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TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

"Domestic violence is a serious concern in our country, and I am proud that Florida has policies in place that help protect the families that live in our state. Florida is on the path to a 44-year crime low, and we are dedicated to continuing to work with law enforcement officials and other stakeholders to fight domestic violence and all crime in the Sunshine State."

—Governor Rick Scott

"The Office of the Attorney General is proud to partner with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Florida's 42 certified domestic violence centers in the work to reduce domestic violence in Florida. By working together, we can ensure that survivors and their children have access to programs and services, and that batterers are held accountable for their acts of violence."

—Attorney General Pam Bondi



"Domestic violence too often goes hand in hand with child abuse and neglect. Partnering with the Coalition to integrate investigations has led to an enhanced response and quicker delivery of services, making Florida's children and families stronger and safer."

— DCF Secretary Mike Carroll

ADVOCACY

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

The Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines advocacy as "the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal; or the act or process of advocating for something." The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) defines advocacy as the act of "providing survivors of domestic violence with comprehensive cutting edge services that facilitate safety and social justice for survivors, promote perpetrator accountability, and encourage and develop a supportive and coordinated community response for survivors and their children." For those of us working to end domestic violence in our communities, advocacy is the heart and soul of these efforts. Ending domestic violence requires a coordinated community response that focuses on working together to systemically advocate for services and legislation that support survivors and their children while simultaneously advocating for perpetrator accountability. When domestic violence survivors are silenced, Florida's certified domestic violence center advocates speak on their behalf. Our elected officials serve in an advocacy capacity when they dedicate funding to address this insidious crime and create laws designed to support survivors and hold perpetrators accountable. The brave men and women who serve as law enforcement officers work tirelessly to enforce these laws while our prosecutors are the primary partners responsible for holding perpetrators accountable. Simply put, advocacy requires diligent and continuous action from advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, statewide elected officials, community members, faith leaders, health-care professionals, and other service providers working to support survivors and their children.

Because of Florida's advocacy and consistent support provided by the Governor, Attorney General, and Legislature, our great state continues to be recognized as a national leader in the

creation and implementation of groundbreaking programming, services, and public policies for domestic violence survivors and their children. Much of this success is built upon a public and private partnership between FCADV and the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Domestic Violence Program Office. Hand in hand, the two agencies advocate for safety and security for domestic violence survivors and their children.

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

FCADV is the private, nonprofit organization that serves as the statewide professional association for Florida's 42 certified domestic violence centers. In this role, FCADV provides leadership, advocacy, education, training, technical assistance, and support to certified domestic violence centers, their community partners, and other statewide professionals to improve services, practices, and policies related to domestic violence. FCADV is statutorily required to implement, evaluate, and fund the state's domestic violence services.¹ As such, the Coalition conducts annual monitoring of certified domestic violence centers to ensure the provision of quality services and fiscal accountability. FCADV also serves as the primary voice for survivors of domestic violence and their children in the public policy arena.

2013-2014 Annual Report

Florida law requires that FCADV create a statewide status report on domestic violence and distribute it to the Florida Legislature.² The report includes the statistical data prescribed by statute as well as examples of local and statewide systemic and individual advocacy efforts. Each example illustrates the positive impact of advocacy and how it changes and saves the lives of domestic violence survivors and their children.

¹Pursuant to Florida Statute 39.9035

²Pursuant to Florida Statute 39.904

WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors, violence, or threats of violence, that one person uses to establish power and control over a current or former intimate partner. It is not a disagreement, a marital spat, or an anger management problem. Domestic violence is abusive, disrespectful and dangerous and may include abuse that is physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual, or economic. The use of threats, intimidation, isolation, pet abuse, and using children as pawns are also examples of domestic violence.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFINED IN STATUTE

Florida law defines domestic violence as any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member.³

WHY ADVOCACY MATTERS!

Domestic Violence Crime in Florida⁴ January – December 2013

- While overall crime decreased by 3.8%, reported domestic violence offenses remained unchanged
- 108,030 domestic violence offenses were reported to law enforcement
- 187 individuals died as a result of domestic violence homicide, representing approximately 19% of all homicides in Florida
- While overall reported domestic violence incidents remained unchanged, stalking crimes increased 19%⁵
- Law enforcement made 65,645 arrests for domestic violence crimes

Individuals Seeking Services Fiscal Year 2013-2014

- 15,611 individuals received emergency shelter at a certified domestic violence center
- Domestic violence survivors and their children spent 534,369 nights in emergency shelter
- Advocates answered 127,822 hotline calls
- 95,955 safety plans were completed with survivors
- 33,697 women, children and men received outreach services
- 3,715 requests for emergency shelter went unmet due to lack of capacity and resources

Prioritizing the Needs of Domestic Violence Survivors and their Children

- The Governor and Florida Legislature provided an additional 2 million dollars to expand the highly successful Child Protection Investigation Projects. This appropriation allowed for the expansion from 12 to 45 counties where a high volume of domestic violence-related child maltreatment removals occur. For more information, please see: FCADV's Child Protection Investigation (CPI) Projects, on page 12.
- The Legislature passed and the Governor approved the Child Protection and Child Welfare Services bill (SB 1666)⁶, which significantly revised the state's child protection statutes with the goal of increasing the protection of children from abuse and neglect. While the legislation makes numerous changes to laws and programs emphasizing that the safety of children is paramount in the dependency process, the Legislature recognized that situations where there is a co-occurrence of domestic violence required language that focused on keeping both the child and non-offending parent safe. Specifically:
 - * The law requires a child protective investigator to implement separate child-focused safety plans for the perpetrator of domestic violence and the non-offending parent who is a victim of domestic violence. To further enhance safety, the victim's plan is confidential and specifically prohibits access by the perpetrator.
 - * If the perpetrator of domestic violence is not a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the child, the law mandates that the child protective investigator seek an injunction for protection authorized by s. 39.504, F.S.
 - * The law designates FCADV as the training provider for local child abuse death review committee members and as a partner in identifying and developing training curricula for child welfare professionals throughout the state.
- The Legislature continued to focus on protections for human trafficking victims and enhanced penalties for perpetrators. Human Trafficking bills (HB 989 and HB 7141)⁷ expanded protections for human trafficking victims and sexually exploited children, as well as enhanced penalties for traffickers. In addition to the numerous changes in the legislation, victims of human trafficking are now eligible for relocation assistance (similar to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault). Certified domestic violence centers, certified rape crisis centers, a state attorney, or a statewide prosecutor with jurisdiction in the case must certify the victim's need for such assistance.

2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

³Pursuant to Florida Statute 741.28

⁴Information from FDLE's 2013 Annual Uniform Crime Report: http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/getdoc/f6d1f24d-053e-466b-a67e-cbe2fd38de6/CIF_annual13.aspx

⁵Stalking is a common precursor to domestic violence/dating violence homicide and is widely recognized as an underreported offense.

⁶For additional information: <http://fcadv.org/publications/2014-legislative-briefing>

⁷Ibid

CERTIFIED CENTERS

FLORIDA'S 42 CERTIFIED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS

The first domestic violence center was certified in 1979. There are currently 42 centers that serve Florida's 67 counties. Centers range in size from 14 to 132 beds, totaling 1,942 beds designed to provide temporary emergency shelter. As a result of funding appropriated by the 2013 Florida Legislature for capital improvements of domestic violence centers, the number of available beds will increase by 278 in fiscal year 2014-15.

These centers represent the first line of defense in achieving safety and independence for domestic violence survivors and their children by providing a place to flee from violent perpetrators. As the frontline advocates, certified centers are the only agencies that are designed to provide a full continuum of services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for survivors and their children. Whether a survivor enters the system in Miami or Lake City, a domestic violence center's role is to support, inform, and advocate for safety and justice for those they serve. That support may include providing a stuffed toy for a child entering shelter in the middle of the night with his/her mother, to assisting a survivor in a court proceeding. Certified domestic violence centers are the advocacy leaders in their communities and partner with their system colleagues to save the lives of survivors and their children on a daily basis.

