (28 C.F.R. 90.12(g)(1)) (REQUIRED)

Geography

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the fifth largest state in the United States, with 13.1 million residents living across a land area of nearly 45,000 square miles.[1] Home to two major metropolitan areas (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania's average population density is 290.6 per square mile. Although Pennsylvania does not qualify as a "rural" state under the Office on Violence Against Women's guidelines, more than a quarter of Pennsylvanians – 3.4 million people – reside in one of Pennsylvania's 48 rural counties.[2]

Beyond being a largely rural state, Pennsylvania borders six neighboring states: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and West Virginia. Participants in STOP planning focus groups noted challenges faced by STOP-funded counties located along these borders, since investigations of crime often cover multiple jurisdictions and are complicated further when either offenders or victims move across state lines. Pennsylvania is also home to roughly a quarter of the U.S.'s Amish community.[3] Focus group participants noted that victims from the Amish and Plain communities often don't have essential documents, such as birth certificates, which complicates efforts to access safe shelter and other services.

Population

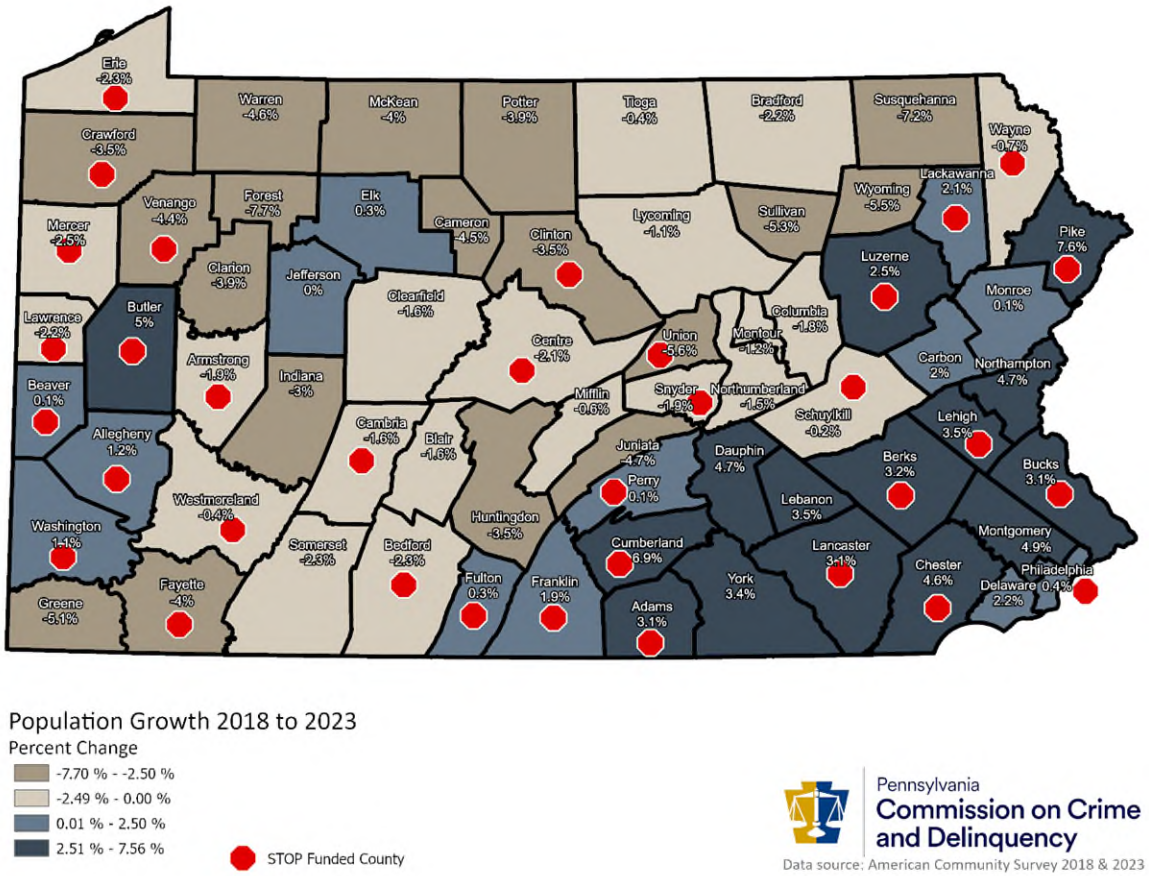
According to the 2024 population estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a population of 13,078,751. A detailed breakdown of population characteristics is available in **Table 1**, below.

Pennsylvania's population growth has been fairly stagnant compared with similarly populous states and national trends, increasing by, on average, just 0.6% over the four years (compared with more than 2% nationwide).[4] **Figure 1** below shows population growth in Pennsylvania counties from 2018 to 2023.

Table 1. Population Characteristics – Pennsylvania (2024)[5]

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	2019 ESTIMATE
Sex and Age[6]	
Female	50.7%
Male	49.3%
Under 5 years	5.1%
Persons under 18 years	20.1%
20 to 24 years	6.2%
25 to 34 years	12.7%
35 to 44 years	12.8%
45 to 54 years	11.8%
55 to 59 years	6.4%
60 to 64 years	7.0%
65 to 74 years	11.7%
75 to 84 years	6.1%
85 years and over	2.3%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone	80.0%
Black or African American alone	12.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.5%
Asian	4.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or more races	2.5%
Hispanic or Latino	9.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	73.2%
Disability	
With a disability, under age 65 years	10.2%
Educational Attainment	
High school graduate or higher	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	34.5%
Language Spoken at Home	
Language other than English	12.0%
Socioeconomic Indicators	
Median Household Income	$76,081
Per capita income in past 12 months	$43,104
Persons in poverty	11.6%

Figure 1. Population Growth in Pennsylvania Counties (2018-2023)



Rural Populations

The relatively large share of rural demographics in Pennsylvania, coupled with the unique challenges faced by victims living in rural areas of the state, impacts how the Services * Training * Officers * Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program is implemented. Rural communities face challenges ranging from isolation, poverty and limited economic opportunities, lack of access to public and/or private transportation, to part-time or no municipal law enforcement. Additionally, one in ten Pennsylvania households lacks access to home internet,[7] and connectivity speeds are significantly slower in rural counties than in their urban counterparts.[8] This limited connectivity further isolates rural victims and hampers everything from filing jobless claims to participating in virtual learning platforms to accessing telemedicine and other supports.

Focus group participants during the 2026-29 STOP Implementation Planning cycle identified rural victims as the top priority service area for underserved victims given their high volume in Pennsylvania, increased risk of isolation, unique obstacles (e.g., lack of transportation, cell/Internet service, healthcare, and housing, as well as difficulty obtaining language access services; **Appendices A** and **B**).

Immigrant Populations

According to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 8.0% of Pennsylvania residents (1,031,320) were born in a foreign country, up from 4.1% in 2000.[9] India (9.9%), China (8.0%), and Mexico (6.2%) are the top countries of origin for immigrants in Pennsylvania.[10]

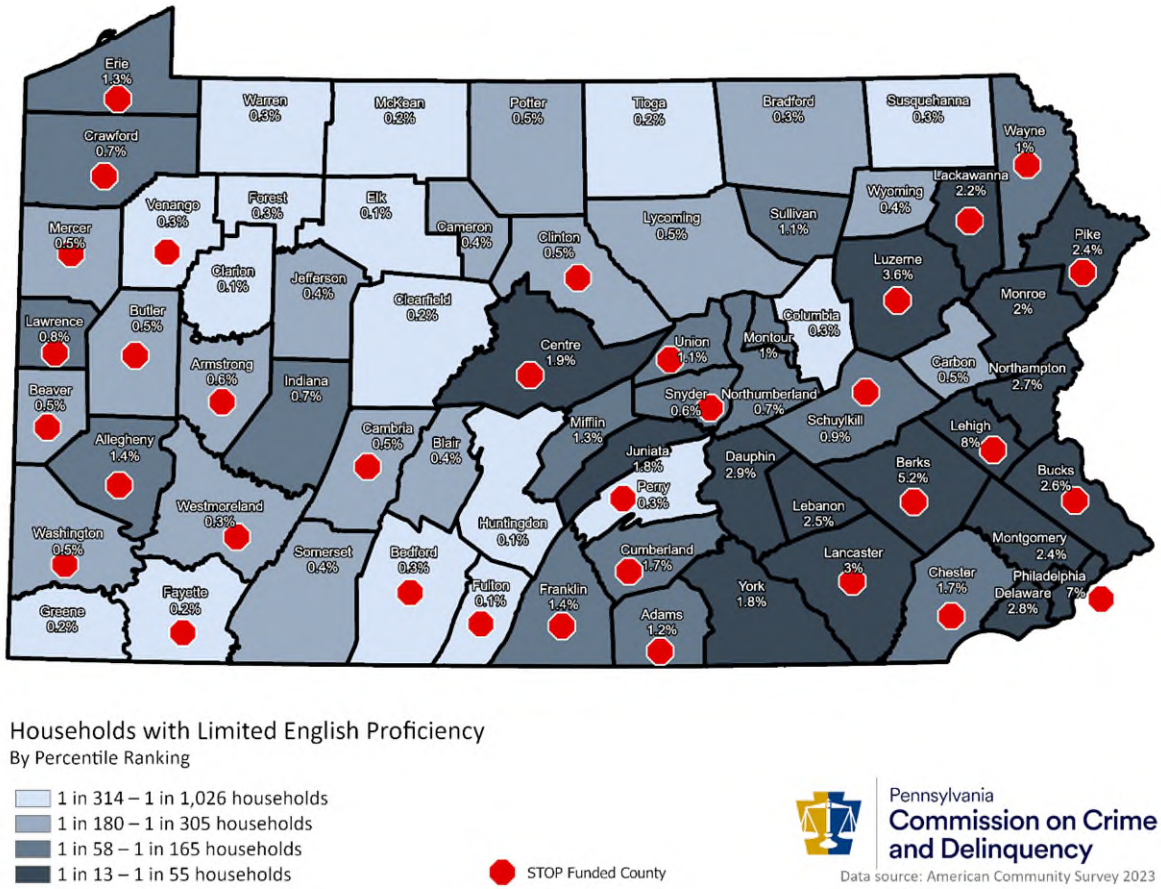
As emphasized in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), immigration status should not create a barrier to protections afforded under the law. As with Pennsylvania's prior STOP Plan, the STOP Implementation Planning Committee and focus group participants consistently recognized the need to increase awareness and resources to immigrant communities in Pennsylvania, including improved language access, removing cultural barriers, creating stronger support networks, and services to help immigrants understand and navigate their rights (**Appendices A** and **B)**. **Objective 3.2** (page 21) proposes using STOP funds to provide training to increase awareness of these issues, with a focus on identifying strategies to effectively provide services and supports.

Language Access

As mentioned above, overcoming language barriers and promoting language access policies and protocols were also identified as a top priority by Pennsylvania's STOP Planning Committee. As shown previously in **Table 1** and depicted in **Figure 2** below, an estimated 12.0% of the population over the age of five speaks a language other than English at home. Other than English, the most common language spoken at home is Spanish, representing 4.7% of the population or 564,000 people.[11]

The STOP Implementation Planning Committee, as well as several focus groups, emphasized the lack of capacity across systems to serve English as a Second Language (ESL) and non-English speaking victims, as well as a need for trainings on working with interpreters (**Appendices A** and **B**).

Figure 2. Percent of Households with Limited English Proficiency by Pennsylvania County (2023)

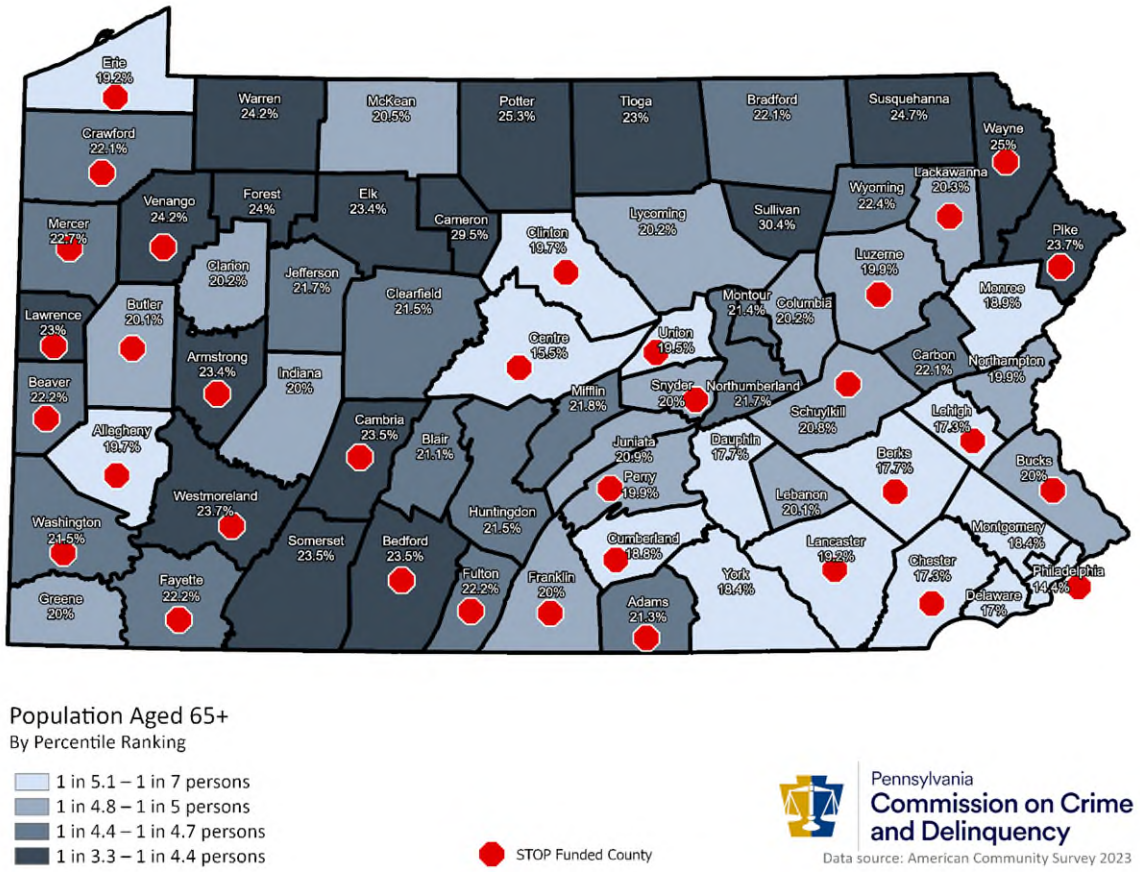


Aging Population

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, one in four Pennsylvanians is over 60 years old, and the state's older adult population is expected to reach 4 million – or one-third of the total population – by the year 2030.[12] Nationally, Pennsylvania ranks 4th highest for the number of residents aged 50 years or older.[13] **Figure 3** below depicts the percentage of each county's population over the age of 65 years.

STOP Implementation Planning Committee and focus group participants both identified elder victims as a priority underserved population given a higher vulnerability to abuse, severe underreporting, barriers to accessing services (e.g., mobility and transportation limitations, isolation, and limited access to technology), and, often, dependence on their abusers (**Appendices A** and **B**).

