

FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Securing resources to expand services and impact.

KEY FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS & LOCAL DV PROGRAMS

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Government spending for Human Services programs is a major source of funding for Domestic Violence Programs. Competing priorities within overall government spending are forcing cuts to programs crucial to funding prevention and intervention efforts.

NON-TRADITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS & ALLIANCES

Domestic Violence victims have a complex set of concerns - education, dental care, technology, security, etc. - that are not always covered by government grants for DV services. However, these issues are sometimes covered in the work of other service organizations or companies.

EXPANDING FUNDING FOR CIVIL LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Domestic Violence victims often have complicated legal concerns. Many lack access to proper legal representation to successfully navigate the court system.

BARRIERS IN DELIVERY OF SERVICE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- Federal and state funds do not cover enough of the cost of providing victim services in Pennsylvania
- Domestic Violence Programs are struggling to maintain operations and respond to the needs of thousands of victims and their children annually

PCADV PUBLIC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Coordinate advocacy efforts with the NNEDV for full funding /expanded use of VAWA, z FVPSA, and VOCA grants.
- Join NNEDV in opposing the reduction of federal funds to the VAWA/STOP program.
- Advocate with State legislators to increase funding for Domestic Violence and Crime Victims programs, the Homeless Assistance Program and the Human Services Development Fund.
- Propose and advocate legislation to raise dedicated revenue funds via new or increased linkage fees and assessments.
- Support municipal and county initiatives that raise dedicated funding for low-income subsidies.
- Join in advocacy efforts for appropriate anti-poverty, adult education, and other coalitions that benefit domestic violence victims - e.g. Better Choices Coalition.