During fiscal year 2013-2014, certified domestic violence centers provided 534,369 nights of emergency shelter to 15,611 individuals. Many fled violent homes with their children, who represented 46.2 percent of those receiving

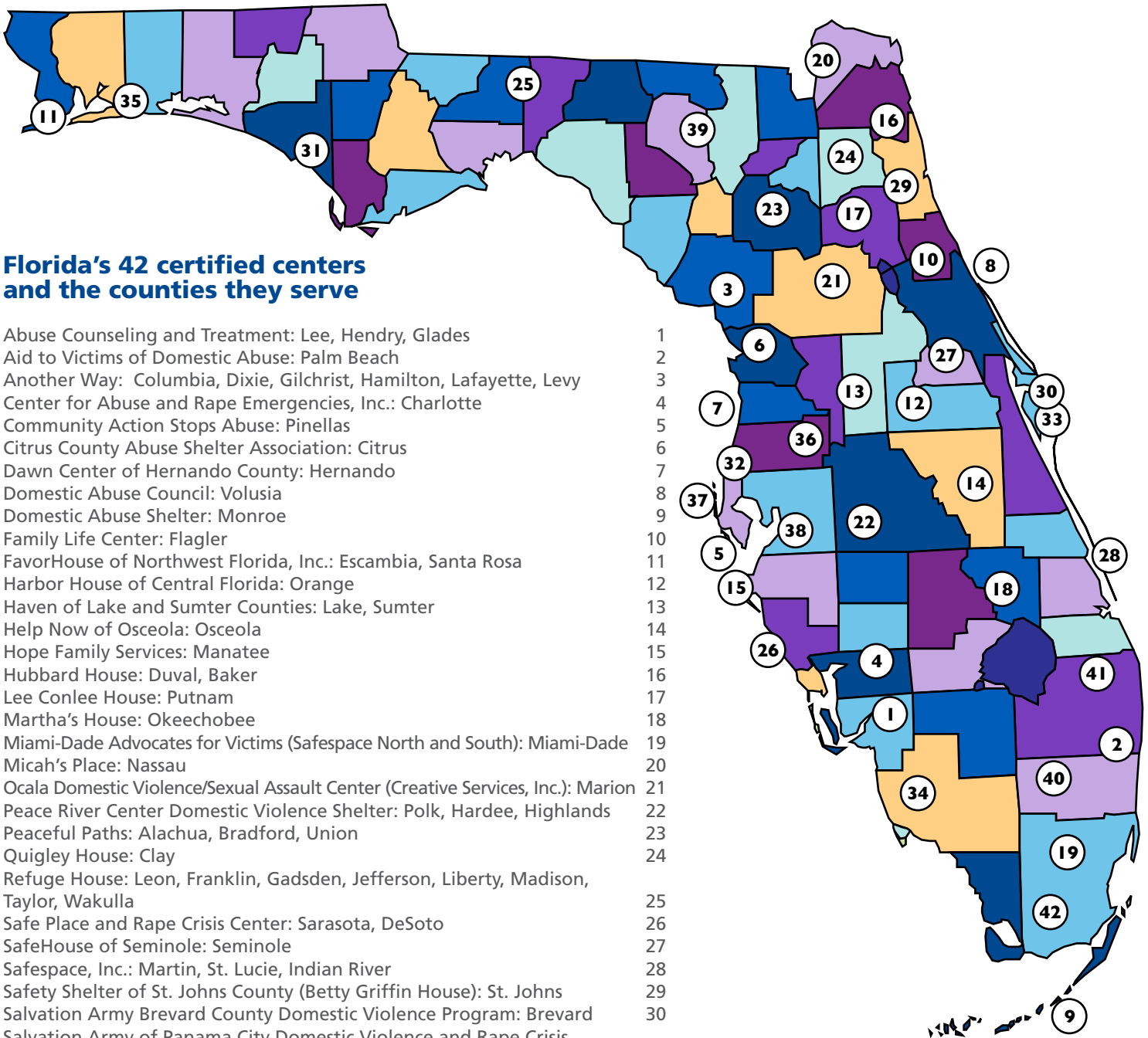
emergency shelter. In addition to emergency shelter, certified domestic violence centers are statutorily required to provide services including, but not limited to: a 24-hour hotline, counseling and case management services, child assessments and children's services, information and referral services, training for law enforcement personnel, and community education and awareness.⁸

While specific services are required by Florida Statutes, many certified centers augment their programs by providing transportation, rent and utility assistance, transitional housing, legal and court advocacy, work skills and job readiness training and placement, financial empowerment education, and training and education programs. Florida's certified domestic violence centers are a lifeline for survivors and their children.

Advocates in certified centers:

- Provided 499,921 hours of counseling and advocacy
- Offered 596,263 direct service information and referrals to survivors, family members, and individuals seeking assistance
- Spent 166,509 hours on child and youth-specific activities
- Provided youth-targeted community education to 129,890 participants
- Provided education and training programs to 63,091 adults

⁸Pursuant to Florida Statute 39.905



Florida's 42 certified centers and the counties they serve

Abuse Counseling and Treatment: Lee, Hendry, Glades
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse: Palm Beach
Another Way: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy
Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc.: Charlotte
Community Action Stops Abuse: Pinellas
Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association: Citrus
Dawn Center of Hernando County: Hernando
Domestic Abuse Council: Volusia
Domestic Abuse Shelter: Monroe
Family Life Center: Flagler
FavorHouse of Northwest Florida, Inc.: Escambia, Santa Rosa
Harbor House of Central Florida: Orange
Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties: Lake, Sumter
Help Now of Osceola: Osceola
Hope Family Services: Manatee
Hubbard House: Duval, Baker
Lee Conlee House: Putnam
Martha's House: Okeechobee
Miami-Dade Advocates for Victims (Safespace North and South): Miami-Dade
Micah's Place: Nassau
Ocala Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center (Creative Services, Inc.): Marion
Peace River Center Domestic Violence Shelter: Polk, Hardee, Highlands
Peaceful Paths: Alachua, Bradford, Union
Quigley House: Clay
Refuge House: Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center: Sarasota, DeSoto
SafeHouse of Seminole: Seminole
Safespace, Inc.: Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River
Safety Shelter of St. Johns County (Betty Griffin House): St. Johns
Salvation Army Brevard County Domestic Violence Program: Brevard
Salvation Army of Panama City Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program: Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington
Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program of West Pasco: Pasco
Serene Harbor: Brevard
The Shelter for Abused Women and Children: Collier
Shelter House: Okaloosa, Walton
Sunrise Domestic and Sexual Violence Center: Pasco
The Haven of RCS: Pinellas
The Spring of Tampa Bay: Hillsborough
Vivid Visions: Suwannee
Women in Distress of Broward County: Broward
YWCA of Palm Beach County: Palm Beach
Victim Response, Inc. (The Lodge): Miami-Dade

IN A SINGLE DAY⁹

RECEIVED	739 hotline calls
SHELTERED	2,023 in emergency shelter or transitional housing
PROVIDED	1,248 adults and children outreach and counseling

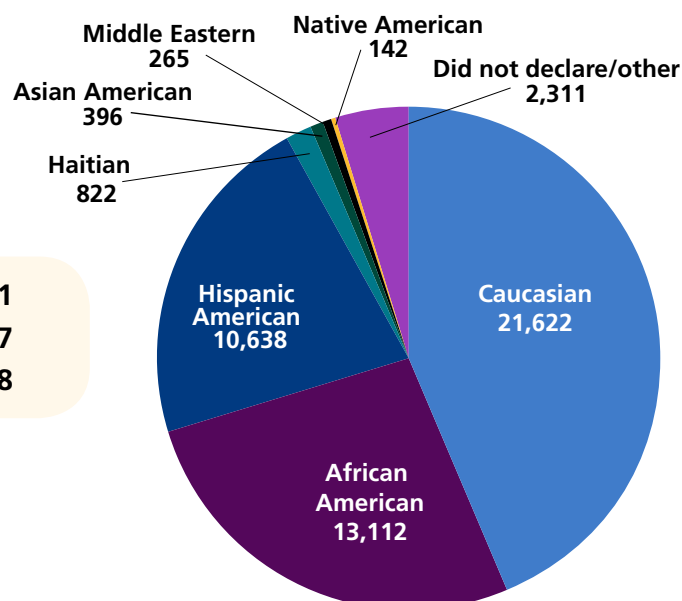
IN A SINGLE YEAR

RECEIVED	127,822 ¹⁰ hotline calls
SHELTERED	15,611 in emergency shelter
PROVIDED	33,697 adults and children outreach services

Domestic violence does not discriminate. It occurs regardless of ethnicity, age, religion, culture, or socioeconomic status. FCADV and certified domestic violence centers recognize the diversity of Florida's population and provide services specifically tailored to the needs of each individual and/or family. With safety being the primary objective, the Florida Domestic Violence Hotline includes a feature that allows advocates to provide assistance in multiple languages quickly and effectively.