Figure 3. Percent of Population Aged 65+ by Pennsylvania County (2023)



Challenges in Intersectionality

In Pennsylvania, as in many states, addressing intersectional challenges is complicated by geographic, cultural, and systemic factors that affect survivors differently. As previously described, rural areas face limited access to shelters, legal services, and transportation, while urban areas may struggle with overburdened systems and language access gaps. On top of those barriers:

- Elderly, immigrant, or low-income victims (**Figure 4**) may experience compounded challenges due to increasing isolation or inability to access services;

- Victims with disabilities were ranked by Pennsylvania's STOP stakeholders as the second-top priority service area for underserved victims, noting that physical and intellectual disabilities create additional hurdles (e.g., materials do not take reading levels into consideration), and that individuals with disabilities – including mental health and substance use disorders – often do not experience equitable service by the courts and law enforcement (**Appendix A**);

- LGBTQ+ survivors experience higher rates of intimate partner violence (IVP), sexual assault, and stalking, yet encounter barriers such as discrimination, lack of affirming shelters and services, and additional risks related to housing, employment, and identification documents;[14] and

- Due to historical experiences, racial/ethnic minorities (**Figure 5**) may face increased discrimination, hesitancy to report violence to law enforcement, lack of culturally-specific services, language barriers, and limited representation among service providers.[15]

"Victims who fit more than one category" were tied as the second-top priority service area in Pennsylvania (**Appendix A**), with one stakeholder stating, "I'd select 'all of the above' if I could." Intersecting disparities compound barriers to safety, access to services, and justice for survivors, underscoring the need for cross-system collaboration and targeted, culturally responsive STOP strategies statewide.

Figure 4. Percent of Households in Poverty by Pennsylvania County (2023)

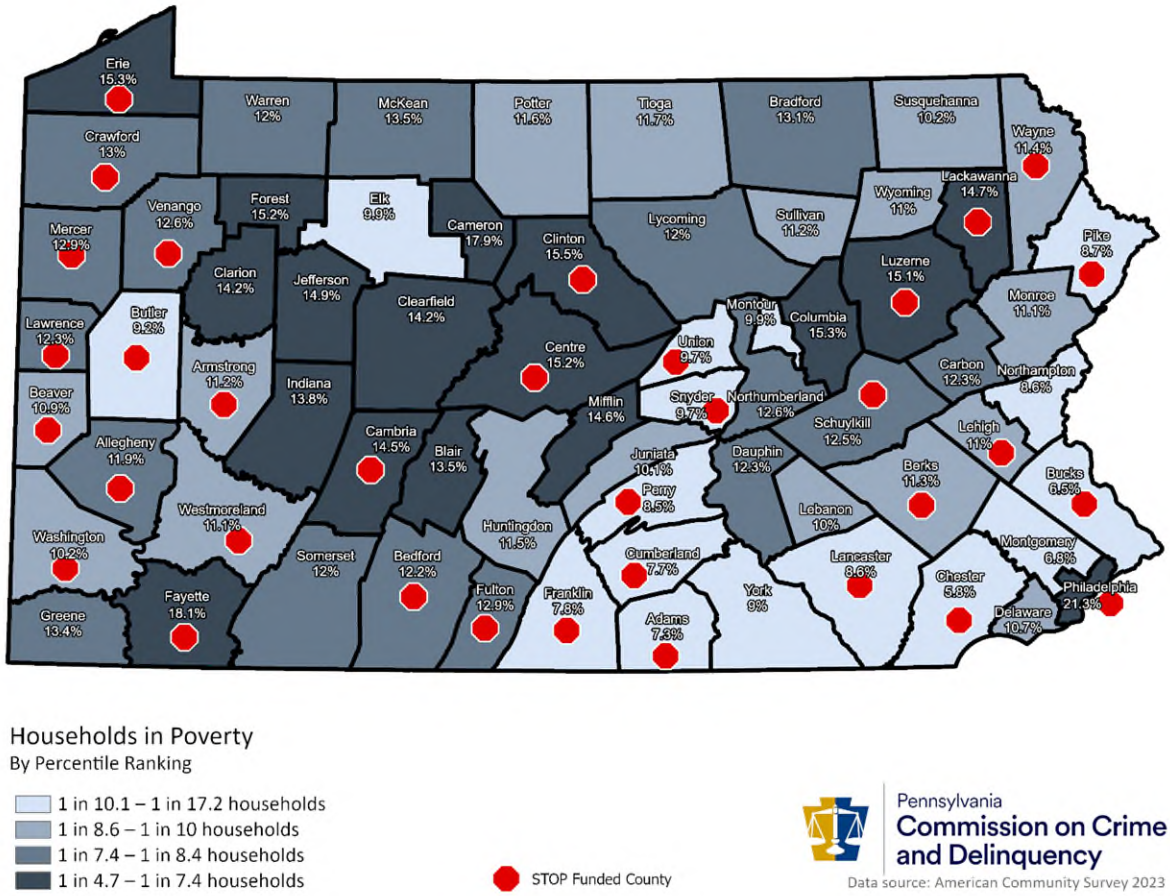
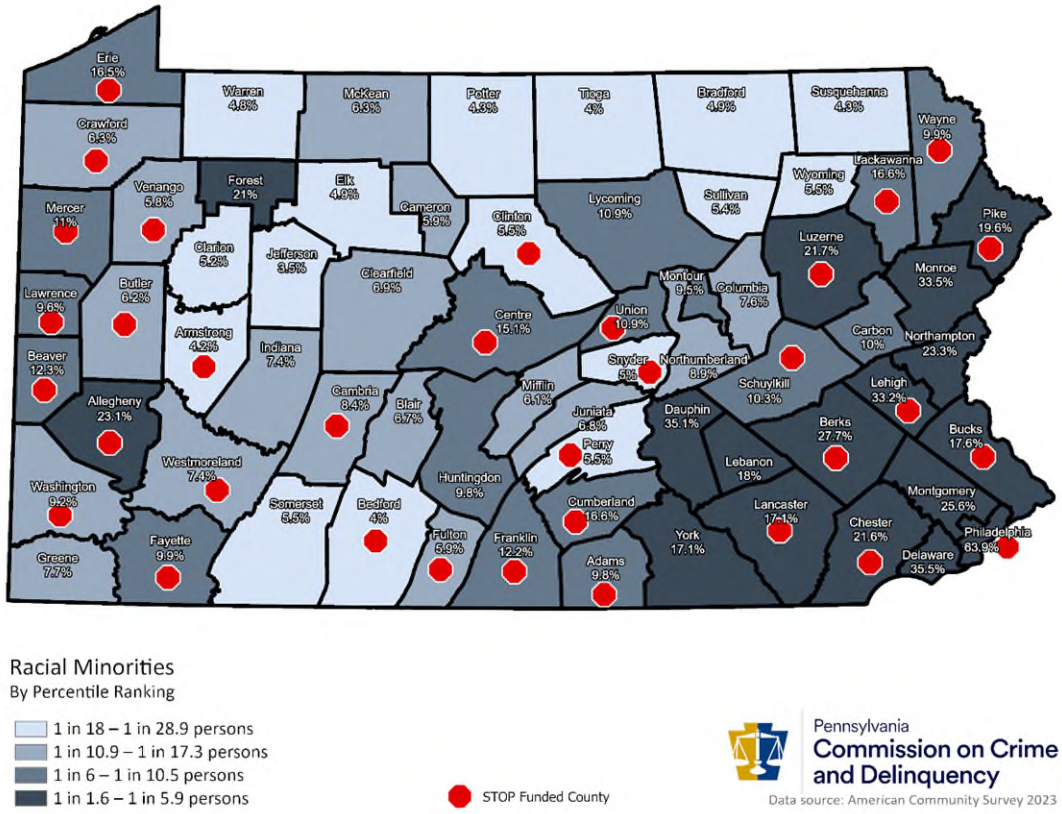


Figure 5. Percent of Racial Minorities by Pennsylvania County (2023)



Political Structure

Pennsylvania is one of four states designated as a "commonwealth," a more decentralized form of government in which most policy and financial decisions are made at the county level. There are 67 counties in Pennsylvania with 60 judicial districts, each of which has its own court system, judges, magistrates, and prosecutor's office. Law enforcement in Pennsylvania is comprised of more than 1,180 municipal police departments ranging from small part-time agencies to large metropolitan departments like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. When a local municipality is unable to provide full-time police coverage, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) provide part-time or full-time coverage. According to data from PSP, of the 2,561 municipalities in Pennsylvania, roughly half have no local police force, making PSP responsible for all criminal, traffic, and public safety proceedings within those jurisdictions. The vast majority of these municipalities are located in rural parts of the Commonwealth. This dual nature of law enforcement in the commonwealth – hyperlocal in some areas, state-managed in others – has tremendous implications for the response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking statewide, including use of the evidence-based Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) model.

Additionally, Pennsylvania's fragmented political structure makes it challenging to ensure consistent implementation of policies, procedures, and practices supporting the needs of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims across the state. To remedy this challenge in STOP-funded counties, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) requires that projects establish and maintain a formal collaboration among victim services, law enforcement, courts, and prosecution as part of county-based "STOP Teams." These teams work to develop and implement unified and consistent policies and procedures for responding to, investigating, and prosecuting domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence in their service areas. Importantly, consultation with victim services is woven throughout the STOP Team process.

B. Description of the methods used to identify underserved populations within the State and the results of those methods, including demographic data on the distribution of underserved populations within the State. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i(2)(E); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(e)). (REQUIRED)

PCCD utilized a combination of stakeholder surveys, focus groups, and monthly consultation with STOP Planning Committee members and other partners to identify underserved populations within the Commonwealth. Additionally, PCCD's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development analyzed available demographic data (Census, other data sources) to determine the distribution of these underserved populations in Pennsylvania.

Demographic data depicting the distribution of Pennsylvania's underserved populations are displayed in **Table 1** as well as **Figures 2, 3, 4,** and **5** above.

III. Description of Planning Process

A. A brief description of the planning process (REQUIRED).

As the State Administering Agency for the VAWA STOP funds, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's (PCCD's) Office of Victims' Services (OVS), in partnership with the Office of the Executive Director (OED) and the Office of Research, Evaluation and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD), guided a three-phase planning process:

Phase 1 – Stakeholder Feedback & STOP Committee Discussion *(Feb. – Aug. 2025)*

- PCCD staff reviewed Pennsylvania's *FFY 2022-2025 STOP Implementation Plan* and identified stakeholders for inclusion and drafting of the new *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan.*
- OVS disseminated and analyzed a statewide survey throughout February and March 2025. PCCD received 90 responses, including 32 responses from Law Enforcement (35.6%), 47 from Victim Services (52.2%), 4 from Prosecution (4.4%), and 7 identifying as "Other" allied professionals (7.8%); 68.9% of respondents identified as serving rural areas, and nearly 90% of respondents were current or past STOP grantees. (*Note: Key findings from PCCD's 2025 STOP Implementation Plan Stakeholder Survey are available in* ***Appendix A****.)*
- Pennsylvania's STOP Implementation Planning Committee met for the first of 11 meetings on February 27, 2025. The Committee was comprised of representatives from statewide domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, victim services, state and municipal law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and representatives from underserved populations. *(Please see* ***Appendix C*** *for a roster of Committee members).*
- During early meetings, OVS and OED staff reviewed current *FFY 2022-2025 STOP Implementation Plan* goals, objectives, and federal purpose areas. Staff also discussed current county- and state-funded initiatives and successes and challenges. Staff also discussed STOP formula funding requirements for the *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan.*
- Researchers and data analysts from ORESPD provided a data briefing to STOP Committee members regarding relevant population, crime, Protection from Abuse (PFA) orders, and other statewide trends during its June 18, 2025 meeting.
- OVS hosted focus groups with stakeholders representing Civil Legal Services, Courts, Victim Services, Law Enforcement, and Prosecution throughout July 2025. (*Note: A summary of key themes and findings from these sessions, which was presented to the STOP Implementation Planning Committee during its August 21, 2025 meeting, is included in* ***Appendix B****.)*

Phase 2 – Identifying Priorities & Early Drafting *(Sept. – Nov. 2025)*

- PCCD staff synthesized emerging themes and priorities from stakeholder engagement and Committee discussions to date.
- OVS reached out to additional stakeholders to gather further input and feedback for the Plan.
- The STOP Implementation Planning Committee selected federal purpose areas, and developed six overarching goals with 18 accompanying objectives for Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-29 STOP Implementation Plan.*

Phase 3 – Refining & Finalizing Pennsylvania's STOP Plan *(Dec. 2025 – June 2026)*

- PCCD staff summarized the STOP Implementation Planning Committee's recommendations for the *FFY 2026-29 STOP Implementation Plan,* which the group finalized and confirmed during their December 18, 2025 meeting.
- A preliminary draft of Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* was crafted by PCCD staff and presented for initial consideration to members of the Victims Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) on February 10, 2026.
- The draft *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* was revised based on VSAC members' feedback and shared with STOP Committee members for a 30-day review period throughout March 2026.
- The STOP Implementation Planning Committee met on April 16, 2026 to finalize their recommendation to VSAC.
- On May 12, 2026, VSAC considered the final version of Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* as an action item for approval and adoption, setting funding priorities for Pennsylvania's next competitive STOP grant cycle.
- On June 10, 2026, the Plan was presented as an informational item to the Commission.

In addition to the activities described above, PCCD also maintained *FFY 2022-2025 Implementation Plan* priorities by honoring competitive contracts aligned with the goals and objectives articulated in that document.

B. Documentation from each member of the planning committee as to their participation in the planning process. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(B); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(b)(7)).

1. ***State sexual assault coalition***
2. ***State domestic violence coalition***
3. ***Dual domestic violence and sexual assault coalition***
4. ***Law enforcement entity or State law enforcement organization***
5. ***Prosecution entity or State prosecution organization***
6. ***A court or the State Administrative Office of the Courts***

7. ***Representatives from tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal coalitions***

8. ***Population specific organizations representing the most significant underserved populations and culturally specific populations in the State other than tribes (which are addressed separately)***

9. ***Other if relevant (including survivors, probation, parole, etc.)***

At a minimum, this documentation must include the following for each planning committee member (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(B); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(c)(2)(ii)):

1. ***Which category the participant represents of the entities listed in 34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(2), such as law enforcement, State coalition, population specific organization, etc.;***

2. ***Whether they were informed about meeting(s);***

3. ***Whether they attended meeting(s);***

4. ***Whether they were given drafts of the implementation plan to review;***

5. ***Whether they submitted comments on the draft;***

6. ***Whether they received a copy of the final plan and the summary of major concerns; and***

7. ***Any significant concerns with the final plan.***

The FFY 2026-29 STOP Implementation Planning Committee included the following members:

- **Alicia Anguiano**, Chief Legal Officer, Justice At Work – Philadelphia
- **Honorable Cheryl L. Austin**, Senior Judge, 38th Pennsylvania Judicial District
- **Erika Brosig**, Chief Operating Officer & Sexual Assault Team Coordinator, Victim Services Inc.
- **Karen Burke**, Outreach Coordinator, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, Pennsylvania State University
- **Kelly Callihan, Esq.,** Executive Director, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association
- **Suzanne Estrella**, Commonwealth Victim Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate
- **Chrissy Fortin**, Director of Counseling and Therapy Services & Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator, Crime Victim Center of Erie County
- **Mike Gallagher**, Police Liaison, Women Against Abuse, Inc., Philadelphia
- **Susan Higginbotham**, Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- **Kimberly Hollenback**, Legal Director, Delaware County Victim Assistance Center
- **Mae-Ling Kranz**, Chief Executive Officer, Transitions of PA
- **Charlene Lane**, Bureau Director, Older Adult Protective Services, Pennsylvania Department of Aging

- **Heather LaRocca**, Divisional Social Services Director, The Salvation Army of Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware
- **Candice Linehan**, Assistant Executive Director, Delaware County Victim Assistance Center
- **Joyce Lukima**, Chief Operating Officer, Respect Together
- **Marli Mayon**, Training Projects Coordinator, Respect Together
- **David Miller**, Detective, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office
- **Olga Negron**, Executive Director, Governor's Commission on Latino Affairs
- **Heather Owen, RN,** SANE Program Co-Chair, Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center
- **Jamie Pizzi, Esq.,** STOP Training and Technical Assistance Consultant, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- **Noemi Ramos**, Bilingual Legal Advocate, Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley
- **Cassandra Reed**, Judicial Programs Administrator, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- **Carolyn Reilly**, Forensic Scientist, Pennsylvania State Police
- **Jocelyn Rico**, Manager of Survivors of Violence and Trafficking Program, Nationalities Service Center
- **Kathy Sauter**, Judicial Programs Administrator, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- **Alexandra Sheridan**, Detective, Clinton County District Attorney's Office
- **Maraleen Shields, Esq**., Executive Director, Pennsylvania Commission for Fairness and Justice
- **Jenifer Thompson, JD**, Chief Operating Officer, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- **Ashley Walkowiak**, Executive Director, Governor's Advisory Commission on Women

Appendix D contains documentation from each member of the STOP Implementation Planning Team outlining their participation in the planning process.