DIVERSITY OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

SERVED IN SHELTER AND OUTREACH



Shelter: 15,611
 Outreach: 33,697
 Total: 49,308

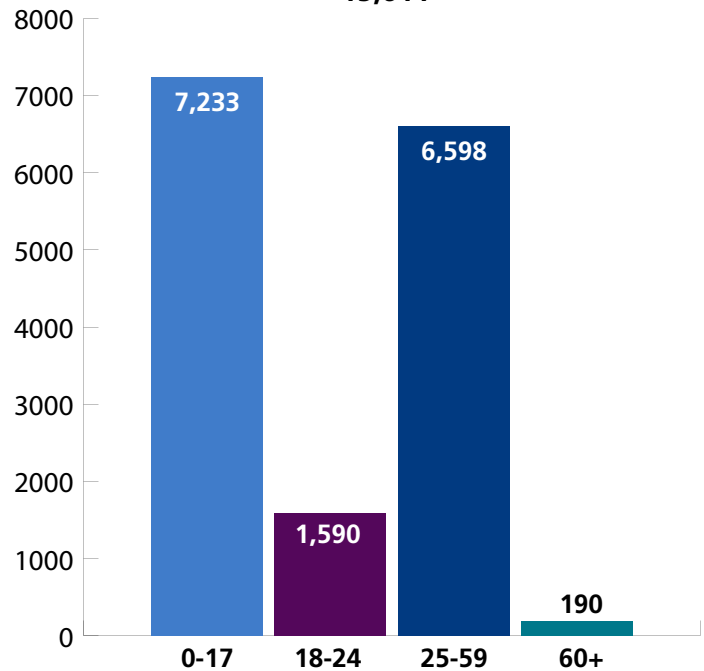
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

While certified domestic violence centers are the front-line advocates for survivors and their children, the work to end domestic violence requires leadership from community stakeholders and partners. Certified centers are actively involved with their local community partners, who share the commitment to address the issue of domestic violence by meeting the needs of survivors and their children, holding perpetrators accountable for their violent acts, and/or by raising awareness about the effect domestic violence has on families and communities. These critical community partners include, but are not limited to: faith-based community organizations, healthcare and legal service providers, K-12 school systems, colleges and universities, Domestic Violence Task Forces, Community-Based Care lead agencies (CBCs), housing organizations, Batterer Intervention Programs, law enforcement, prosecutors and judicial organizations, and private companies. By working together with community partners, centers maximize the resources and funding available for domestic violence survivors and their children.

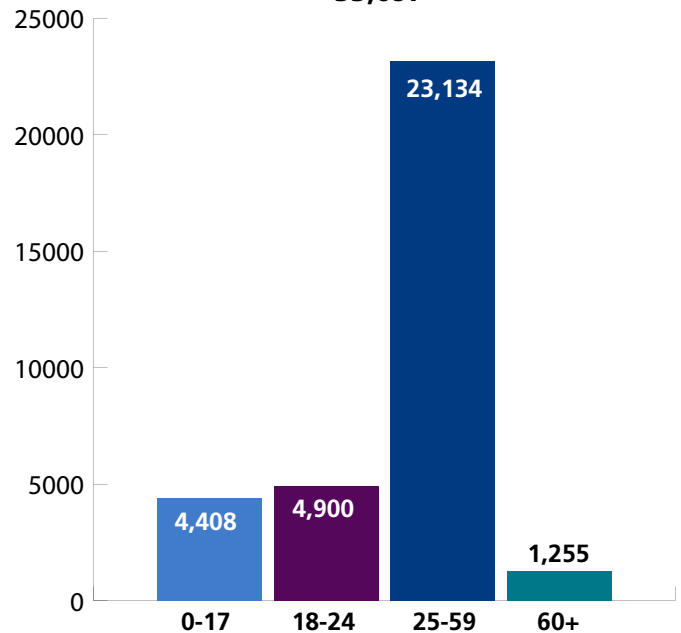
COMMUNITY ADVOCACY IN ACTION

- Since 2012, domestic violence-related child removals have decreased from 20.6% of all removals to 9.1% in Bay and Gulf counties. The decrease is a direct result of co-located domestic violence advocates and enhanced system collaboration between partners such as the local certified domestic violence center, DCF, and local Sheriff's and State Attorney's offices. The project also resulted in the creation of Domestic Violence Units in the Bay County Sheriff's Office and the local State Attorney's Office that include investigators and prosecutors dedicated to increasing batterer accountability and survivor safety within the local criminal justice system.
- In Manatee County, the prosecution rate of domestic violence perpetrators has increased from 5% to 25% since 2011. This is a result of the successful collaboration between the local certified domestic violence center, the State Attorney's office, law enforcement and project partners sharing a vision of increasing family safety by holding domestic violence perpetrators accountable in their community.

SERVED IN SHELTER 15,611



SERVED IN OUTREACH 33,697



⁹Information from the National Network To End Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Counts: Census 2013 Report, Florida Summary. Available at: http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2013/State_Summaries/DVCounts13_StateSummary_FL.pdf

¹⁰Includes calls received by the FCADV Florida Domestic Violence Hotline

FCADV: ADVOCACY THROUGH PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, AND TRAINING

By viewing domestic violence through a state-wide lens, FCADV is uniquely positioned to provide a comprehensive systemwide approach to advocacy by focusing on emerging needs of survivors and their children and developing state-of-the-art services, programs, and best practices.

In 2004, FCADV was statutorily designated by the Florida Legislature as the administrator of state and federal funding earmarked for domestic violence services. As the administrator of these funds, FCADV subcontracts with Florida's 42 certified domestic violence centers, a multitude of law enforcement agencies, state prosecutor's offices and community-based organizations dedicated to ending domestic violence. FCADV ensures compli-

ance with administrative, programmatic, and fiscal accountability requirements of each subcontract by engaging in a stringent monitoring process. This overarching role leads to seamless coordination among agencies whose services impact domestic violence survivors and their children.

FCADV operates and manages the Florida Domestic Violence Hotline, which provides multilingual services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Hotline advocates provide support, advocacy, information, and referral services for survivors of domestic violence, their children, families, and friends. The Coalition, in partnership with Florida Legal Services, Inc., administers the Domestic Violence Legal Hotline which provides comprehensive legal advice, information, and referrals.

In addition to the programs and initiatives on the following pages, FCADV provides training, technical assistance, and education to certified domestic violence centers, collaborative community partners, and agencies and service providers throughout the state. Thousands of hours of training and technical assistance are provided annually to effectively increase knowledge, enhance standards, and build capacity to best serve domestic violence survivors and their children. FCADV trainings are tailored to the unique needs of the requesting center, training participants, organizations, and the local community.