C. A description of consultation with other collaboration partners not included in the planning committee (do not include tribes in this section. See "III. D" below for information on consulting and coordinating with tribes). (REQUIRED)

1. ***Sexual assault victim service providers. (34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(2)(H); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(b)(1))***
2. ***Domestic violence victim service providers (34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(2)(H); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(b)(1))***
3. ***Population specific organizations, representatives from underserved populations, and culturally specific organizations. (34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(2)(G); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(b)(2))***

a. How the State selected and meaningfully consulted with the included organizations, and

b. how the State considered both demographics and barriers/historical lack of access to services for each population.

4. Information on any others that were consulted but not part of the planning committee.

In addition to partners included in the STOP Implementation Planning Committee, PCCD consulted with other stakeholders representing victim services, courts, law enforcement, prosecution, and related disciplines as part of the STOP planning process. PCCD and its partners invited stakeholders to provide feedback and input to inform the development and refinement of Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* via an online survey distributed in February 2025, as well as focus groups held virtually throughout July 2025.

Pennsylvania's STOP planning efforts are supported by regular partnerships and collaboration with multiple entities at the state level. As the Commonwealth's justice planning and policymaking agency, PCCD promotes cross-agency collaboration. PCCD's OVS routinely works with sister state agencies on victim-related policy issues, including the Pennsylvania Departments of Corrections, Aging, Human Services, Health, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the Pennsylvania State Police, and Pennsylvania's Office of the Victim Advocate. PCCD has also fostered a strong partnership with the Office of Judicial Education within AOPC. Finally, PCCD continues to rely on the strong support and participation of statewide coalitions and associations, including the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), the Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR), the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association.

D. Consultation and coordination with tribes (34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(2)(F); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(b)(3) and (c)(2)(iii))

1. A description of efforts to reach tribes.

2. Which tribes were consulted and which tribal official(s) for each tribe was contacted.

3. The means by which tribes were given the opportunity to offer their opinion.

Not applicable.

E. A summary of major concerns that were raised during the planning process and how they were addressed or why they were not addressed, which should be sent to the planning committee along with any draft implementation plan and the final plan. (28 C.F.R. 90.12(c)(2)(i))

The implementation planning process identified two concerns. The first centered on funding cuts. The second was related to the feasibility of large-scale information technology projects.

Funding Cuts: A significant challenge to Pennsylvania is the reduction of funding received by the Commonwealth under the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program. The VOCA Program is an essential piece of the funding framework that sustains direct services to victims of crime in Pennsylvania. Specifically, there is a dependent relationship between STOP and VOCA funded services because all domestic violence (DV) and sexual assault (SA) programs receiving STOP funding rely on VOCA as well. Whereas VOCA funds are used for the basic, operational needs of DV and SA programs, STOP is a force multiplier, allowing for increased, and often specialized, services to victims of VAWA crimes.

Since 2018, Pennsylvania has seen over a 60% decrease in VOCA federal awards. As explained above, decreases in VOCA funding often have the unanticipated effect of reductions in STOP funded victim services. Members of the STOP Implementation Planning Committee as well as participants in focus groups were concerned about reductions in VOCA funding and how that could impact their STOP-funded initiatives. At the state level, Pennsylvania's Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC) has decided to focus its financial decisions on sustaining existing victim services infrastructure and gains made prior to the VOCA decreases.

PCCD acknowledges the efforts to address the decreases in the federal Crime Victims Fund (CVF). The VOCA Fix in 2021 increased deposits in the CVF; however, the rate of new deposits has not been robust enough to restore the fund to the historic amounts prior to 2017. Without reforms at the federal level, such as the proposed Crime Victims Stabilization Act of 2025, even more drastic cuts to Pennsylvania's VOCA award are projected to occur. This could negatively affect STOP funded services.

IT Projects: Additionally, during the planning process, STOP Implementation Planning Committee members expressed an interest in aligning with Purpose Area #4, which is focused on developing, installing, or expanding data collection and communication systems linking police, prosecutors, and courts in order to track arrests, protection orders, prosecutions, and convictions for violent crimes against women; Pennsylvania has not previously allocated STOP funds toward this purpose area. During the discussion, Committee members offered specific examples of data system upgrades and capabilities that would be beneficial to their work, such as being able to collect additional details about assault cases, flagging individuals with Protection From Abuse (PFA) orders against them in a database, and capturing data on prior arrests within particular data systems.

The STOP Implementation Planning Committee agreed that pursuing this new purpose area would have to be addressed through a larger statewide project – likely costing several millions of dollars – and could not be sufficiently addressed through simply expanding the types of expenses allowed through county STOP grants.

Given limited statewide STOP funding, as well as a strong desire to increase the funding threshold for county projects while maintaining other core statewide STOP functions, the Planning Committee ultimately agreed not to add Purpose Area #4 to Pennsylvania's FFY 2026-29 STOP Implementation Plan. PCCD is committed to exploring additional funding opportunities that could support such an initiative.

F. A description of how the State coordinated this plan with the State plan for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the programs under the Victims of Crime Act and section 393A of the Public Health Service Act (Rape Prevention Education), including the impact of that coordination on the contents of the plan. (34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(3); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(b)(6) and (g)(6)).

Pennsylvania strives to coordinate its use of victim service-related funding streams to ensure limited resources are used effectively and efficiently. In Pennsylvania, PCCD administers federal VOCA funding, which, as detailed above, is a significant funding stream for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) is responsible for distributing funds under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). The Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR) is responsible for distributing funds under the Rape Prevention Education (RPE) Program. All three organizations work together to set funding and service priorities and leverage funding to create a strong and cohesive network of services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

Pennsylvania's STOP Implementation Planning Committee included leadership from both PCAR and PCADV as well as direct service professionals who work at PCADV and PCAR funded programs. Outside of the STOP Formula Grant Planning Process, both PCADV and PCAR are members of Pennsylvania's Statewide Victims' Services Advisory Committee (VSAC). A critical responsibility of VSAC is strategic planning efforts, to ensure that STOP, VOCA, FVPSA, and RPE funds are leveraged to (1) customize and sustain direct victim services, and (2) develop a coordinated intervention and prevention outreach strategy that responds to victims and confronts attitudes and norms that perpetuate violence against women. By coordinating various funding streams, engaging with diverse stakeholders across the Commonwealth, and evaluating the social, demographic, criminological, and economic trends affecting the state, PCCD ensures that the use of STOP, VOCA, FVPSA and RPE funds are comprehensive and effective.

IV. Documentation from Prosecution, Law Enforcement, Court, and Victim Services Programs

This documentation may be in the form of letters from current grantees or State- or Territory-wide organizations representing prosecution, law enforcement, courts and victim services able to comment on the current and proposed use of grant funds. The documentation must describe:

1. ***the need for the grant funds;***
2. ***the intended use of the grant funds;***
3. ***the expected result of the grant funds; and***
4. ***the demographic characteristics of the population to be served including age, disability, race, ethnicity, and language background.***

(34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(C))

Appendix E provides required letters of documentation from court, law enforcement, prosecution, and victim services programs.

V. Plan for the Four-Year Implementation Period

A. Goals and Objectives

1. Concise description of the State's goal and objectives for the implementation period. 28 C.F.R. 90.12(a)).

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishes the following goals and accompanying objectives for its *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan*.

GOAL 1: Continue to support effective comprehensive justice system response to violence against women crimes through the provision of high-quality training and technical assistance.

- Objective 1.1: Continue to support statewide training and technical assistance efforts that leverage the expertise of subject matter experts for victim services, prosecution, law enforcement, courts, and underserved populations.

- Objective 1.2: Support continued statewide education on protection orders, with a focus on increasing awareness and understanding of different types of orders, eligibility criteria, and other key issues among service providers and the public.

- Objective 1.3: Develop and deliver training on issues related to the intersections of technology and violence against women crimes (e.g., technology abuse, cyberstalking, and use of artificial intelligence), including investigative techniques for evidence-based prosecution, providing support for victims, utilization of protection orders and other tools, as well as other best practices.

GOAL 2: Increase safety of victims/survivors as well as service providers.

- Objective 2.1: To prevent further trauma to victims and witnesses through compelling testimony, support ongoing training and technical assistance on evidence-based prosecution strategies.

- Objective 2.2: Support the continued development and implementation of court-based protocols and procedures for statewide use that minimize interactions between parties before and after hearings.

- Objective 2.3: Enhance education and awareness among judges about strangulation, particularly its role as a significant lethality indicator.

- Objective 2.4: Prioritize STOP funding for projects that implement strategies to recognize, prevent, and respond to vicarious trauma among staff working with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

GOAL 3: Identify and meaningfully address barriers to service for culturally specific and underserved populations in Pennsylvania.

- Objective 3.1: Prioritize STOP funding for projects that provide services to underserved populations (e.g., racial/ethnic minorities, rural victims, immigrants, victims of sex trafficking, elder victims, LGBTQ+ victims, people with mental health and/or substance use disorders, individuals with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations).

- Objective 3.2: Provide training to increase awareness of immigrant communities in Pennsylvania among first responders, enhance understanding of unique barriers faced by this population, and identify strategies to effectively provide services and supports.

- Objective 3.3: Prioritize STOP funding for community-based, culturally specific organizations focused on improving outreach to specific underserved populations, addressing barriers to service, and building capacity.

GOAL 4: Foster a comprehensive justice system response to sexual violence and assault.

- Objective 4.1: Provide funding for counties to start new or enhance existing Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) across the Commonwealth through training, support personnel (e.g., SART Coordinators), and improving coordination with existing multidisciplinary teams.

- Objective 4.2: Develop and deliver cross-training programs on successful sexual assault prosecutions, with a focus on the benefits of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) and medical evidence to the prosecutorial process.

- Objective 4.3: Through collaborative efforts, increase the number of personnel trained on effectively addressing sexual assault victims/survivors, including utilization of trauma-informed approaches.

GOAL 5: Reduce domestic violence-related homicides in Pennsylvania.

- Objective 5.1: Continue to partner with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence to expand awareness, implementation, and accessibility of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) in municipalities/counties across the Commonwealth using STOP funds.

- Objective 5.2: Provide continued training and education on key provisions of Act 79 of 2018, particularly weapons relinquishment requirements, to improve implementation consistency statewide.

GOAL 6: Support procedural justice through a comprehensive, trauma-informed strategy including training of court personnel and implementation of

consistent, accessible judicial processes, in collaboration with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.

- Objective 6.1: Develop, implement, and consistently provide training for judges and court personnel to equip them with an understanding of trauma and its effect on victim behavior; the dynamics of violence against women crimes; protections available under state and federal law; evidence-based risk/lethality factors; and other information needed to render decisions that ensure the safety of victims and hold perpetrators accountable.

- Objective 6.2: Improve protection order (e.g., emergency PFA) processes by ensuring consistent, statutorily required judicial and court personnel availability and closing gaps identified through ongoing coordination with victim services providers and other partners.

- Objective 6.3: Pilot funding to courts to implement trauma-informed reforms (e.g., simplified filing processes, multilingual signage, navigators in court) and measure their impact on victim participation and satisfaction with the process.

2. Description of how STOP funding will be used to meet the State's goal and objectives during the implementation period. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(1); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(a)).

The strength of the STOP Formula Grant Program lies in its ability to foster and sustain cross-system collaboration that improves coordinated responses to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. All counties receiving STOP funds must have active STOP Coordinating Teams, which provide ongoing leadership and direction to the STOP Project to ensure effective collaboration among systems that promote victim safety and coordinate local responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Recognizing the critical role STOP funding plays in driving positive culture shifts and institutionalizing model protocols, PCCD believes it is important to maintain the strength of Pennsylvania's core efforts under STOP, which serve as a strong foundation for accomplishing the goals and objectives identified in this Plan. To that end, Pennsylvania reaffirms its commitment to preserve core services under STOP, including provision of the following direct services to victims:

- Crisis intervention;
- Supportive counseling through either individual sessions or groups;
- Victim advocacy and accompaniment within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, healthcare, immigration, financial, and/or educational institutions, etc.;
- Language access services (i.e., provision of interpretation and/or translation);
- Legal advocacy;
- Emergency housing;
- Safety planning;
- Multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs);

- Crime Victims Compensation assistance; and
- Transportation assistance.

Pennsylvania also reaffirms the value of specialized units in law enforcement and criminal justice. These specialized units typically consist of a full- or part-time position dedicated to working on violence against women crimes. These positions help develop and maintain expertise at the local level, ensuring that crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence are given the attention they deserve, investigated thoroughly, prosecuted to the greatest extent possible, and that systems' response to victims are trauma-informed.

As with prior STOP Implementation Plans, Pennsylvania's proposed approach for FFY 2026-2029 relies on systemic collaboration at both the state and local levels. While the bulk of implementation activities will take place at the county and community levels through the work of multidisciplinary STOP Coordinating Teams, the STOP Implementation Planning Committee identified several areas in which statewide efforts were needed. This included continuing support for statewide technical assistance and training initiatives that leverage the experience and expertise of PCCD's partners representing victim services, law enforcement, courts, and prosecution to support local STOP Coordinating Teams. In addition, STOP Committee members highlighted specific topics and issues to be addressed through statewide training, including protection orders, issues related to the intersections of technology and violence against women crimes, and evidence-based prosecution strategies to prevent further trauma to victims and witnesses through compelling testimony.

3. A description of how the funds will be distributed across the law enforcement, prosecution, courts, victim services, and discretionary allocation categories. (See 34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(4)).

PCCD plans to open a competitive grantmaking process to all 67 counties in Pennsylvania and will continue to prioritize areas of varying geographic size and population demographics, supporting counties demonstrating the greatest need. As with prior STOP competitive funding cycles, all successful applicants will be required to have STOP Coordinating Teams comprised of victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and county probation/parole. In addition, PCCD will evaluate proposed STOP Projects to determine alignment with goals and objectives identified within this Plan, and to ensure Pennsylvania meets the STOP-mandated allocation categories for law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and victim services.

B. Statutory Priority Areas

1. ***Information on how the State plans to meet the sexual assault set-aside, including how the State will ensure the funds are allocated for programs or projects in two or more allocations (law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and courts). (34 U.S.C. 10446(c)(5)).***

   Pennsylvania will continue to use several strategies to meet the requirement that 20% of the Commonwealth's STOP funding be distributed among two or more allocation categories to meaningfully address sexual assault.

   First, the STOP Implementation Planning Committee reaffirmed its approval of the requirement of cross-system, collaborative STOP Teams for county STOP Projects. This strategy has resulted in Beaver, Bedford, Bucks, Cambria, Centre and Fulton counties sustaining, over multiple years, a comprehensive response to sexual assault victims. These projects use dedicated Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinators. These SART Coordinators are responsible for making sure that nurses at local hospitals receive basic and advanced training to perform the forensic exam. They maintain a roster of SANEs, dispatch SANEs to participating hospital emergency rooms and ensure that a specially trained sexual assault advocate is available should a victim wish to have support during the exam. Additionally, the SART Coordinators maintain and update county sexual assault response protocols and serve as the liaison with the STOP Team to ensure that the collaborative response among responders in the county is trauma-informed and victim-centered.

   The second strategy for meeting the sexual assault set-aside is through specific objectives in the proposed 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan. The following objectives in the proposed plan will also contribute to compliance with the mandatory sexual assault set aside:

- Objective 4.1: Provide funding for counties to start new or enhance existing Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) across the Commonwealth through training, support personnel and improving coordination with existing multidisciplinary teams.
  - Beginning July 2022 and extending into the current competitive funding cycle, the Crime Victim Center of Erie County has led a multi-year effort to rebuild and expand the county's SART. STOP funding supported participation of urban and rural law enforcement personnel in team meetings and national trainings; provided for initial and ongoing training and supervision of sexual assault forensic nurses at two county hospitals, supported additional law enforcement resources to investigate sexual assault, enabled additional direct services to victims and supported a SART Coordinator.
  - In rural Union County Pennsylvania, STOP funding is enabling Transitions of PA to expand the county's SART to include Bucknell University. Specifically, STOP funds are partially supporting a dedicated public safety officer to respond to and investigate incidences of sexual assault on campus. Additionally, STOP

funds are being used to support additional prosecutorial personnel to prosecute sexual assault cases in the county.

- Objective 4.2: Develop and deliver cross-training programs on successful sexual assault prosecutions, with a focus on the benefits of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) and medical evidence to the prosecutorial process.
    - PCCD continues to provide STOP funding to the Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR) to coordinate a variety of trainings for Pennsylvania Prosecutors and law enforcement personnel on evidence-based investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases. A prosecutor who attended these trainings, used expert witness testimony to secure a conviction in a sexual assault case that was prosecuted in rural Perry County. PCAR also supports regular online opportunities for Pennsylvania Prosecutors and SART personnel to collaborate on challenges and share lessons learned as they work to increase the use of expert witnesses and evidence-based prosecution.

- Objective 4.3: Through collaborative efforts, increase the number of personnel trained on effectively addressing sexual assault victims/survivors, including utilization of trauma-informed approaches.
    - Also through PCAR's Statewide STOP Training and Technical Assistance efforts, multiple training opportunities on a trauma-informed response to sexual assault have been offered to promote survivor-centered care in hospital and clinical settings.

2. Goals and objectives for reducing domestic violence-related homicides within the State, including available statistics on the rates of domestic violence homicide within the State and challenges specific to the State and how the plan can overcome them. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(G); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(f)).

Since 2012, Pennsylvania has been actively working towards reducing its domestic violence homicide rate. This has been done through a long-standing partnership between PCCD and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) to implement the Maryland Model of Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) across Pennsylvania. Over the past decade, more than 1,500 individuals were killed as a result of domestic violence in Pennsylvania, including 106 victims (67% female) who lost their lives to domestic violence and 42 perpetrator deaths in 2024. Nearly half of victims were killed by a current or former intimate partner, and the majority were killed with a firearm (66%).[16] Studies have reinforced the linkages between firearms and intimate partner violence (IPV), showing significant correlations between abusers' access to guns and the risk of homicide. Research has found that a victim or survivor of IPV is five times more likely to be killed when an abusive partner has access to a firearm; nationwide, IPV-related homicides increased 58% between 2014 to 2020. Furthermore, U.S. women are 21 times more likely to be murdered by a firearm than women in other wealthy countries.[17]

In addition to LAP implementation, Pennsylvania adopted new reforms under Act 79 of 2018, which took effect on April 10, 2019. The law established new requirements to increase safety provisions to help prevent domestic violence homicides, including the timely relinquishment of weapons for PFA orders and misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence. Under Act 79, eligible individuals must relinquish firearms, weapons, and/or ammunition within 24 hours to a sheriff or appropriate law enforcement agency, licensed firearms dealer or commercial armory, or their attorney.

The fifth goal of Pennsylvania's 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan continues the Commonwealth's intentional efforts to reduce domestic violence homicide through a combination of expanding and sustaining implementation of LAP and improving uniform implementation of the weapons relinquishment requirements of Act 79.

Goal Five: Reduce domestic violence-related homicides in Pennsylvania.

- Objective 5.1: Continue to partner with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) to support awareness, implementation, and accessibility of the Maryland Model of Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) in municipalities/counties across the Commonwealth using STOP funds. Developed by the Maryland Network to End Domestic Violence, LAP is an evidence-based program that promotes a partnership between domestic violence advocates and law enforcement officers to identify victims at high risk of being killed and then connect them to lifesaving domestic violence services. The crucial components of LAP are a brief screening tool that identifies lethality factors and an intensive safety planning process. Law enforcement receives training to administer and score the tool; domestic violence program advocates receive training to conduct the brief, intensive safety planning designed to connect victims who screen as "high danger" with lifesaving services.
    - PCCD's partnership with PCADV to implement LAP dates to 2012, when the coalition received its first grant from PCCD to begin implementation in 12 Pennsylvania counties, with 12 domestic violence programs and 19 local police departments. From 2012 through 2025, implementation of LAP in Pennsylvania has increased to 51 counties, 48 domestic violence programs and 467 law enforcement agencies.
    - Statistics published by PCADV indicate that the intent of LAP is being met, as 51% of victims identified at high risk of lethality are consenting to immediate connection with a domestic violence advocate for intensive safety planning. Statistics compiled also show that over 60% of high danger victims go on to access additional domestic violence services beyond initial safety planning.

- Objective 5.2: Provide continued training and education on key provisions of Act 79 of 2018, particularly weapons relinquishment requirements, to improve implementation consistency statewide.
    - The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Project continues to deliver training on the Act 79 Weapons Relinquishment requirements to law enforcement across the Commonwealth. In addition to training, PCADV has published a STOP Technical Assistance Bulletin on Act 79 and routinely responds to technical assistance requests from county law enforcement on weapons relinquishment under Act 79.

A recent PCCD report[18] used data from Pennsylvania's Protection From Abuse Database (PFAD) to analyze the implementation of firearm relinquishment from 2019 to 2023. Overall, successful weapons retrieval occurred in 82% of cases with an issued final relinquishment order, with over 90% retrieved on the same day or before issuance of the final order. The use of the PFA petition to warn of potential harm from a weapon increased from 34% of cases in 2020 to 51% of cases in 2023. Additionally, between 2020 and 2023, successful retrievals increased by 53%; however, consent agreements grew by only 7%. These findings suggest a growing awareness of the court to use these protections in cases, as well as a willingness of plaintiffs to move further along the PFA process – possibly due to increased access to support services.

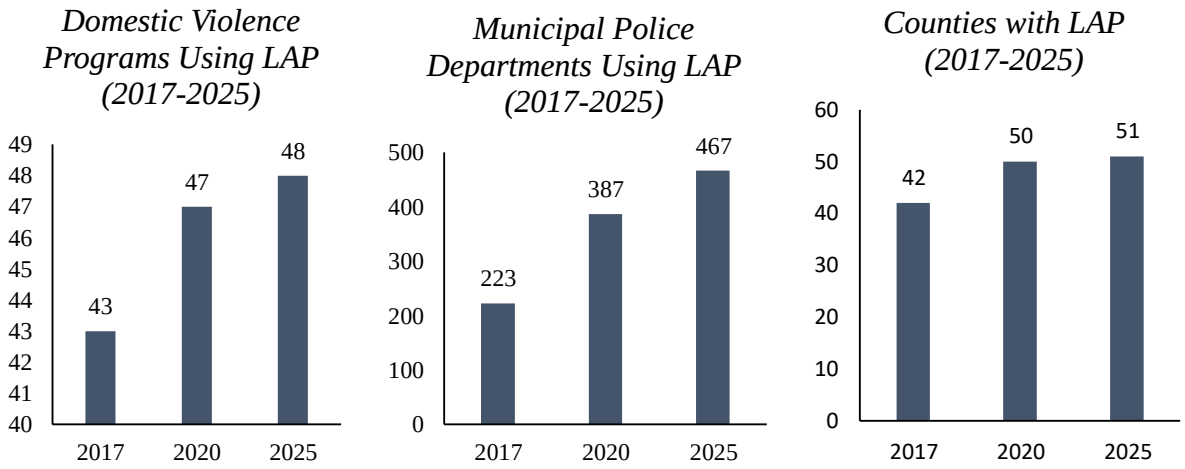
Since 2012, PCCD has partnered with PCADV on statewide implementation of Maryland's evidence-based Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) model in the Commonwealth. Nationally recognized and evidence-based, the LAP model was originally developed by the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence in conjunction with Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell based key findings from her national research, including:

- In half of domestic violence-related homicides, law enforcement officers had previously responded to a call involving the same victim;
- The re-assault rate of domestic violence victims in high danger was reduced by more than 60% if they went into a shelter; and
- Only 4% of domestic violence homicide victims had ever contacted a hotline, shelter, or program prior to being killed by an intimate partner.[19]

Informed by these findings, the LAP model seeks to reduce domestic violence-related homicides and save lives by addressing the corollary challenges of identifying victims at high risk of being killed and connecting those victims with services and supports through a domestic violence program. LAP promotes a coordinated community response, connecting victims who are at the highest risk of being killed with domestic violence services.[19] Using the LAP model, police arriving on the scene of a domestic violence incident ask a series of screening questions used to determine the potential lethality risk posed by the situation based on the victim's responses.

Currently, LAP is being implemented in 48 domestic violence programs and 467 municipal police departments in 51 counties across Pennsylvania – an increase from levels reported in Pennsylvania's *FFY 2022-2025 STOP Implementation Plan*, as shown in **Figure 7**, below.

Figure 7. LAP Implementation in Pennsylvania, 2017 - 2025



Data collected since LAP's initial implementation in October 2012 demonstrates the model's significant impact. Since inception, police officers have conducted more than 45,000 victim screenings using LAP. During 2025, law enforcement completed 2,971 high-risk screens, of which 75.6% (2,247) were identified as at high danger of being killed by their abuser. Of those high-risk victims, 873 (29.4%) agreed to speak with a hotline advocate while the police officer was still on the scene.

Given LAP's proven impact, the STOP Planning Committee strongly supports continued partnership with PCADV to support implementation of LAP in municipalities/counties across the Commonwealth using STOP funds under Goal 5, **Objective 5.1**. In addition, the STOP Committee expressed support for continuing to provide STOP funds toward training and education on key provisions of Act 79 of 2018, particularly weapons relinquishment requirements, to improve consistency of implementation statewide. This education should continue to provide a foundation of the law's requirements and how to implement practices at the local level, both for services providers and the public.

C. Addressing the Needs of Underserved Victims

1. ***Description of how the State plans to meet the needs of the identified underserved populations, including, but not limited to, culturally specific populations, victims who are underserved because of sexual orientation or gender identity, and victims with limited English proficiency. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(E); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(e))***

   PCCD is committed to addressing the needs of underserved victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, as well as ensuring cultural responsiveness in the delivery of services to victims of these crimes. PCCD's Consolidated Victim Service Program Standards, contain a core standard focused on cultural responsiveness, including related program requirements and recommended practices. Feedback from both the STOP Implementation Planning Committee and across focus groups expressed a need for projects that effectively reach and serve culturally specific populations and underserved communities, including the importance of listening to and learning from the experiences of different underserved and historically marginalized groups, identifying specific barriers victims may face in accessing services and supports, and developing solutions in partnership with organizations serving these populations in Pennsylvania's communities.

   Throughout the planning process, STOP Committee members, as well as respondents to PCCD's 2025 STOP Implementation Plan Stakeholder Survey (**Appendix A**) emphasized the need to provide access to high-quality services and supports for all victims of violent crime, with an emphasis on the following underserved populations:

   - Racial/ethnic minorities
   - Immigrants
   - Victims of sex trafficking
   - Rural victims
   - Elder victims
   - LGBTQ+ victims
   - People with mental health and/or substance use disorders
   - Individuals with disabilities

   To ensure Pennsylvania meets the set-aside for culturally specific services, PCCD will continue to encourage STOP applicants to review current Census data for their counties, form and strengthen partnerships with community programs providing services to underserved populations, and include meaningful representation of underserved populations on their STOP Coordinating Team. In addition, STOP funding under the next competitive funding cycle will be prioritized for applicants meeting criteria under **Objectives 3.1, 3.2,** and **3.3**. As in prior years, PCCD will also release a competitive STOP funding announcement calling for the development of culturally specific services by culturally specific, community-based organizations.

PCCD will continue to prioritize competitive applications that demonstrate a history of working effectively together to improve service provision and outreach to underserved populations, as well as for projects that meaningfully engage community-based culturally specific organizations. Furthermore, PCCD will give priority consideration for STOP Projects that provide training to increase awareness of immigrant communities among first responders, enhance understanding of unique barriers faced by this population, and identify strategies to effectively provide services and supports.

2. ***A description of how the State will ensure that monies set aside to fund culturally specific services and activities for underserved populations are distributed equitably among those populations. (34 U.S.C. 10446(e)(2)(D) and (i)(2)(F); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(d)(4))***

   PCCD will ensure that funds set aside to support culturally specific services and activities for underserved populations are distributed equitably among those populations by prioritizing areas of varying geographic size demonstrating the greatest level of need based on the availability of existing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking programs, in addition to crime data and population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and other relevant sources.

3. ***Specifics on how the State plans to meet the set-aside for culturally specific community-based organizations, including a description of how the State will reach out to community-based organizations that provide linguistically and culturally specific services. This could include specific information as to which subgrantees met the required 10% set aside within the victim services allocation for culturally specific organizations during the prior funding cycle. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(E); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(g)(2))***

   In 2022 and again in 2025, PCCD/OVS released competitive solicitations to help accomplish its third goal in Pennsylvania's 2022-2025 STOP Implementation Plan to identify and meaningfully address barriers to service for culturally specific populations in Pennsylvania. The projects funded under each of the solicitations ensured Pennsylvania fulfilled the 10% set-aside funding mandate for culturally specific community-based organizations under STOP.

   Those awarded funding are culturally specific community-based organizations that provide culturally and linguistically specific services to historically underserved populations in Pennsylvania. A few programs to highlight OVS/PCCD has funded or is currently funding include:

   - Friends of Farmworkers, which is now Justice at Work (JAW) that meets the distinct needs of low-wage Latino/a victims of domestic violence, sexual

assault and stalking by providing culturally and linguistically specific legal and mental health services.

- Nationalities Service Center (NSC) works with Hispanic, Black and Asian immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in southern Pennsylvania by providing culturally responsive, trauma-informed and multi-lingual supports.
- The Congolese Community of Central Pennsylvania provides culturally specific, community-based direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Association Coalition, Inc. (SEAMAAC) provides services for Asian Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.
- Vietgroup Empowers established a culturally specific support program for Vietnamese victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

D. Grant-making Strategy

1. Timeline for the STOP grant cycle. (See 28 C.F.R. 90.12(g)(8)).

Competitive funding to support goals and objectives outlined in Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* will be made available as follows:

Date/Timeframe	Funding/Grantmaking Activity
January/February 2027	Release competitive solicitations for counties and statewide technical assistance/training solicitations
January 2028	Make awards to counties and statewide technical assistance/training projects

Counties receiving competitive funds under STOP will have three years for project activities. Statewide projects, including training and technical assistance initiatives under Goals 1 and 2, will vary between one-year and multi-year initiatives, as needed.

PCCD will ensure STOP funds are expended appropriately and for the purposes mandated under VAWA. As with prior STOP funding cycles, OVS will conduct site-specific monitoring activities for each of the counties funded through the competitive solicitation process. Monitoring consists of meeting with the project team (in-person or virtually) as well as connecting with each component of the STOP Project to ensure compliance with grant requirements and fidelity to the goals and objectives in the county's STOP application. In between one-on-one monitoring visits, OVS staff will also conduct telephone interviews with STOP Coordinating Team Leaders to assess progress, offer technical assistance or help problem solve. PCCD staff will review annual reports as well as quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD/OVS will meet quarterly with PCADV and PCAR to assess progress on implementation of STOP in Pennsylvania and identify any trends in technical assistance needs.