During fiscal year 2013-2014, FCADV:

- Responded to 9,570 technical assistance requests from domestic violence centers, collaborative partners, and other agencies
- Conducted 105 onsite technical assistance visits and trainings for certified domestic violence center staff and/or Board of Directors, collaborative partners, and other agencies
- Conducted 90 webinars
- Conducted 47 regional and 24 statewide training events and/or conferences
- Administered and managed 139 contracts
- Conducted 102 onsite monitoring visits and/or desk reviews

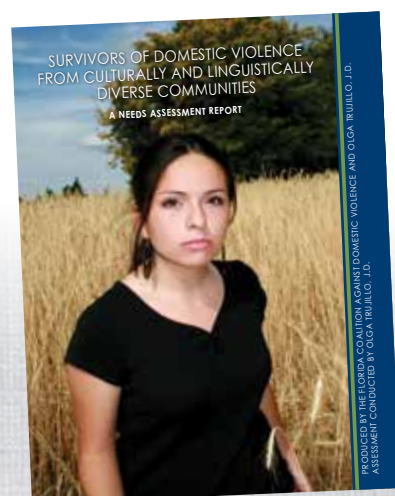
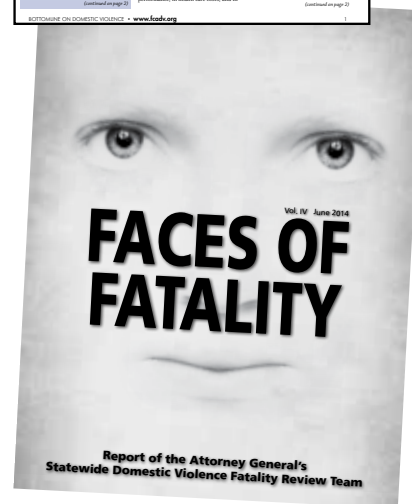
FCADV RESOURCES, PROGRAMS, AND INITIATIVES

The following FCADV programs and initiatives are highlighted as examples of intervention and prevention services and resources available to maximize the safety of survivors and their children while holding batterers accountable for their violent behavior. This information is not an exhaustive compilation of all the resources, programs, and initiatives provided by the organization; it is a snapshot of select activities. For a complete list and/or additional information, please visit the FCADV website at: www.fcadv.org.

Created with the founding principles of cooperation and unity among domestic violence centers, FCADV constantly advocates for programs, policies, and funding that benefit all certified domestic violence centers, and most importantly, the survivors and children they serve. By speaking with a single, unified voice, FCADV works to ensure that high-quality services and programming exist for survivors and their children, regardless of where they are located in the state.

FCADV RESOURCES PRODUCED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

- *Faces of Fatality, IV* Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team annual report
- *One Mission, One Message, End Domestic Violence* Annual Report to the Florida Legislature
- Safety planning brochures for *Survivors of Abuse Who are Later in Life*
- InVEST Program posters and brochures
- Law Enforcement Training Videos: *Excited Utterances and Risk Assessment*
- *Social Media and Advocacy Training Curriculum*
- *Safety Planning around Technology: A Guide for Survivors of Domestic and Dating Violence* (updated in English and Spanish)
- *Safety Planning around Technology: A Resource Guide for Domestic Violence Advocates* (updated in English and Spanish)
- Flash drives with electronic resources for survivors experiencing high-tech stalking (updated)
- *Best Practices Hotline Manual for Domestic Violence Centers* (updated)
- *Online Rural Resource Center* on the FCADV website (English, Spanish and Creole)
- Rural-focused educational handouts: *Rural Barriers, Farming Families, and Rural Services Providers* (English and Spanish)
- Rural Caucus brochure (updated)
- Training curriculum: *Risk Factors for Domestic Violence Homicide*
- Web-based Training Series: *Domestic Violence-Informed Child Welfare Practice*
- *Survivor Listening Project Report*
- *Hotline Safety Card* (updated)
- Youth Advisory Board Recruitment Poster
- *Best Practices for Domestic Violence Providers and Home Visitors*
- Video: *Financial Abuse of Survivors in Later Life*
- *Child Welfare Online Toolkit*
- *Domestic Violence Center Directory*
- *Primary Prevention Tool for Advocates*
- *Safety Planning & Children* brochure
- *Linguistically and Culturally Specific Services Needs Assessment*



ADVOCACY IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Child Protection Investigation Projects

FCADV's Child Protection Investigation (CPI) Projects are a collaborative effort between the Coalition, the Office of the Attorney General, DCF, local certified domestic violence centers, Community-Based Care lead agencies, and criminal justice system partners to provide an optimal coordinated community response to families experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse. The ultimate goals of these projects are to bridge the gap between child welfare and domestic violence service providers to enhance family safety, create permanency for children, and hold perpetrators accountable for their actions.

The CPI Project utilizes a comprehensive and holistic approach that focuses on keeping the child safe in the home with the non-offending parent while holding the perpetrator of domestic violence responsible for the abuse to the family. This is accomplished through formal partnerships where domestic violence advocates are co-located within CPI Units to provide consultation to child protection staff, referral services to survivors, and to work with stakeholders to develop strategies to resolve barriers or issues that arise as a result of the violence.

Some CPI Project successes include significantly reducing the number of children removed from the non-offending parent without increasing re-abuse rates, increasing prosecutions of domestic violence

perpetrators, and conducting court-ordered "one parent removals" and Chapter 39 Injunctions to increase the safety of survivors and their children.

"Early engagement of advocates in child maltreatment cases involving domestic violence is proven to be invaluable in ensuring children are safe and accountability for the abuse is placed on the perpetrator. We are no longer finding ourselves in opposite corners from child protective workers, but instead we are working together in partnership."

Angie Pye, Executive Director, Lee Conlee House

ADVOCACY WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement Training Initiative

To increase perpetrator accountability in domestic violence cases, FCADV provides training on best practices in evidence collection and prosecution of domestic violence perpetrators. Trainings also include how to create and implement appropriate protocols for responding to domestic violence calls, maintaining the confidentiality of survivor information, and effectively assessing the risk for potential domestic violence homicides.

"The testimony from the survivor that spoke opened my eyes to do more when I am faced with a domestic violence call."

Feedback provided by law enforcement personnel

Law Enforcement Enhanced Response Program

The *Law Enforcement Enhanced Response Program* provides the opportunity for select Florida communities to create or enhance their response to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The program challenges the community to listen, communicate, identify prob-

In fiscal year 2013-2014, 4,383 children, whose families were involved in the child welfare system as a result of domestic violence, remained safely in the home with the non-offending parent.

As a result of these efforts, Florida experienced a potential savings of approximately \$11,281,842 by keeping the children with the non-offending parent and out of foster care.

lems, and share ideas that will result in new responses to ensure survivor safety and offender accountability. The goals of the program are to help provide survivors and their children with the protection and services necessary to experience safe and healthy lives, while improving the community's capacity to hold offenders accountable for their crimes; and, to encourage local law enforcement agencies and their community partners to treat domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law, requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system.

"This [Grant] has not only assisted our agency with the funding of our Domestic Violence Unit, but it has brought a wealth of tools, resources and training opportunities to help us better serve the victims of domestic violence within Hernando County."

*Sergeant Phil Lakin, Major Case Section,
Hernando County Sheriff's Office*

Intimate Violence Enhanced Service Team (InVEST)

FCADV and the Office of the Attorney General identified 11 Florida communities with the highest rates of domestic violence homicide to provide funding for the implementation of InVEST, a coordinated community response program designed to reduce the number of domestic violence-related deaths. Specifically, funding allows for the staffing of advocates at certified domestic violence centers and detectives at law enforcement agencies working collaboratively to hold offenders accountable by conducting thorough investigations and providing enhanced advocacy for survivors. Partners engage in daily reviews of police reports in an effort to identify potentially high-risk domestic violence cases, and subsequently, contact those survivors to inquire whether they are interested in participating in the program. Last year, InVEST partnerships implemented batterer accountability measures and provided enhanced advocacy for more than 3,600 domestic violence survivors who were at high risk of being murdered by their intimate partner. FCADV conducts training for all partners involved in the project, including but not limited to: domestic vio-

lence advocates, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and parole/probation officers.

"With all three of our local law enforcement agencies partnering with The Shelter on this important program, we are enhancing our ability to ensure that all domestic violence victims in Collier County receive the highest level of service and protection possible."

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Collier County Sheriff's Office

There have been no murders of InVEST participants by their abusers since the program's inception in 2009. This is particularly notable since InVEST participants are identified through a comprehensive, evidenced-based process to determine if high-risk behaviors were perpetrated against them by their partner/ex-partner.

LEGAL ADVOCACY

Legal Initiative

Survivors of domestic violence continue to identify legal assistance as a priority service so they can permanently remain independent and live free from violence. The cornerstone of the Statewide Legal Initiative is the "Clearinghouse," in which both private attorneys and legal service providers conduct representation for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors in civil injunction for protection hearings. FCADV provides training on trending issues for lawyers participating in the Statewide Legal Clearinghouse as well as other attorneys who prosecute domestic violence crimes.

"The 14th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office has greatly benefited from the trainings conducted by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Our attorneys are better able to assess and reach resolutions in cases that are very often difficult and dangerous."

Megan Ford, Assistant State Attorney in charge of Crimes Against Families, 14th Judicial Circuit, State Attorney's Office

ADVOCACY WITH THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY

Medical Advocacy Project

In an effort to address the increasing number of women being severely burned by their abusive partners, FCADV launched a statewide medical advocacy project that originally focused on building partnerships between domestic violence centers and their local burn units while conducting comprehensive training to healthcare professionals working in Florida's trauma centers. Since the project's initiation, FCADV has expanded the initial project beyond trauma centers to provide cutting-edge training for healthcare professionals working within all medical environments. Specifically, FCADV provides resources, training, and technical assistance related to effectively screening for domestic violence and ensuring appropriate reporting and referral practices among medical professionals. In addition, FCADV created materials and resources for medical professionals that include guidance on screening for and how to respond to patients who have experienced domestic violence, and information about accessing the Florida Domestic Violence Hotline.

"The information obtained through this training gave me a better awareness about domestic violence in a medical practice and awareness of the resources available."

Feedback provided by a physician

ADVOCACY IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Rural Statewide Initiative and Underserved Communities Projects

The focus of FCADV's Rural Statewide Initiative and Rural/Underserved Projects is to provide for the safety of the most geographically isolated survivors in rural areas of Florida. The projects are based on a community organizing model designed to address the unique needs and challenges experienced by rural survivors. In 1996, FCADV established domestic violence and sexual assault outreach services in 19 rural counties where none previously existed. Currently, FCADV funds seven certified domestic violence centers that provide services in some of Florida's most isolated rural communities, where increasing access to appropriate and safe programs and services is imperative. Services provided in rural communities are culturally and linguistically appropriate and informed by the voices of local community members through active community engagement opportunities.

During fiscal year 2013-2014, a total of 267 rural service providers received onsite training within their community.

"Often, living in a rural area, relevant and current information on domestic violence is not readily available. I like that the focus was on helping those who practice in rural communities."

2013 Rural Statewide Training Institute participant

Domestic Violence and Disabilities Program/Domestic Violence in Later Life Program

FCADV supports certified domestic violence centers in creating accessible services, complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and effectively serving survivors living with a disability. In addition, FCADV provides training and technical assistance for certified centers to effectively address complexities associated with abuse in later life.

“To properly address the critical and massive issue of financial exploitation in Florida, collaboration is critical. We would not be able to do our job without our partner agencies, such as law enforcement, Department of Elder Affairs and FCADV.”

Robert Anderson, DCF Statewide Program Director, Adult Protective Services (relating to financial exploitation of later in life survivors of domestic violence)

“I can’t tell you how many people have said, ‘why don’t you just leave?’ They don’t understand. I hear this even today. ‘Why didn’t you just leave?’ How do you leave when you don’t have any resources, nowhere to go, or a way to provide for yourself?”

A later in life survivor

Survivors from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities Needs Assessment

FCADV worked with a national leader, Olga Trujillo, to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment of Florida’s 42 certified domestic violence centers to ascertain whether Florida’s centers are providing culturally and linguistically specific services that appropriately reflect each local community’s needs and demographics. Notably, the needs assessment revealed

that FCADV member programs, in direct contrast to national data and trends, serve women of color in numbers proportional to that of their broader communities. This trend denotes promising staffing practices that should be continued in Florida and modeled in other states.

Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Survivors

FCADV, in collaboration with Voices for Immigrant Defense & Advocacy (VIDA) Legal Assistance, developed survivor-focused, culturally-informed resources such as the *Improving Access to Justice for Immigrant Survivors Program* collection of materials, which includes an eight-hour training curriculum, a service provider handbook, and educational videos. The collection is designed to help service providers identify and examine system barriers that inhibit access to justice for immigrant survivors.

ADVOCACY THROUGH ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Economic Justice Initiatives

With financial independence consistently identified as a top need by survivors, FCADV is partnering with Allstate Florida to create a comprehensive statewide economic justice project, *Florida’s Allstate Agents and Domestic Violence Centers Changing Lives*. FCADV and Allstate Florida convened a Statewide Advisory Team comprised of local Allstate agents and certified domestic violence center executive directors who are currently working together in their respective communities to create a comprehensive plan for increasing financial literacy and economic justice opportunities for survivors. The advisory team will also focus on connecting local Allstate agents to engage with certified domestic violence centers to gain a stronger understanding of domestic violence issues, raise awareness about the centers’ services and, when they become aware of domestic violence, appropriately refer survivors to the local center.

The project also includes funding for two additional domestic violence centers to participate in the Allstate Economic Empowerment Program, *Moving Ahead Through Financial Management*. This successful program, which is now available at five certified domestic violence centers, focuses on financial literacy by working with survivors of domestic violence to create financial plans, open bank accounts, implement matched savings programs, provide economic advocacy, gain access to Earned Income Tax Credits, and effectively meet survivors' personal financial goals. Additionally, survivors learn how to effectively meet their individual financial goals by taking advantage of microloans, micro enterprises, or matched savings accounts provided by the participating centers.

"Through the Allstate Financial Literacy Program, a former survivor of domestic violence living in our Transitional Living Program developed a cost-of-living plan, permanent housing, and a business plan. As a result, she has gained skills to become self-sufficient. She has since moved out of transitional housing to a permanent dwelling, started a successful cleaning business, and is currently seeking additional funding sources to support the growth of her business."

Allstate Financial Literacy Advocate, Shelter for Abused Women and Children

ADVOCACY THROUGH UNDERSTANDING TECHNOLOGY

Technology and Safety Program

This program provides advocates throughout Florida with training regarding the intersection of intimate partner violence and high-tech stalking. Issues such as cyberstalking, the safe use of technology, and security of survivor data are addressed by bringing together a trained domestic violence advocate and an information technology professional to bridge the gap between advocacy and technology. An increasing aspect of the program is specific to safety and technology associated with social media, both in terms of a survivor's use of social media and the ability of batterers to abuse through the utilization of

Jenny, a former Transitional Living Program resident continues to expand her cleaning business. She added new services to her company and, as a result, has grown her clientele. She continues to search for additional funding sources to support the growth of her business. Through advocacy in the Transitional Living Program she developed a cost-of-living plan and permanent housing plan. Additionally, through the Allstate Financial Literacy Program, she benefitted from financial literacy classes and Women of Business entrepreneurial classes. Jenny moved out of transitional living in May 2014 with permanent housing, a new business, and the skills to remain self-sufficient.

technology. Advocates in certified centers are given strategies to employ when creating safety plans related to navigating social media and social networking sites.

"This training has left me with the need to really understand what programs and tools survivors use and how those tools can be used by batterers to further harass and perpetuate stalking. I will be able to better explain to teens and adults how to deal with revenge porn, cyberbullying and online harassment, and the importance of being aware of your digital footprint."