2. Description of how the State will ensure that eligible entities are aware of funding opportunities, including projects serving underserved populations. (28 C.F.R. 90.12(d)(5) and (g)(4))

PCCD released a competitive grant opportunity in March 2024 resulting in 32 county-based STOP projects. PCCD also funded five state-level training and technical assistance projects as well as the 5% court allocation to the Pennsylvania Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts using STOP dollars. Together, county and statewide programs received funds across the five STOP allocation areas (Law Enforcement, Victim Services, Courts, Prosecution, and Discretionary).

PCCD plans to release a new competitive grant opportunity in early 2027. As with previous STOP solicitations, the competitive funding announcements will be posted publicly and made available through PCCD's Egrants System, which automatically generates notices of funding announcements to all subscribers. OVS will also provide

funding notices in its regularly published newsletter, which has a mailing list of over 800 individuals throughout Pennsylvania. PCCD's website also prominently features "Active Funding Announcements" on its homepage; information about the availability of STOP funding will be featured there as solicitations are released.

In addition, PCCD will work with partners representing state agencies, culturally specific community-based organizations, local domestic violence and sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, judiciary, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' offices, and other criminal justice organizations. PCCD will also seek the assistance of key stakeholders and professional associations such as members of VSAC as well as PCAR, PCADV, Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association, and other organizations to ensure distribution of information regarding funding opportunities within their relevant networks, including posting information through newsletters, listservs, and/or social media.

3. ***Description of how the State will ensure that any subgrantees will consult with victim service providers during the course of developing their grant applications in order to ensure that the proposed activities are designed to promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims. (34 U.S.C. 10446(i)(2)(D))***

   All successful STOP applicants are required to have STOP Coordinating Teams comprised of victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, and county probation/parole. Victim services organizations, as required members of STOP Coordinating Teams, fully participate in the development of STOP applications before they are submitted to PCCD to ensure proposed activities promote the safety, confidentiality, and economic independence of victims.

4. ***Description of how the State will identify and select applicants for subgrant funding, including whether a competitive process will be used. If different selection methods will be used for each allocation category, describe the method. (28 C.F.R. 90.12(g)(8))***

   As with prior STOP funding cycles, PCCD will utilize a competitive application process for counties seeking funds for STOP projects using an electronic grants management system, Egrants. A funding announcement will be released to the field in early 2027, and applications will be competitively reviewed and scored based on criteria aligned with goals and objectives articulated in Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan*. PCCD will recruit independent reviewers to read and score applications received through the solicitation and will also provide training to individuals serving as reviewers. PCCD will then work to collect scores and identify successful applications, with recommendations made to the Statewide Victims' Services Advisory Committee for consideration and approval. Pending full approval by the Commission, projects will have a start date of funding for successful STOP applications of January 2028.

Pennsylvania does not require a match for STOP Projects because it was granted permission from the federal Office on Violence Against Women to use the state's budgetary allocations to domestic violence and sexual assault services to meet the match requirement at the state level.

5. ***Whether STOP subgrant projects will be funded on a multiple or single-year basis. (See 28 C.F.R. 90.12(g)(8))***

   STOP Projects funded through the competitive application process described above will be awarded for a three-year period. PCCD also plans to reserve funds to support statewide technical assistance and training initiatives aligned with Pennsylvania's STOP goals and objectives; depending on the specific scope of these projects, some may be funded on a multiple year basis, while others may be single-year awards.

6. ***Description of how the State will determine the amount of subgrants based on the population and geographic area to be served. (34 U.S.C. 10446(e)(2)(B) and (i)(2)(F); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(d)(2))***

   PCCD plans to reserve the majority of STOP funds for county-level projects. Per recommendations from the STOP Implementation Planning Committee, PCCD plans to raise the maximum award amount for competitive county STOP Projects from $125,000 to $150,000 per year over a three-year period (now $450,000 total per county). Based on the per-county maximum amount, and assuming consistent levels of STOP funding compared with prior years, PCCD anticipates being able to make up to 28 county STOP awards.

   PCCD also plans to reserve 5% for AOPC for statewide activities involving courts, including judges and court staff.

7. ***Description of how the State will give priority to areas of varying geographic size with the greatest showing of need based on the availability of existing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking programs. (34 U.S.C. 10446(e)(2)(A) and (i)(2)(F); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(d)(1))***

   PCCD will ensure STOP funds are distributed equitably by prioritizing areas of varying geographic size demonstrating the greatest level of need based on the availability of existing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking programs, in addition to crime data and population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and other relevant sources.

8. ***Description of how the State will equitably distribute monies on a geographic basis including nonurban and rural areas of various geographic sizes. (34 U.S.C. 10446 (e)(2)(C) and (i)(2)(F); 28 C.F.R. 90.12(d)(3))***

   PCCD will ensure that STOP funds are distributed equitably by prioritizing areas of varying geographic size demonstrating the greatest level of need based on the availability of existing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking programs, in addition to crime data and population data from the U.S. Census Bureau and other relevant sources.

9. ***Information on projects that the State plans to fund, if known. (28 C.F.R. § 90.12(g)(5))***

   a. ***Crystal Judson. (34 U.S.C. § 10441(b)(13))***

      i. ***If the If the State plans to address the "Crystal Judson" purpose area, include narrative on providing the required training.***

      ii. ***If the State does not plan to use the "Crystal Judson" purpose area, include a note to this effect.***

      The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not plan to address the "Crystal Judson" purpose area.

VI. Conclusion

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania remains appreciative of the resources provided through the federal STOP Violence Against Women Program. For over three decades, STOP funds have helped Pennsylvania foster systemic collaboration at the state and local levels; develop policies and protocols institutionalizing a victim-centered response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in communities across the state; and provide training and professional development resources for law enforcement, prosecutors, court personnel, judges, and victim service providers statewide.

Pennsylvania's *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* aims to enhance cross-system collaboration at the heart of the STOP Formula Grant Program's mission to address and improve services for domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking victims across the Commonwealth. The primary focus of this Plan is to build on the strong foundation of Pennsylvania's existing STOP infrastructure, including disseminating best practices and resources for STOP Teams and other multidisciplinary groups working to address these issues in communities across the state. In addition, the *FFY 2026-2029 STOP Implementation Plan* seeks to provide space for new initiatives that address gaps and emerging needs, such as the role of technology and artificial intelligence in driving violent crimes.

This Plan will serve as a blueprint for PCCD/OVS, VSAC, and partner organizations in using federal OVW grant funds to advance systemwide, culturally responsive, and victim-centered responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Appendix A
2025 STOP Implementation Plan Survey Results

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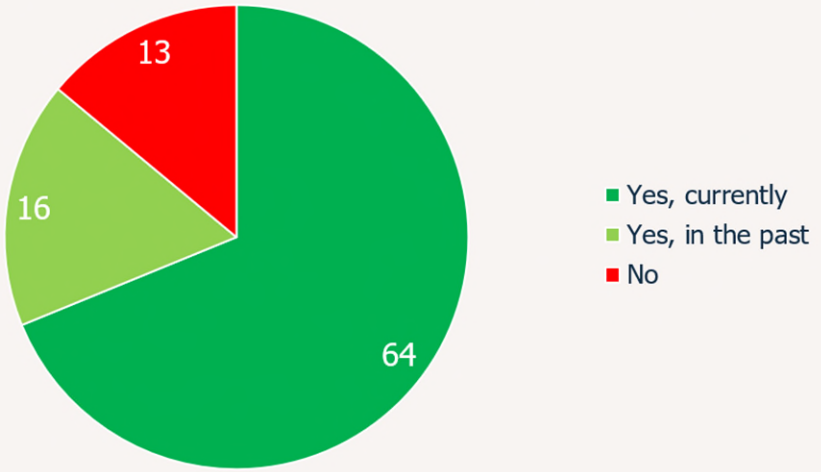
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- **Due:** March 14 (2 weeks)
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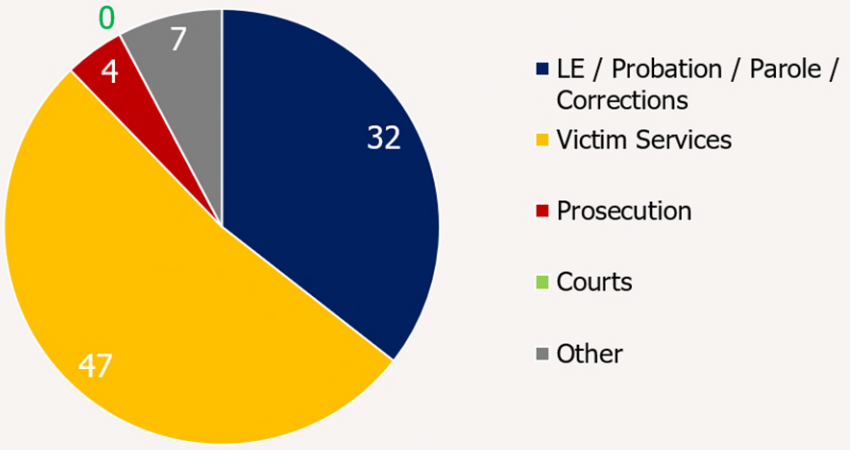
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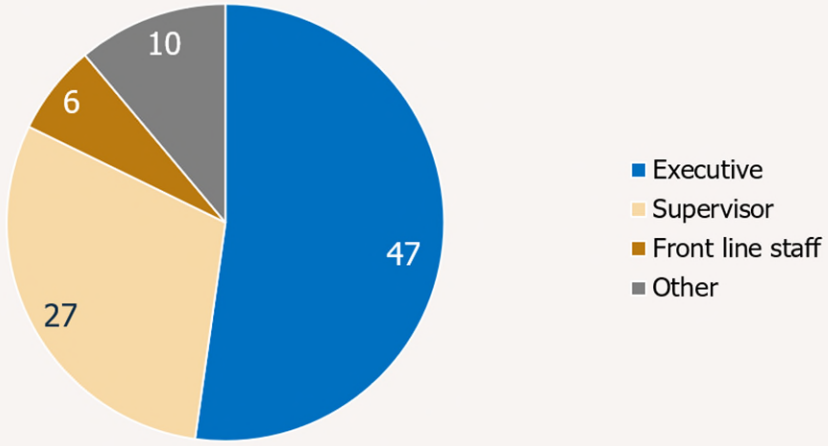
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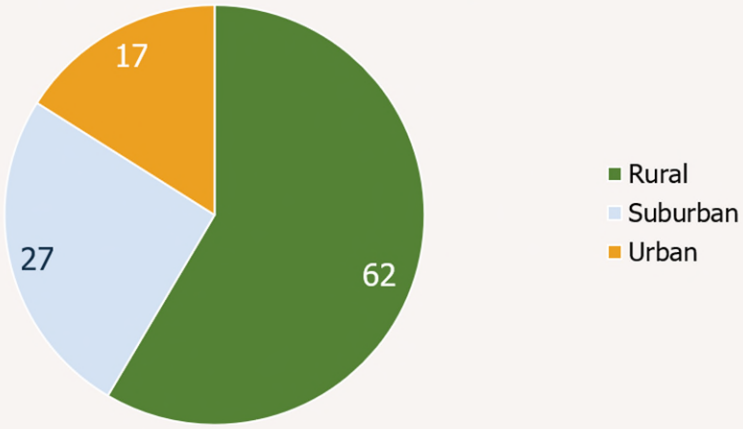
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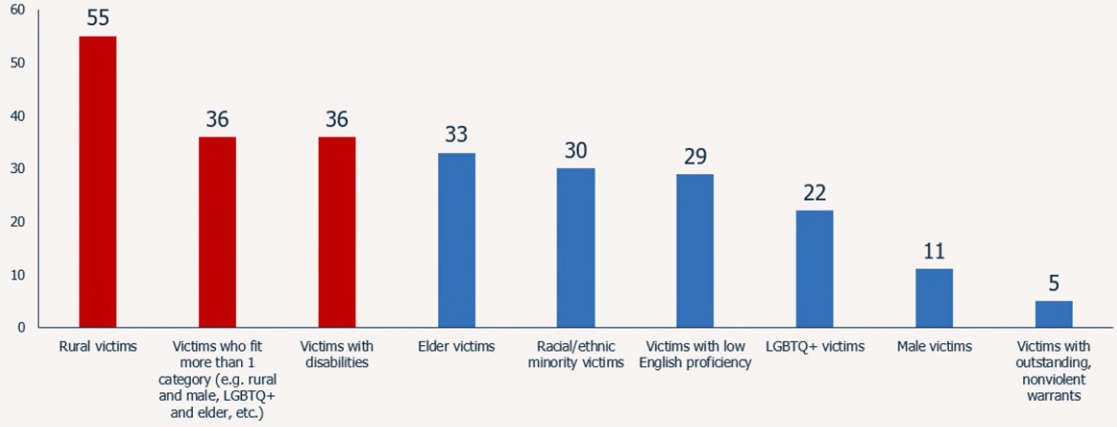
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Given the limited resources available through the STOP Grant, please select the top 3 priority service areas for the following underserved victims:



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Explain your choices – *Top 3:*

1. Rural Victims:

- High volume / most of population
- Greater risk due to isolation
- Obstacles: lack of transportation, cell/Internet service, employment, housing, health/mental health/D&A care
- More difficult to access translator services in rural areas
- Small area where "everyone knows everyone;" people don't want to report for fear of repercussion

2. Intersectionality:

- "I'd select 'All of the above' if I could."
- Most vulnerable victims also face challenges stemming from discriminatory practices, impediments in systems, physical/mental health barriers, etc.

3. Victims with disabilities:

- Seeing increased need in providing services to IDD community
- Greater hurdles to overcome
- Materials do not take into consideration reading levels
- More poorly served by courts/LE



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Explain your choices – *Additional themes:*

Counties have large populations of racial/ethnic minorities and non-English speakers, but they are underrepresented in population receiving services.

In our rural county, elderly and male victims do not seek assistance without intervention. Many resources/written materials focused on women victims.

"Specialized approaches" for priority populations are time-consuming and costly; on other end, victims less likely to proceed with prosecution or more likely to drop charges.

Some victims need support related to their immigration status; likely to be increasingly fearful of reporting VAWA or other crimes due to fear of discrimination, criminalization.

We have limited local resources to provide language supports. LE may speak with alleged perpetrators rather than engage translation services at incident scenes.

Some of our victims have charges against them; would like to be able to offer support for criminal cases.

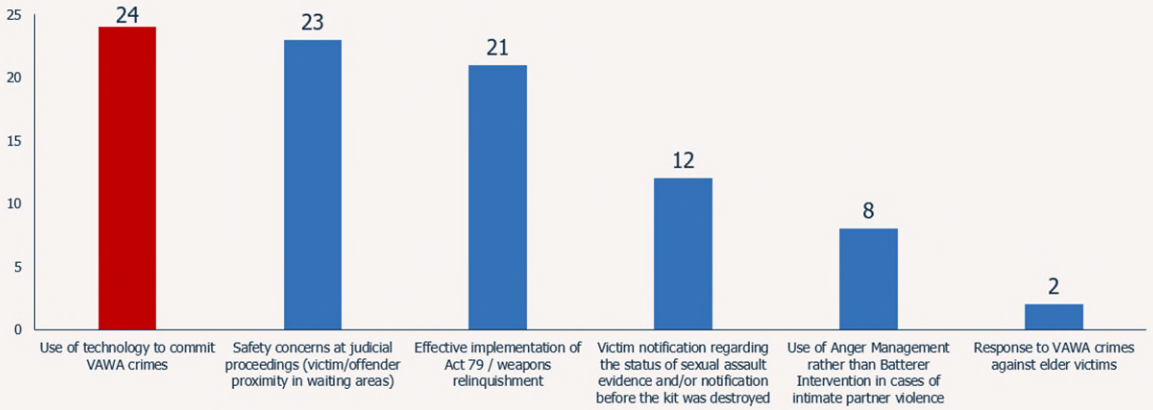


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Which STOP-related issue is the biggest challenge in PA?