Domestic violence center advocate training participant

ADVOCACY THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVES

Community Collaborative Responses to Increase Access to Services for Survivors

FCADV's *Community Collaborative Response to Increase Access to Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking* program creates a unique opportunity for select Florida communities to increase the resources, services, and advocacy available to survivors. Collaborative efforts between nonprofit community-based organizations, governmental agencies, and mental health and substance abuse organizations ensure that survivors identified are referred to appropriate services and receive the assistance they need. Grantees focus on one of the following priority areas: 1) Domestic Violence, Mental Health and/or Substance Abuse, 2) Stalking, or 3) Sexual Assault. Project partners establish and strengthen multidisciplinary collaborative relationships; increase organizational capacity to provide safe, accessible, and responsive services to survivors; identify needs and strengths within their respective service areas; and, develop and implement plans to address those specific needs. Four new *Community Collaborative Projects* were funded in the 2013-2014 fiscal year, where domestic violence centers partner with mental health providers in Miami and Fort Walton Beach and substance abuse providers in Palatka and Naples.

ADVOCACY THROUGH PREVENTION

Primary Prevention Initiative

The overarching goal of FCADV's primary prevention initiatives is to prevent the first-time occurrence of intimate partner violence by engaging community stakeholders and providing educational programming for youth. Each certified domestic violence center engages in primary prevention programming that focuses on five areas: community partnerships with non-traditional partners, prevention activities with youth, increasing organizational capacity, program evaluation, and sustainability. All aspects of

primary prevention programming address risk and protective factors for perpetration and victimization of domestic violence. Each of the 42 certified domestic violence centers coordinate Community Action Teams, which include community stakeholders who work to prevent violence and promote healthy relationships in their communities.

DELTA FOCUS Initiative¹¹

After a successful 10-year partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2012, Florida was selected as one of only 10 states to continue conducting an intimate partner violence primary prevention initiative at the state and local levels. The initiative is designed to inform primary prevention policies and practices nationally, through the creation of innovative programs and strategies. Program evaluation is a critical component of the initiative. This fiscal year, the DELTA FOCUS team created evaluation tools to examine policies and practices related to teen dating violence prevention in three priority areas: law enforcement, education, and healthcare.

"YCAT (Youth Community Action Team) has empowered me and provided me with the knowledge to act as a catalyst of change for those in my life. The discussions happening with youth are essential for creating peaceful future generations."

Lori, 17

Engaging Men and Boys Prevention Project

This project focuses on the development and implementation of a culturally-specific public education campaign and mentoring youth program to engage men and boys ages 12-17 in the work to prevent domestic and dating violence. The project is designed to change community attitudes about teen dating violence and foster healthy relationships through adult male mentoring of young men and boys.

¹¹Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancements and Leadership Through Alliances, Focusing on Outcomes for Communities in the United States

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIME IN FLORIDA

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) publishes an annual Uniform Crime Report (UCR) that provides standardized reports on crime statistics, based on data collected from law enforcement agencies throughout the state. In addition to overall crime statistics, the UCR includes information specific to domestic violence offenses and arrests. The 2013 report reflected that, while overall crime continues to decrease, domestic violence crimes remain unchanged.

In 2013, law enforcement agencies reported 108,030 domestic violence offenses and made 65,645 arrests. Overall, 33 Florida counties reported increases in domestic violence crimes, while 33 counties experienced reductions, and one county remained unchanged. It should be noted that information contained in this report and reflected in the UCR represents only domestic violence offenses reported to law enforcement agencies; and, it is widely recognized that domestic violence is a significantly underreported crime.

In November of this year, FDLE released the 2014 Semi-Annual UCR. The UCR reflected a 13.8% increase in domestic violence homicide during the first six months of 2014.¹³

HEADLINES AROUND OUR STATE TELL THE STORY

The Miami Herald

December 4, 2013

BSO: Weston man kills wife and son with crossbow, then slits his own throat

A Weston father who thought his world was crashing down around him apparently wanted to take his life and everyone else he loved with him. Pedro Jose Maldonado, 53, started with his wife and his teenage son. He used a crossbow to kill them.

Then, investigators say he got into his SUV and drove 450 miles to Tallahassee where his 21-year-old son, Jose, was a student at Florida State University, intended on killing him with the same weapon. His arrow missed. It nicked Jose's ear.

South Florida

Sun-Sentinel

March 26, 2014

Lauderhill man accused of shooting his wife to death

A 26-year-old Lauderhill man is accused of shooting his wife in the head moments after she cradled their 4-month-old infant in her arms, a Broward judge said Wednesday.

Yohaniz Ceballos Palomino was charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of Marion Gonzalez Ceballos, officials said.

Florida Times-Union

January 13, 2014

Jacksonville police: Woman was run over by semi; boyfriend arrested

A Jacksonville man was charged with murder after his friend was pushed out of a semi and run over about eight Friday, according to Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

told investigators he was arguing with 38-year-old Latasha Denese Joyce at a Tri Star truck lot in the 3500 block of Rio Grande Avenue when he pushed her out of the cab, according to his arrest report.

Excerpted from newspaper articles

¹³Information from FDLE's 2014 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report: http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/getdoc/eb0b0e47-ae6-4fb2-a418-9f96568464b8/2014SA_CIF.aspx

TOP 10 COUNTIES (BY % OF POPULATION): DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, 2013

County	Population	Murder	Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Forcible Fondling	Aggravated Assault	Aggravated Stalking	Simple Assault	Threat/Intimidation	Stalking	Total	% of Population
Escambia	301,120	2	2	33	33	478	0	2,437	126	2	3,113	1.03
Taylor	23,018	0	0	2	0	94	0	126	2	3	227	0.99
Bay	169,866	6	0	6	4	199	8	1,221	37	127	1,608	0.95
Duval	876,075	6	0	57	13	756	11	6,972	176	25	8,016	0.91
Hendry	37,808	0	0	3	0	72	0	248	12	0	335	0.89
Okaloosa	188,349	1	0	24	5	198	0	1,391	40	3	1,662	0.88
Desoto	34,367	0	0	0	0	55	0	243	0	0	298	0.87
Columbia	67,489	2	0	3	3	131	1	420	10	0	570	0.84
Putnam	72,605	1	0	1	1	121	3	474	2	0	603	0.83
Osceola	288,361	2	1	26	9	355	22	1,927	13	18	2,373	0.82
Florida	19,259,543	170	17	1,588	744	17,043	201	85,606	2,161	500	108,030	0.56

SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Crime in Florida, Florida uniform crime report, 2013 [Computer program]. Tallahassee, FL: FDLE Florida Statistical Analysis Center.

* Note: On January 1, 2013, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) UCR Program implemented a new definition of Rape that includes incidents previously reported as Forcible Sodomy. Therefore, beginning with the 2013 data, FDLE's UCR modified the collection of Forcible Rape data to include forcible rape, attempted rape, and forcible sodomy to comply with Federal UCR reporting guidelines. Forcible fondling continues to be counted separately as part of Florida's "Forcible Sex Offense" category which includes forcible rape, attempted rape, and forcible fondling. Prior to 2013, Florida's Forcible Sex Offense category separated forcible sodomy from forcible rape.

COUNTIES THAT EXPERIENCED 15%+ INCREASE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, 2013

County	Population	Murder	Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Forcible Fondling	Aggravated Assault	Aggravated Stalking	Simple Assault	Threat/Intimidation	Stalking	Total	% Change 12/13*	Rate Per 100,000 Population	Rate Change 12/13*
Baker	26,881	0	0	0	0	25	0	75	0	0	100	122.2	372.0	122.7
Gadsden	47,588	1	0	0	0	49	0	222	3	2	277	47.3	582.1	47.1
Gulf	16,106	0	0	0	1	5	0	16	0	0	22	340.0	136.6	335.1
Hamilton	14,507	1	0	0	1	10	0	48	1	0	61	19.6	420.5	22.3
Hardee	27,682	0	0	3	1	19	3	183	0	0	209	18.8	755.0	19.1
Hendry	37,808	0	0	3	0	72	0	248	12	0	335	22.7	886.1	23.8
Holmes	20,022	0	0	1	4	30	0	100	0	2	137	26.9	684.2	26.6
Jefferson	14,554	0	0	1	0	28	0	26	0	0	55	48.6	377.9	47.9
Lafayette	8,618	0	0	0	0	11	0	8	0	0	19	18.8	220.5	19.4
Leon	278,377	2	0	35	23	279	2	1,158	3	7	1,509	22.1	542.1	21.8
Madison	19,395	0	0	0	1	57	0	54	1	0	113	16.5	582.6	15.5
Taylor	23,018	0	0	2	0	94	0	126	2	3	227	26.1	986.2	25.5
Union	15,483	0	0	0	0	11	0	28	2	1	42	27.3	271.3	27.5
Washington	24,793	0	0	0	0	19	0	140	7	0	166	18.6	669.5	19.2

SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Crime in Florida, Florida uniform crime report, 2013 [Computer program]. Tallahassee, FL: FDLE Florida Statistical Analysis Center.

* Percent changes in number and rate should be interpreted with caution. In small counties with low numbers of crime, a small increase in crime can produce a large percent change.

COUNTIES THAT EXPERIENCED 15%+ DECREASE

County	Population	Murder	Manslaughter	Forcible Rape	Forcible Fondling	Aggravated Assault	Aggravated Stalking	Simple Assault	Threat/Intimidation	Stalking	Total	% Change 12/13*	Rate Per 100,000 Population	Rate Change 12/13*
Calhoun	14,621	0	0	0	0	5	0	19	0	0	24	-33.3	164.1	-33.2
Dixie	16,263	1	0	0	0	12	0	61	1	0	75	-15.7	461.2	-15.5
Franklin	11,562	0	0	0	0	1	0	67	0	0	68	-20.9	588.1	-21.1
Gilchrist	16,880	0	0	1	0	11	0	19	0	0	31	-29.5	183.6	-29.3
Glades	12,658	0	0	1	2	24	1	49	0	1	78	-16.1	616.2	-16.0
Levy	40,304	0	0	0	0	9	0	68	0	0	77	-64.2	191.0	-64.2
Liberty	8,483	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-92.3	11.8	-92.3
Okeechobee	39,762	0	0	0	0	36	0	178	0	0	214	-41.0	538.2	-41.0
Suwannee	43,873	1	0	0	0	40	0	73	1	0	115	-17.3	262.1	-17.4
Walton	30,869	0	0	1	0	17	0	49	1	0	68	-15.0	220.3	-15.3
Walton	57,779	0	0	7	0	87	0	356	15	1	466	-17.4	806.5	-18.5

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SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Crime in Florida, Florida uniform crime report, 2012 [Computer program]. Tallahassee, FL: FDLE Florida Statistical Analysis Center.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAMS

"In Florida, 187 women, children, and men were killed as a direct result of domestic violence during 2013, with tens of thousands of other individuals impacted by this horrific crime. These are not just statistics – they represent a name, a face, a family, and a story. We owe the family and friends of those killed by the person who claims to love them the most answers to unresolved questions. Advocates, legislators, and systems leaders must be informed with the data provided by fatality review teams to create appropriate policy to reduce and prevent future domestic violence homicides. There is no better way to honor those we have lost than by working tirelessly to ensure a safe future for survivors of domestic violence and their children."

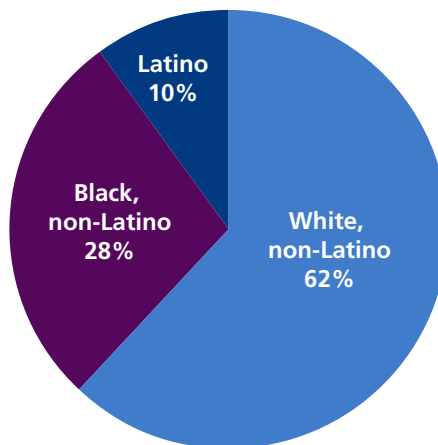
*Tiffany Carr, President/CEO
FCADV*

The Attorney General's Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, created in 2009, continues to take the lead in addressing systemic issues to prevent domestic violence fatalities. The statewide team is co-chaired by Attorney General Pam Bondi and FCADV. The statewide team includes members representing the continuum of organizations that work with survivors, their children, and perpetrators of domestic violence, including certified domestic violence centers, legal and direct services providers, state agencies, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, probation, parole, corrections, health care, the court system, prosecutors, the defense bar, and a survivor. The team is charged with conducting reviews of domestic violence fatalities and near-fatalities, and analyzing the data collected by local fatality review teams.

Florida is one of the few states that has a Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team and local fatality review teams. The purpose of these teams is to conduct comprehensive reviews to assess the systems that interface with domestic violence survivors, the perpetrator, and their children. Through these reviews, teams identify common factors in domestic violence homicides, gaps in service provision to survivors, and gaps in accountability systems for perpetrators. This approach enables teams to make recommendations for systemic change with the goal of reducing domestic violence homicides.

During fiscal year 2013-2014, the statewide team reviewed data submitted by local fatality review teams relating to 31 domestic violence fatalities and near-fatalities that occurred in Florida between 2004 and 2013, and conducted a comprehensive review of a 2013 double murder/suicide. The team publishes *Faces of Fatality* annually to report its findings, analysis, and recommendations. The following are highlights excerpted from the *Faces of Fatality*, Vol. IV.¹⁴

PERPETRATOR RACE/ETHNICITY

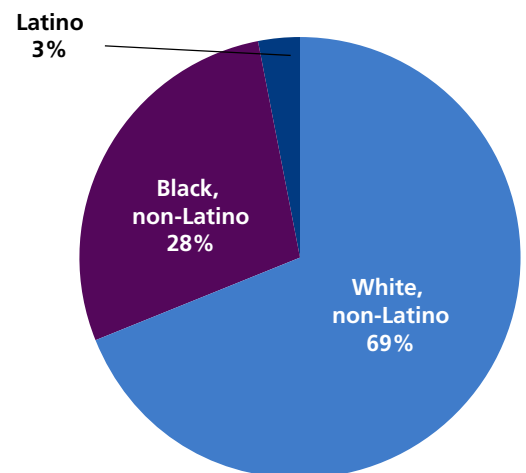


Gender

Perpetrator:
93% male • 7% female

Decedent:
14% male • 86% female

DECEDENT RACE/ETHNICITY



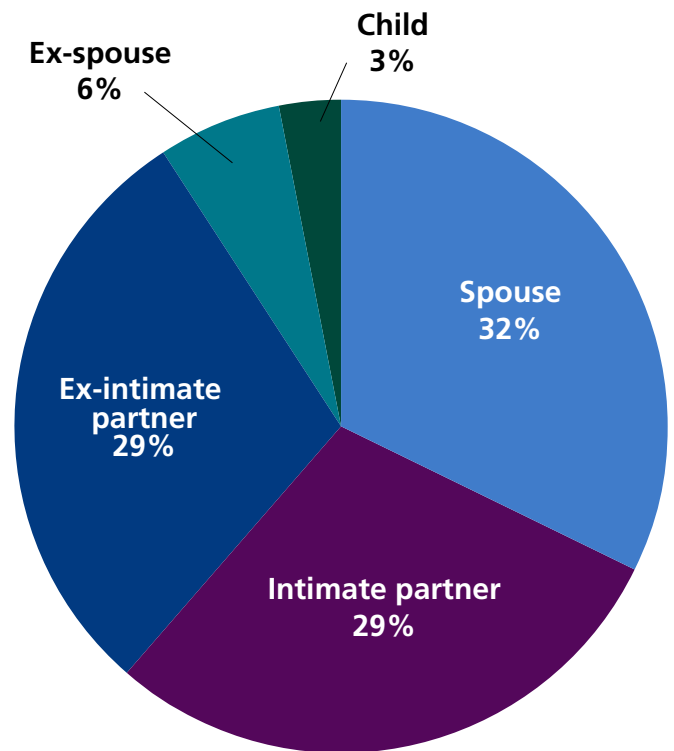
Key Findings:

- In a significant majority of the cases, the perpetrator and decedent were living together at the time of the fatality (78%).
- Prior to the fatality or near-fatality, 32% of the cases included known allegations by the decedent of death threats made by the perpetrator.
- The decedent had reported domestic violence by the perpetrator to police in 35% of the cases.
- In 55% of the cases, family members reported knowing about prior incidents or threats of domestic violence by the perpetrator.
- 19% of perpetrators had criminal “No Contact” orders filed against them, and 10% had a final civil injunction for protection issued against them.
- Perpetrators committed suicide in 41% of the cases, and an additional 6% attempted but failed to commit suicide.