("VAWA crimes" refers to crimes including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.)



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Explain your choice:

1. Use of tech to commit VAWA crimes:

- Online stalking, harassment, coercion, abuse, and threats are a huge issue currently; many survivors have safety concerns
- Tech is ever-advancing; difficult to "keep up"
- Need more training in the use of tech in SA/DV crimes
- Small depts lack capacity to either train staff or have the appropriate equipment to investigate tech-related crimes
- Collecting/storing evidence difficult for small, rural communities
- Many cases of CSAM

2. Safety concerns at judicial proceedings:

- Small offices/parking lots, no separate entrances/exits
- Open views to hallways
- Easy to track victim's movements
- No room for separate victim/witness waiting area
- Victims have dropped charges/PFAs b/c they feel unsafe or intimidated when attending court
- "Biggest concern that I have fielded from victims/family over the past 5 years"

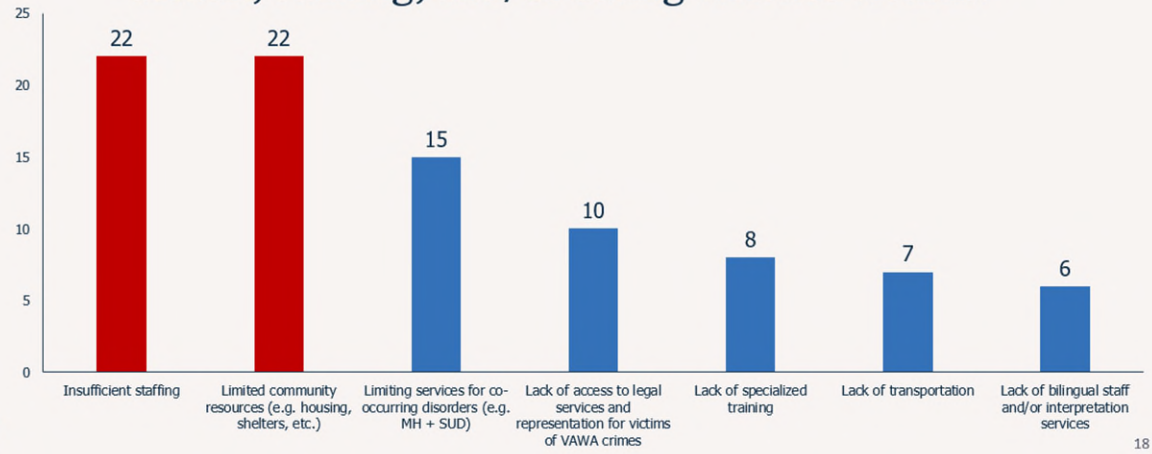
3. Implementation of Act 79 / weapons relinquishment

- Guns are prevalent in our rural area; we've seen "legal gymnastics" around this issue
- Relinquishment may not happen immediately, meaning victims continue to feel unsafe
- May depend on perpetrator being forthcoming about weapons possession; may mislead LE or judge

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Which of the following is the biggest gap for your organization in providing effective services to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence victims?



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Explain your choice:

1. Insufficient staffing

- Not enough funding to hire staff
- Low salary; staff look for other jobs with higher wages/benefits
- Burnout, overwork – expected to respond 24/7
- Funding has been stagnant, though victim needs/reporting requirements have become more complex
- Running a shelter reduces # advocates available for court accompaniment
- Low staffing affects time dedicated to investigations
- Lack of interest in law enforcement careers

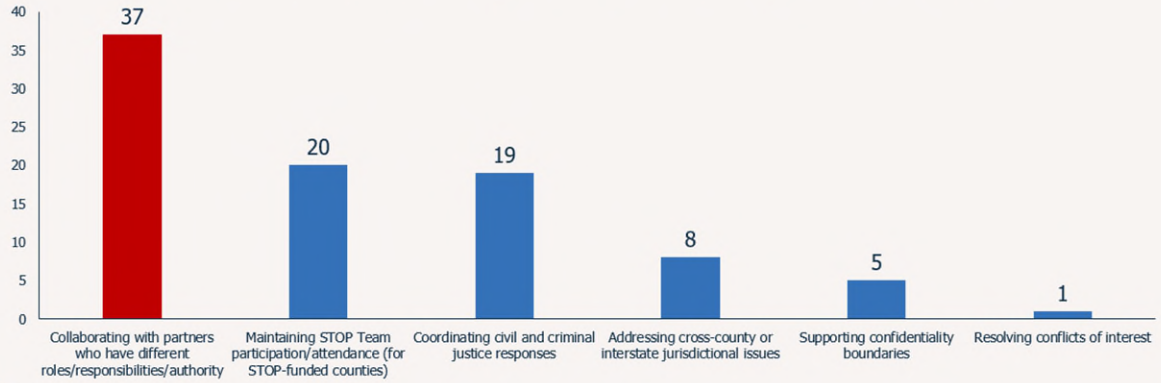
1. Limited community resources

- Our county lacks safe housing and supportive services
- Victims may not have access to funds for a hotel or friends/family to stay with; may return to abusive partners
- Existing funding/resources can't support housing for >30 days or can't support victims *at all* if perpetrator isn't family and victimization isn't recent
- Long waiting lists
- Increased demand for private rentals harder for low-income families

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Which aspect of cross-system collaboration presents the greatest challenge for your community in responding to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence victims?



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Explain your choice:

1. Collaborating with partners with different roles / responsibilities / authority

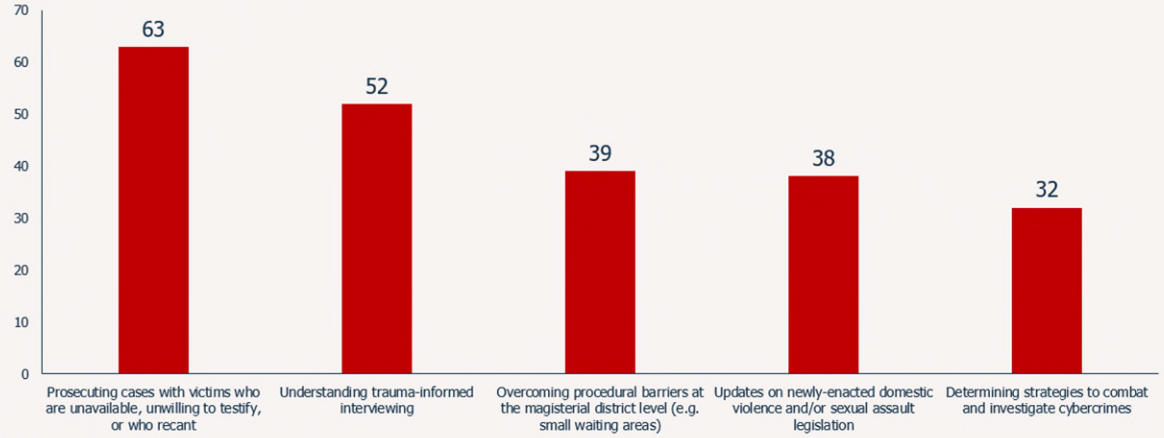
- Smaller, more diverse counties lacking resources may put an additional strain on LE
- High rates of turnover (providers, LE) make it difficult to maintain collaborations to meet needs of victims
- Advocates approach work with a survivor-centered perspective, which isn't always possible for courts/LE
- Challenges with some partners as it relates to understanding victimization and confidentiality
- Some important identified partners (e.g. county dispatch) need buy-in
- Some partners more open to collaboration than others - communication is key!

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Select the top 5 training topics that will best serve your community:

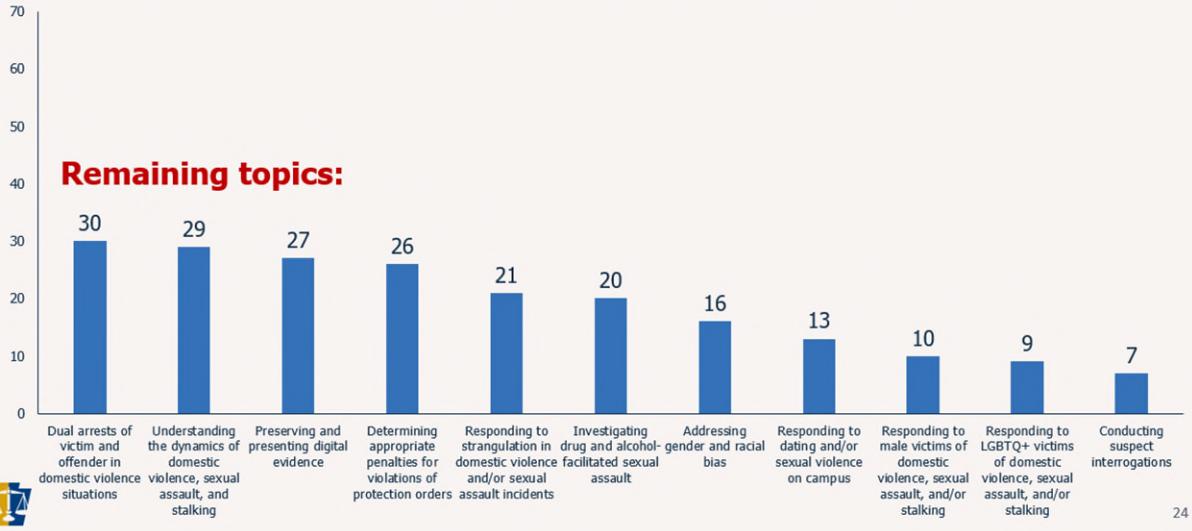
Top 5-voted topics:



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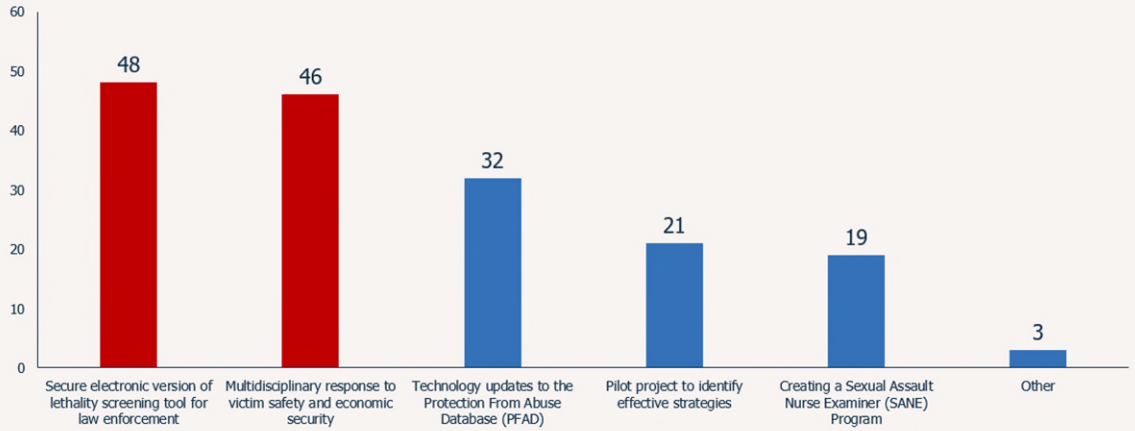
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Remaining topics:



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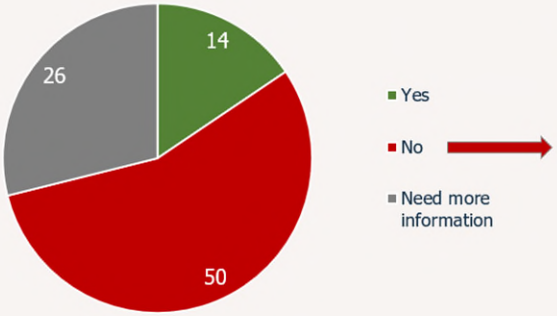
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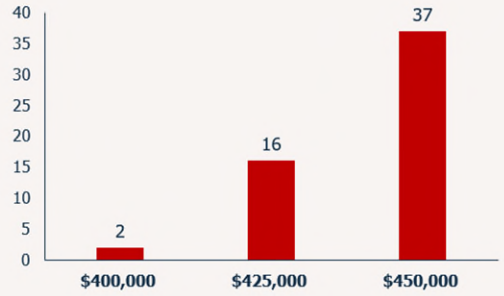
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Is the current STOP funding threshold of $375,000 over 3 years sufficient to support an effective multi-disciplinary collaborative response to violence against women in your county?



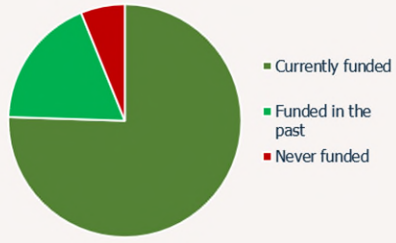
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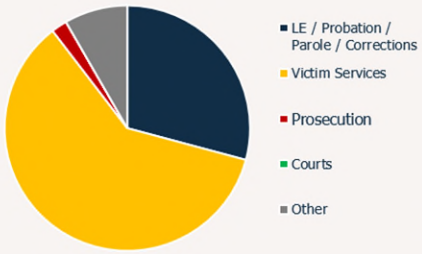
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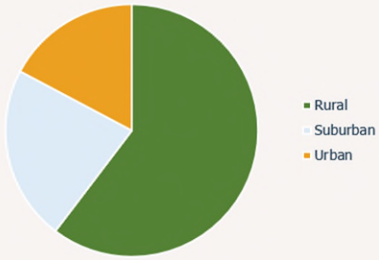
Of those who said $375K/3 years was insufficient:



94% of current/past grantees
(86% of survey-takers are grantees)



60% of victim services professionals
(52% of survey-takers)



Mirrors breakdown of survey-takers

Appendix B
STOP Focus Group Discussions: Key Themes & Emerging Priorities

STOP IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Focus Groups

Victim Service Providers	July 1st	Virtual	6 Participants
Civil Legal Services	July 8th	Virtual	9 Participants
Courts	July 9th	Virtual	5 Participants
Prosecution	N/A*	*Written responses from 3 STOP-funded ADAs*	
Law Enforcement	July 24th	Virtual	8 Participants

** Virtual meeting scheduled for 6/23 cancelled due to last-minute unavailability of 2 of 4 attendees. Decided to request written feedback to questions instead.*

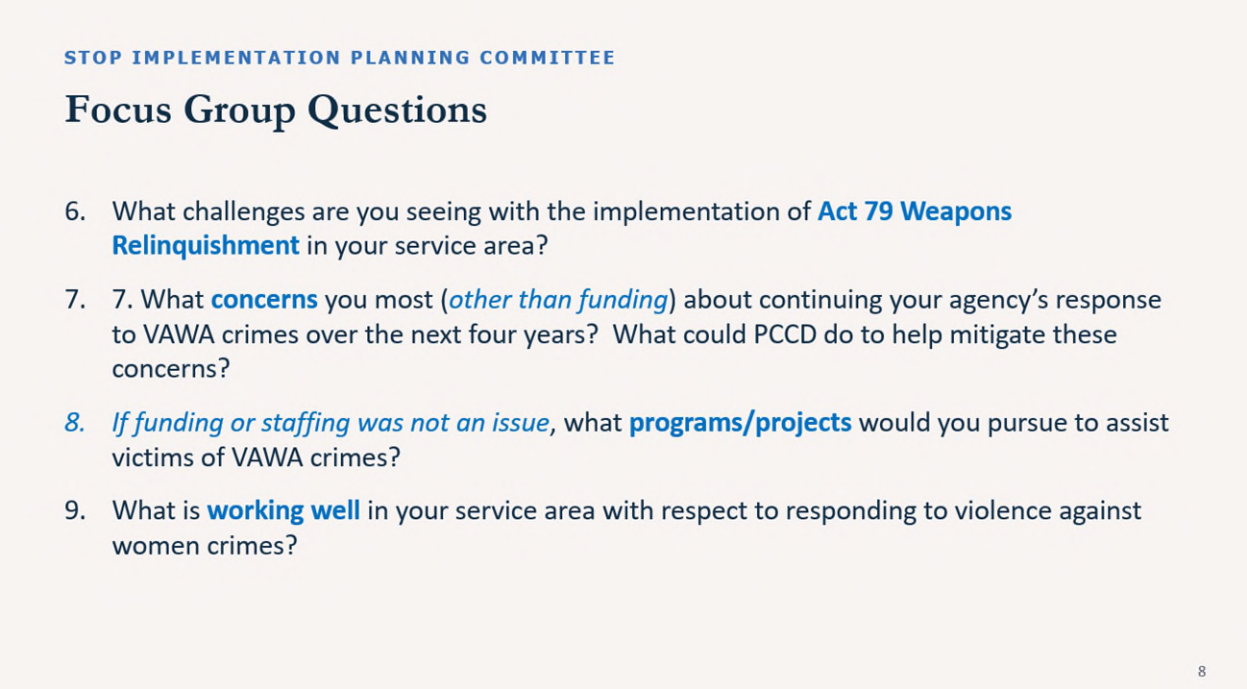
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Focus Group Questions

1. What are the **top 3 challenges** to providing direct services to victims of VAWA crimes in your service area?
2. What populations in your community would you say **aren't coming forward** for VAWA related services and/or are not being adequately served? Why?
3. What types of **training** would you bring to your community to improve the overall collaborative response to the VAWA victims you serve? Who would these trainings be for and why?
4. What **safety and or security concerns** do you have for yourself as a civil legal provider to VAWA crimes? Are these concerns the same or different for the victims you serve? Explain.
5. Does your county have a **Coordinated Community Response (CCR) or a STOP Team** that provides a place to discuss the response to VAWA crimes? Is the work of this group institutionalized/memorialized or largely informal? What is your organization's role on it?

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Challenges

- General lack of knowledge about trauma and violent crimes against women
- High turnover in law enforcement
- Lack of consistency across courts in approach to violent crimes
- Negative impact of funding cuts
- Lack of capacity across systems to serve ESL and non-English speaking victims
- Staff burnout
- Societal and political polarization
- Lack of protection order enforcement, especially in rural areas
- Interplay of mental health and substance use disorder in violent crimes

Safety Concerns

- Arbitrary cut-off times for temporary PFA applications
- Lack of communication between criminal and family court, especially affecting custody decisions
- Inability to separate victim and defendant due to lack of space in court
- Plea agreements leading to reduction of charges in high lethality cases
- Victims and defendants with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders

Underserved Populations

- Immigrant and refugee victims of violent crimes against women
- Non-English speaking and ESL victims
- LGBTQ+ victims
- Amish and Plain community
- People with criminal records
- Elder victims
- Victims with disabilities

Trainings Needed

- Trauma and its effects
- Technology and violent crimes
- Testimony in violent crime cases
- Collaborative trainings that bring systems together (rather than "one-offs")
- Dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Understanding protection orders
- Language access / working with an interpreter
- Recognizing lethality factors

Act 79 Implementation: The majority of focus group participants thought it was going well in their jurisdiction. Specific issues raised:

- Weapons relinquishment when defendant lives with parents or other family members
- Lack of search powers in statute
- Storage of relinquished weapons

Other Needs and Issues Identified

- Robust public awareness campaign about domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence – *not fundable under STOP*
- Eroding respect for law enforcement accompanied by lack of fear of consequences among young offenders
- Early and continued prevention education for students on healthy relationships, emotional regulation, and where to go for help – *not fundable under STOP*
- Outreach and collaboration with hospital systems and emergency responders to make sure they are referring victims to sexual assault and domestic violence agencies

- Combatting complacency and cynicism in law enforcement, especially when responding to domestic violence calls involving the same individuals
- Lack of qualified/trusted referrals for mental health crises due to diminished resources
- Perception that people are using the PFA process to manipulate custody decisions

Concerns for the Future

- Adequate, sustainable funding
- Keeping members of STOP Teams engaged and informed
- Cuts to funding at domestic violence and sexual assault agencies rippling to other partners
- Struggle to retain qualified staff and loss of institutional knowledge
- Long-term impact of "bro culture" and social media influence

Successes – *What is working well?*

- Consistent praise for local domestic violence and sexual assault programs
- Appreciation of the STOP Team model and the value of collaborative relationships built over time
- Value of specialized detective and prosecutorial positions
- Value of Maryland Model of LAP in communities where it is utilized

Appendix C

The FFY2026-29 Pennsylvania STOP Implementation Planning Committee included the following members:

- **Alicia Anguiano**, Chief Legal Officer, Justice At Work – Philadelphia
- **Honorable Cheryl L. Austin**, Senior Judge, 38th Pennsylvania Judicial District
- **Erika Brosig**, Chief Operating Officer & Sexual Assault Team Coordinator, Victim Services Inc.
- **Karen Burke**, Outreach Coordinator, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, Pennsylvania State University
- **Kelly Callihan, Esq.,** Executive Director, Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association
- **Suzanne Estrella**, Commonwealth Victim Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate
- **Chrissy Fortin**, Director of Counseling and Therapy Services & Sexual Assault Response Team Coordinator, Crime Victim Center of Erie County
- **Mike Gallagher**, Police Liaison, Women Against Abuse, Inc., Philadelphia
- **Susan Higginbotham**, Chief Executive Officer, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- **Kimberly Hollenback**, Legal Director, Delaware County Victim Assistance Center
- **Mae-Ling Kranz**, Chief Executive Officer, Transitions of PA
- **Charlene Lane**, Bureau Director, Older Adult Protective Services, Pennsylvania Department of Aging
- **Heather LaRocca**, Divisional Social Services Director, The Salvation Army of Eastern Pennsylvania & Delaware
- **Candice Linehan**, Assistant Executive Director, Delaware County Victim Assistance Center
- **Joyce Lukima**, Chief Operating Officer, Respect Together
- **Marli Mayon**, Training Projects Coordinator, Respect Together
- **David Miller**, Detective, Cumberland County District Attorney's Office
- **Olga Negron**, Executive Director, Governor's Commission on Latino Affairs
- **Heather Owen, RN,** SANE Program Co-Chair, Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center
- **Jamie Pizzi, Esq.,** STOP Training and Technical Assistance Consultant, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- **Noemi Ramos**, Bilingual Legal Advocate, Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley
- **Cassandra Reed**, Judicial Programs Administrator, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- **Carolyn Reilly**, Forensic Scientist, Pennsylvania State Police
- **Jocelyn Rico**, Manager of Survivors of Violence and Trafficking Program, Nationalities Service Center
- **Kathy Sauter**, Judicial Programs Administrator, Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts
- **Alexandra Sheridan**, Detective, Clinton County District Attorney's Office

- **Maraleen Shields, Esq**., Executive Director, Pennsylvania Commission for Fairness and Justice
- **Jenifer Thompson, JD**, Chief Operating Officer, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- **Ashley Walkowiak**, Executive Director, Governor's Advisory Commission on Women

Appendix D

Documentation from each member of the STOP Implementation Planning Team outlining their participation in the planning process begins on the next page.

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Friends of Farmworkers Inc dba Justice at Work PA

Type of Agency: Other

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: Legal Aid

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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How were you notified? (check all that apply)

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

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Name Alicia Anguiano
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Date 05/04/2026

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Participant Agency: Victim Services Inc.

Type of Agency: Sexual Assault Coalition

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If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Karen Burke

Signature Karen Burke Digitally signed by Karen Burke Date: 2026.05.11 10:32:44 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* May 22, 2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency

Participant Agency: PA District Attorney's Association

Type of Agency: Prosecution

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/27/2025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☐ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ○ No ◉ Not applicable

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If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Kelly Callihan

Signature 683bc0d2-a486-48cd-bb4d-84d732f903c3 Digitally signed by 683bc0d2-a486-48cd-bb4d-84d732f903c3 Date: 2026.05.15 14:51:16 -04'00'

Date May 22, 2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Office of Victim Advocate

Type of Agency: Choose one

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

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Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

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If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Suzanne V. Estrella

Signature Suzanne V. Estrella

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Crime Victim Center of Erie County

Type of Agency: Sexual Assault Coalition

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☐ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

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If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Chrisy Fortin

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Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Women Against Abuse Legal Center

Type of Agency: Domestic Violence Coalition

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other: _____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Michael Gallagher
Signature Michael Gallagher
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Type of Agency: Choose one

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other: _____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Most ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Susan Higginbotham
Signature _____
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Legal Aid of Southeastern PA

Type of Agency: Other

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: Civil legal services

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: attended 3 meetings

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ○ No ◉ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Kimberly Hollenback

Signature _____

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Transitions of PA

Type of Agency: Choose one Victim Services

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ☒ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ☒ All ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ☒ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ☒ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ☒ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ☒ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ☒ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ☒ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ☒ Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ☒ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Mae-Ling Kranz
Signature Mae-Ling Kranz
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: The Salvation Army

Type of Agency: Other

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: Human Trafficking

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Heather LaRocca

Signature Heather LaRocca Digitally signed by Heather LaRocca Date: 2026.05.05 10:40:39 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Delaware County Victim Assistance Center

Type of Agency: Choose one

If population specific organization, please specify which population: Serving Victims of crime.

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other: _____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ● Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ● Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ● Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ● Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ● Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ● Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ● Yes No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ● Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ● Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ● Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ● No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Candice L. Linehan
Signature Candice L. Linehan
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect

Type of Agency: Choose one Sexual Assault Coalition

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ⊘ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ⊘ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ⊘ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ⊘ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ⊘ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ○Yes ⊘No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ○Yes ⊘No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ⊘Yes ○No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ⊘Yes ○No ○Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ○Yes ○No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○Yes ⊘No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Joyce Lukima
Signature Joyce Lukima
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: PA Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR)

Type of Agency: Sexual Assault Coalition

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ○ No ◉ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Marli Mayon

Signature 2026.05.04 [illegible] -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Cumberland County Criminal Investigative Division

Type of Agency: Law Enforcement

If population specific organization, please specify which population: Cumberland County

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☑ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

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If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name David Miller

Signature _____

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Governor's Office

Type of Agency: Other State Agency

If population specific organization, please specify which population: Latinos

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☐ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

If no, please explain: _____

During the meeting(s), were you able to freely provide input, ask questions, share concerns, and propose goals? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Partially

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If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Olga Negron
Signature Olga Negron
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/01/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: PSH St. Joesph Medical Center SANE Program

Type of Agency: Other

If population specific organization, please specify which population: Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

Did you receive notification of meeting dates at least one month in advance? ◉ Yes ○ No

How were you notified? (check all that apply)

☑ Email ☐ In-person ☐ Phone call ☐ Website post ☐ Letter ☐ Other:_____

Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

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If yes, please explain: _____

Name Heather M. Owen, RN

Signature Heather M. Owen, RN Digitally signed by Heather M. Owen, RN Date: 2026.05.01 08:50:53 -04'00'

Date 05/01/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Administrative Office of PA Courts

Type of Agency: Courts

If population specific organization, please specify which population: N/A

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Jamie Lee Pizzi

Signature Jamie Pizzi Digitally signed by Jamie Pizzi Date: 2026.04.30 16:07:40 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Turning Point of LV

Type of Agency: Domestic Violence Coalition

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Noemi Ramos
Signature _____
Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts

Type of Agency: Courts

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Cassandra Reed

Signature Cassandra Reed Digitally signed by Cassandra Reed Date: 2026.05.01 07:26:36 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: PA State Police

Type of Agency: Law Enforcement

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Carolyn Reilly

Signature Carolyn Reilly Digitally signed by Carolyn Reilly Date: 2026.05.04 09:12:42 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Nationalities Service Center

Type of Agency: Other

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: Community-Based

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

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Name Jocelyne Rico

Signature _____

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Administrative Office of PA Courts

Type of Agency: Courts

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Kathy Sauter

Signature Kathy A Sauter Digitally signed by Kathy A Sauter Date: 2026.04.30 16:10:06 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 04/20/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Clinton County District Attorney

Type of Agency: Law Enforcement

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Det. Alexandra (Sasha) Sheridan
Signature _____
Date 04/20/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Pennsylvania Commission for Fairness & Justice

Type of Agency: Other State Agency

If population specific organization, please specify which population: Not applidable

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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How were you notified? (check all that apply)

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Maraleen D. Shields

Signature Maraleen Shields Digitally signed by Maraleen Shields Date: 2026.04.27 14:30:37 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Type of Agency: Domestic Violence Coalition

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Jenifer Thompson

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Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

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State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Governor's Office

Type of Agency: Other State Agency

If population specific organization, please specify which population: PA Women

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ○ All ◉ Some

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Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Name Ashley Walkowiak

Signature Ashley Walkowiak Digitally signed by Ashley Walkowiak Date: 2026.05.01 08:51:07 -04'00'

Date 05/04/2026

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
Implementation Planning Participation

Please send back to Natalie Novotny-Goles *at* nnovotnygo@pa.gov *by* 05/04/2026.

State/Territory: Pennsylvania

Administering Agency: PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Participant Agency: Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association

Type of Agency: Law Enforcement

If population specific organization, please specify which population: _____

Other: _____

Planning Team Meeting Date(s): Monthly, beginning 2/272025 through 12/18/2026; Plan approval on 4/16/2026

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Were you able to participate in the meetings? ◉ Yes ○ No

If yes, how many meetings did you attend? ◉ All ○ Some

Meeting format: (check all that apply) ☐ Teleconference ☑ Video conference ☐ In-person

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Did you receive a draft of the Implementation Plan *and* a list of major concerns raised during the planning process? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were you given at least one month to review the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Were the major concerns raised during the planning process included in the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Did you provide comments or recommended changes to the draft plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

Did you receive a copy of the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

If applicable, do you believe your recommended changes to the draft plan were adequately addressed in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No ○ Not applicable

If no, please explain: _____

Overall, were the feedback, concerns, recommended goals, etc. of planning group participants adequately reflected in the Final Implementation Plan? ◉ Yes ○ No

If no, please explain: _____

Do you have any concerns with the content of the Final Implementation Plan? ○ Yes ◉ No

If yes, please explain: _____

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Appendix E

Required letters of support from court, law enforcement, prosecution, and victim services programs begin on the next page.

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Dear Ms. Baran Lyons:

The Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) is pleased to support Pennsylvania's STOP Formula Grant Implementation Plan for FY 2026-2029 and its FY 2026 Application for Federal STOP Formula Grant Funds. AOPC personnel and a Pennsylvania jurist participated in the statewide implementation planning committee convened by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to provide input during the plan's development.

Due to state-level funding difficulties, the AOPC has an increasingly limited budget for training judges and court administrators. The five percent judicial allocation under STOP allows the AOPC to provide training opportunities on domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking, through judicial scholarships, in-person training, webinars, bench cards, and other materials. Timely topics are covered, such as technology-facilitated stalking, AI-generated intimate images, coercive control dynamics, weapons relinquishment considerations, trauma-informed practices, and statutory updates.

The AOPC STOP Grant Program's virtual training database currently contains 38 recorded trainings, enabling individuals who cannot attend live training to have on-demand learning opportunities on many topics. In the past year, the videos were viewed over 1,583 times. While programming is tailored for judges and court administrators, other justice system stakeholders such as attorneys, filing office staff, probation, interpreters, law enforcement, and advocates also benefit from the trainings. In 2025 alone, 2,325 people attended 22 live training events, all made possible by STOP funding. A monthly e-newsletter is distributed to over 600 subscribers, highlighting and reinforcing salient topics relating to the goals and objectives in PA's STOP plan.

In January 2026, a packet containing bench cards, fact sheets, training resources, and technical assistance information was provided to every judge who was recently elected to the bench. Many reported that this resource helped them to learn applicable laws and appropriate trauma-informed practices. The "Bail in Domestic Violence Cases" bench card has been instrumental in informing the court about the lesser known "domestic violence bail conditions" that exist to provide added protections to victims prior to a preliminary hearing or obtaining a protection order in qualifying abuse cases.

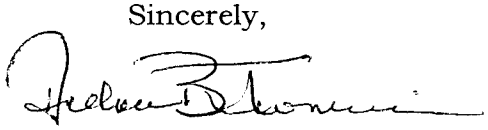
In addition to training, STOP funds enable the AOPC to fund system enhancements, provide technical assistance, and assess current practices. STOP funded an assessment of the Pennsylvania State Police's (PSP) Protection from Abuse database that courts and law enforcement use to ensure protection orders are served and weapons are relinquished. The assessment provided the State Police with a roadmap to make system improvements that enhance victim safety. To gain insight into court best practices and areas of improvement, AOPC contracted with a third-party to conduct a quantitative assessment of survivors' court experiences, which will be used to develop new resources, guide future training decisions, and more.

Some STOP-funded efforts are tailored to populations who have unique barriers to accessing the court system. Pennsylvania is home to the world's largest concentration of Plain Communities, which include Amish, Old Order Mennonites, and other groups. STOP funded a four-part training series that enhanced understanding of Plain Community culture in order to build relationships between these communities and justice system professionals. Additionally, the AOPC funded training and recruitment of a cohort of Pennsylvania Dutch interpreters, so survivors can access court proceedings in the language they best understand. STOP also funded the translation of emergency protection order forms in 11 languages, ensuring that individuals of limited English proficiency can complete the form. Finally, as twenty-seven percent of the commonwealth's population lives in rural areas, STOP funded a four-location live training series where over 200 attendees learned how the justice system can better address interpersonal violence in rural communities.

In 2024, 106 victims lost their lives to domestic violence in Pennsylvania, while thousands of other individuals experienced physical, sexual, financial, and/or emotional harm due to interpersonal violence. With STOP formula grant funding, the AOPC is able to implement system enhancement projects and provide robust training opportunities.

I am hopeful that you will see merit in PCCD's STOP Formula Grant Implementation Plan. With these funds, we hope to continue to improve the Commonwealth's handling of interpersonal violence cases by limiting survivor re-traumatization during the court process, helping survivors receive the support they need, and ensuring that perpetrators of violence are held accountable.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Lyons:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA), I am writing to express our strong support for Pennsylvania's FY 2026–2029 STOP Formula Grant Implementation Plan and to emphasize the critical importance of continued STOP Formula Grant funding.

Representatives from the PCPA participated in the statewide implementation planning process, contributing input and raising issues for consideration during development of the attached Plan's goals and objectives. Additionally, the PCPA assisted the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) in recruiting law enforcement representatives for focus groups that informed the Plan's priorities and strategies. PCCD consistently seeks feedback from the PCPA on violence against women issues and maintains an ongoing collaborative relationship with our association regarding law enforcement responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

As outlined in the Plan, Pennsylvania's structure as a Commonwealth results in a highly decentralized system of government, with many policy and funding decisions made at the county level. Pennsylvania is home to more than 1,180 law enforcement agencies, ranging from departments staffed by fewer than five part-time officers to large municipal agencies such as Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Given the wide variation in department size and financial capacity, accessible and high-quality virtual training remains essential for law enforcement statewide.

For more than a decade, STOP Formula Grant funding has supported the development and maintenance of over 19 web-based, interactive STOP-focused training courses and 10 mobile-friendly refresher courses available through the Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network for Law Enforcement (PAVTN). These courses qualify for mandatory continuing education credit through the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. In 2025 alone, 17,952 officers completed one or more of these courses. Training topics include the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault, protection orders and eligibility requirements, lethality assessment, trauma-informed interviewing, and effective response strategies for traditionally underserved populations. Without STOP funding, these training resources would not exist.

The current Plan appropriately prioritizes the continued expansion of virtual law enforcement training. Pennsylvania continues to experience demographic changes, including growth in Spanish-speaking communities and an increasing elderly population. Law enforcement officers require specialized training to effectively investigate sexual assault and domestic violence cases involving victims over the age of 65, whether residing in long-term care facilities, assisted living settings, or independently within the community. The PCPA also remains committed to working alongside our partners at the Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR) and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) to develop training modules that strengthen officer understanding of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking.

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In closing, the need for STOP Formula Grant funding remains substantial. These resources enable Pennsylvania to address critical training needs across its large and diverse law enforcement community. Through these efforts, law enforcement officers in all 67 counties will be better equipped to respond to violence against women crimes in a trauma-informed manner and with a deeper understanding of the unique dynamics associated with domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

Sincerely,



Scott Bohn
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Dear Ms. Lyons:

I write to provide a letter of support for Pennsylvania's newly developed STOP Implementation Plan for 2026 - 2029. The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency hosted thorough implementation team meetings between February 2025 and April 2026, and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) was involved in the planning process through participation by Jenifer Thompson, Chief Operations Officer, and me.

In addition, the Commonwealth and the entities that work to provide intervention and support survivors are in great need of the STOP funds in order to address the need for training and professional development of staff, to disseminate resources and information on best practices, and to facilitate collaborations for STOP Teams and coordination across various systems involved in addressing the needs of survivors. Without STOP funding, our ability to provide these services would be greatly diminished.

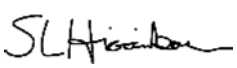
With respect to the goals and intended use of the funds, PCADV wholeheartedly supports the efforts to 1) continue to support effective coordinated response among law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and courts to violence against women crimes through provision of high-quality, comprehensive training and technical assistance, 2) increase safety of victims/survivors as well as service providers, 3) identify and meaningfully address barriers to service for culturally specific and underserved populations in Pennsylvania, 4) improve coordinated responses to sexual assault and 5) reduce domestic violence-related homicides in Pennsylvania.

All of these goals were developed after an examination of the demographic composition of Pennsylvania. While Pennsylvania's population has remained relatively unchanged since the last implementation plan, the largest demographic growth in our Commonwealth has been in the Latino population and individuals aged 65 and older. It is critical to note, that PCADV utilizes STOP support to work collaboratively with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to develop on-line interactive learning modules. Recent modules include Law Enforcement Response to LGBTQ Victims and Preventing Bias in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases. In prior years, PCADV collaborated with PCPA to create a module on responding to elder victims of domestic violence. PCADV also uses STOP support to provide quarterly technical assistance bulletins to judges, with recent topics being financial exploitation and neurodiversity. In addition to providing general information on these topics, the bulletins also address the impact of these issues on survivors of color.

By investing in these goals, our expectation is that services to survivors, including the most vulnerable, will be improved compared to the status quo. Lastly, as the organization that produces an annual fatality report, we believe that by investing in reducing domestic violence-related homicides, fewer Pennsylvanians will lose their lives because of intimate partner violence.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Lyons,

Please accept this letter in support of Pennsylvania's STOP Formula Grant Implementation Plan for FY 2026-2029. As Chief Operating Officer of the Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect (PCAR), a division of Respect Together, I want to emphasize the vital role that STOP Formula Grants play in the work that we, and our partners across the Commonwealth, do to collaboratively respond to sexual violence.

The STOP Formula Grant funding meets two critical needs. First, it is granted to local communities across Pennsylvania to foster collaboration among victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, healthcare, and the courts to support victim sensitive, trauma-informed responses to victims of sexual assault. Second, STOP Formula Grant funding makes possible critical training opportunities for Pennsylvania's criminal justice system and allied professionals. During previous grant periods, PCAR worked with the state to provide vital training and technical assistance materials on sexual violence issues to responders across the state, including victim advocates, law enforcement officers, protective service investigators, probation officers, prosecutors, and judges.

Examples of these efforts include a webinar series on Amish and Plain Communities featuring subject matter experts and an Amish woman with lived experience, which provided insight into culturally responsive outreach and services for this underserved population. Additional trainings focused on trauma-informed responses by hospital personnel and Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), as well as law enforcement and prosecution-focused topics, including Intimate Images and the Internet: PA Criminal Legislation, Safety Tips, and Resources presented by a prosecutor. Funding also supported the development and updating of key resources, including a pocket guide for law enforcement and an identification card for STOP teams and SARTs on human trafficking, and an advocate accompaniment guide for courtroom settings. The results of these projects continue to strengthen local responses to sexual violence and enhance service delivery for victims in the aftermath of crime.

PCAR staff participated in the statewide implementation planning committee and were able to raise issues and offer input for consideration in development of the goals and objectives in the attached plan. PCAR will continue to use STOP formula Grant funding to support the achievement of the Plan goals and objectives as they relate to sexual assault, enhancing services to culturally specific and underserved populations of victims and managing compliance with the Violence Against Women Act Eligibility Certifications. In particular, PCAR is focusing on SART and Expert Witness training and continued collaboration efforts. As noted in the Plan, some of Pennsylvania's regions are experiencing considerable growth in their Spanish-speaking populations. The

state as a whole, has a high percentage of residents over the age of 65. PCAR, PCCD and all of Pennsylvania's STOP Grant partners and grantees are committed to using the STOP Formula Grant funding to provide more inclusive and equitable services for culturally specific and underserved communities throughout the state.

STOP funding, which is largely disseminated to local programs in Pennsylvania, is vital to responding to victims of sexual violence and stalking across Pennsylvania. PCAR supports these efforts because they improve the safety of our local communities and assist victims regardless of age, marital status, disability, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or language. We look forward to continuing our work with PCCD as part of a multi-system collaborative response to sexual violence.

Sincerely,

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Dear Deputy Director Lyons:

I'm writing this letter in support of Pennsylvania's 2026 – 2029 STOP Implementation Plan and Application for Federal STOP Formula Grant Funds. As the Director of the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office – Victim Services Division, I support the continued allocation of Federal STOP funding under the Violence Against Women Act not only to my community but to Pennsylvania as a whole.

STOP funding helps to address a critical need in our county by sustaining several key components of our multi-system response. Specifically, these funds provide the essential resources required to maintain a specialized team dedicated to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by partially funding the salaries of a dedicated detective and prosecutor.

Maintaining a dedicated detective and prosecutor builds synergy and the trust necessary for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking to feel safe coming forward. By ensuring a specialized portion of the detective's time is focused exclusively on gathering evidence for every Indirect Criminal Contempt (ICC) charge, the grant enables a unified prosecution strategy that has directly increased offender accountability and positive case outcomes. These funds also sustain a critical team-based model involving Crime Victim Advocates and administrative staff, which streamlines case preparation while providing victims with the heightened sense of security and professional support they need to participate in the justice system. Beyond daily operations, the grant supports vital capacity building by allowing team members to host and attend advanced training on emerging topics, ensuring the office maintains the expert personnel and integrated resources required for an effective, victim centered response. Without this continued financial support, these complex cases would lack thorough preparation, and the essential voices of victims would go unheard.

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The intended use of STOP Grant funds is to sustain a comprehensive, multi-system response that bridges the gap between legal protection and survivor safety through a highly collaborative team approach. These funds are vital for maintaining a specialized STOP Grant Prosecutor and dedicated units that implement trauma-informed judicial reforms and a uniform prosecution strategy for nearly all domestic violence and Indirect Criminal Contempt (ICC) cases. By requiring offenders to complete batterer's treatment, mental health evaluations, and substance abuse programs prior to case disposition, the project ensures a consistent standard of accountability that defense attorneys have now come to expect and prepare for.

The expected result of this funding is a significant increase in victim participation and safety by delivering a trauma-informed, victim-centered response at every level of the criminal justice process. By equipping offenders with resources for behavioral change and providing victims with frequent status reports on that progress, the project meets the survivor's need for security while reducing the likelihood of offending again. This specialized focus, supported by the collaboration between law enforcement, prosecution, and legal advocates, fosters the trust necessary for victims to come forward and remain engaged. Ultimately, the preservation of these funds is essential to ensuring the quality and comprehensiveness of these services; without them, the systemic response to sexual assault and stalking would be severely diminished, leaving underserved populations vulnerable and victims at risk of further harm.

The STOP Grant remains essential for sustaining our county's multi-system response, ensuring that a specialized team remains dedicated to bridging the gap between legal protection and survivor safety through a uniform, trauma informed strategy. By supporting critical roles like the STOP Grant Prosecutor and the legal experts at MidPenn Legal Services, this funding fosters the collaborative relationships and standards of accountability necessary to reduce the impact of trauma and encourage victim participation. Ultimately, these funds have helped us become better prepared to meet the needs of our vibrant and diverse community, and we look forward to future STOP Formula Grant funding to maintain and expand these collaborative efforts in the future. This continued support will allow us to build on our established training and partnerships, further improving the quality of services and the systemic response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking in Cumberland County.

Sincerely,

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Dear Deputy Director Lyons:

I'm writing this letter in support of Pennsylvania's 2026–2029 STOP Implementation Plan and Application for Federal STOP Formula Grant Funds. As the Chief Operating Officer at and Chair of the Lawrence County STOP Team, I strongly support the continued allocation of Federal STOP funding under the Violence Against Women Act to Pennsylvania.

The Need for Grant Funds:
The Lawrence County District Attorney's Office faces an ongoing need for specialized resources to effectively prosecute crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Prior to the implementation of STOP-funded prosecution initiatives, domestic violence prosecution was identified by our county's collaborative response team as a significant area requiring systemic improvement to ensure offender accountability and victim safety. From the perspective of victim services and systems coordination, specialized prosecution units are essential to maintaining a survivor-centered response and ensuring that victims are treated with dignity throughout the criminal justice process.

The Lawrence County District Attorney's Office currently maintains two specialized prosecutors: one dedicated to sexual assault prosecution and one dedicated to domestic violence prosecution. Through our ongoing collaboration, we have seen these specialized units result in stronger prosecution of violence against women crimes and more appropriate, trauma-informed treatment of victims throughout the court process. Since the beginning of this STOP-funded project, Lawrence County has experienced more successful prosecution outcomes in these cases, particularly in domestic violence matters that had previously been identified as an area needing focused improvement. The specialized prosecutors have also been critical partners in multidisciplinary cross-trainings and law enforcement roll call trainings that strengthen the county's coordinated community response.

Intended Use of Grant Funds and Expected Results:
Grant funds will be utilized to maintain the two specialized prosecution units dedicated to sexual assault and domestic violence, ensuring that cases continue to be handled with a high degree of expertise, accountability, and trauma-informed practice. These funds support the continued collaboration between the Lawrence County District Attorney's Office,, and the, including coordinated "warm handoffs" between law enforcement and victim advocates to improve survivor engagement and support.

The project also supports the implementation of trauma-informed protocols and compliance with evolving legislation, including Act 79 and the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act. From a systems advocacy perspective, we have seen this collaboration improve communication with victims, strengthen courtroom preparation efforts, and increase opportunities for survivor-informed decision-making throughout the prosecution process. We expect continued STOP funding to further strengthen prosecution outcomes, support effective plea negotiations that incorporate victim input, reduce victim anxiety through consistent communication and preparation, and enhance the county's integrated criminal justice response to violence against women.

We look forward to maintaining and expanding Lawrence County's collaborative efforts to address violence against women through continued STOP funding. The trainings, relationships, and multidisciplinary partnerships built through this project continue to improve the quality of services and system responses available to victims of violence against women crimes throughout Lawrence County.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Benincase

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Chief Operating Officer
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