Key Recommendations:

- FCADV should continue to provide Advanced Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement Training so that all Florida law enforcement agencies receive the training. Additionally, FCADV should expand the scope of this training to include 911 dispatchers, law enforcement victim advocates, emergency medical technicians, fire departments, and other first responders.
- The Florida Legislature should continue to require healthcare providers to receive initial and continuing education on domestic violence.
- The Florida Legislature should amend s. 903.047, Florida Statutes, Conditions of Pretrial Release, to make the order of no contact with the victim effective immediately, and to permit the court to impose special conditions for persons charged with domestic or dating violence.
- The Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team should form a subcommittee to develop a comprehensive plan for educating the public regarding the adverse impact of victim-blaming on systemic efforts to protect victims and children, hold perpetrators accountable, and prevent domestic violence.

RELATIONSHIP TYPE



¹⁴The full report is available at: www.fcadv.org/publications/faces-fatality-1

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic Violence Trust Fund and General Revenue

The primary source of state funding for domestic violence emergency shelter, services, programs, and training is through the Domestic Violence Trust Fund (DVTF). These funds are distributed to Florida's 42 certified domestic violence centers to provide critical life-saving programs and services to domestic violence survivors and their children. DVTF receives funds from a portion of both marriage license and dissolution of marriage fees, fines for domestic violence crime convictions, and any general revenue appropriated during the annual Legislative Session.

Domestic Violence Diversion Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Federal and state legislators recognized that survivors of domestic violence may need temporary economic assistance to escape a violent partner and, thus, created the Domestic Violence Diversion Program. Florida's program is modeled after federal law and provides support services to survivors unable to temporarily participate in training or work requirements due to safety considerations or the residual effects of domestic violence.

Capital Improvement Grant Program

Legislation passed in 2000 created this first-in-the-nation program that, pursuant to legislative appropriations, certified domestic violence centers may apply to DCF for a capital improvement grant to construct, repair, improve or upgrade systems, facilities, or equipment.¹⁵ As a result of 10 million dollars in capital funding appropriated by the 2013 Legislature, certified centers are in the process of creating 278 additional beds statewide to decrease the number of survivors and their children turned away due to lack of capacity and bed space.

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program

FVPSA is the first and only federal funding dedicated specifically for domestic violence centers for the operation of emergency shelter and other critical services. The grant program also provides funding to State Coalitions for the provision of training and technical assistance to member programs to ensure quality of service provision to survivors and their children.

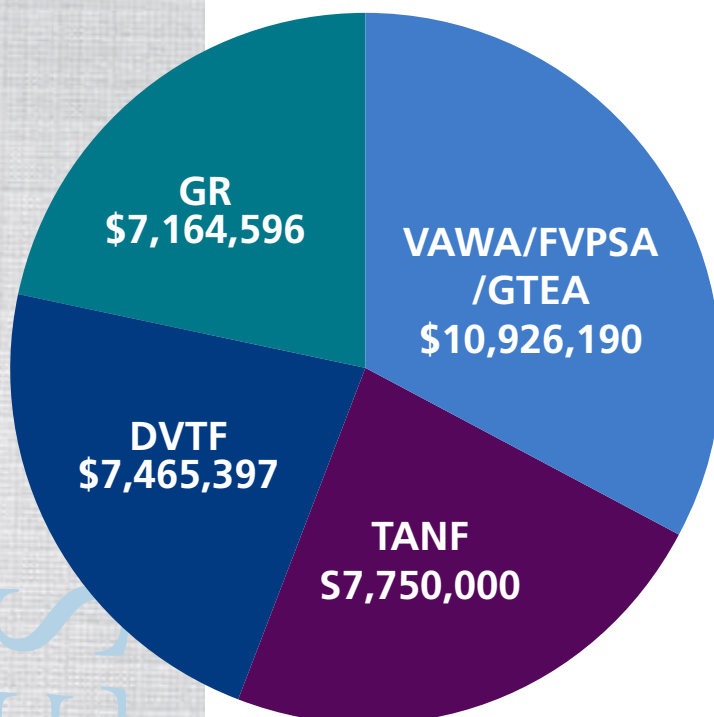
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program

The FCADV and DCF administer two grants provided by the federal Violence Against Women Act: an annual formula grant, STOP (Services, Training, Officers and Prosecution), and the discretionary Grants to Encourage Arrest. The STOP grant promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The VAWA requires that funding be distributed to each respective discipline by percentages: 30 percent to victim services, 25 percent to law enforcement, 25 percent to prosecutors, 5 percent to courts, and 15 percent discretionary (Florida generally applies discretionary funds to victim services). Federal regulations also require funding to be allocated geographically based on identified needs and availability of resources.

The Grants to Encourage Arrest award is competitive nationally and designed to encourage governments to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law that require a coordinated response from the entire criminal justice system. The program works to ensure the safety of domestic violence survivors and their children, and to hold perpetrators accountable for their crimes.

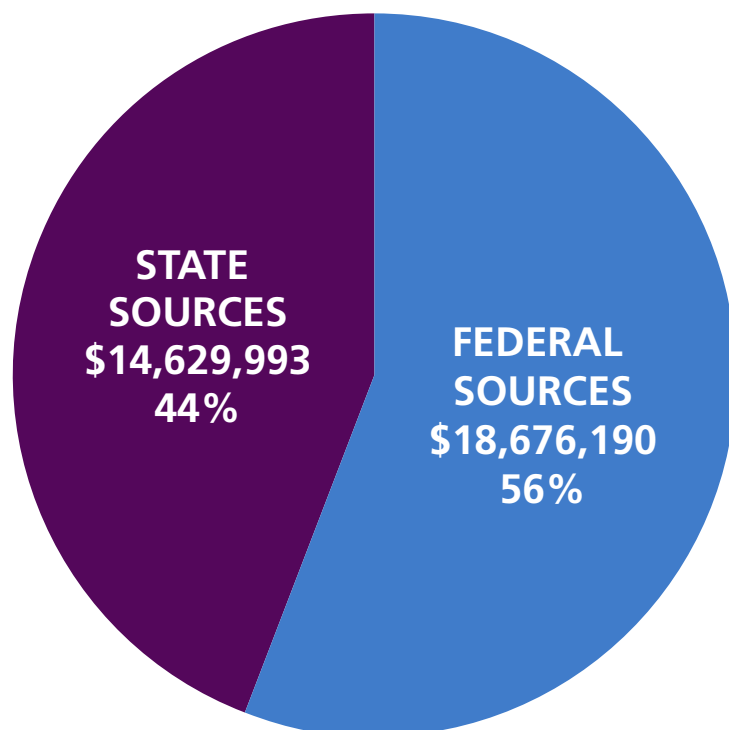
¹⁵Pursuant to Florida Statute 39.9055

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



TOTAL: \$33,306,183

VAWA: Violence Against Women Act
 FVPSA: Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
 GTEA: Grants To Encourage Arrest
 TANF: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 DVTF: Domestic Violence Trust Fund
 GR: General Revenue



TOTAL: \$33,306,183

IN MEMORIAM

Vincent Mazzara **A Life of Service** **1950 - 2014**

There is no one else in the world like Vince Mazzara. His gentle spirit, his tenacity for life, and his drive for helping others will always be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing him. Vince's impact on the world is evident in the lives he touched – and those lives are many.

Vince had a vast and highly decorated career in law enforcement that began in Detroit, where he worked as an undercover officer and infiltrated and investigated organized crime. He was twice 'nominated' to the International Association of Police Chiefs as one of the 10 Best Police Officers in the country and was subsequently honored as a recipient of the 'Medal of Honor' by the Governor of Michigan for his investigations.

In 1997, he was appointed by the Palm Beach County Sheriff to lead a new Domestic Violence Program, which included the creation of a community awareness program. Under his leadership, the program was awarded a Department of Justice grant to start an 'internet project' where photographic evidence, taken at the domestic violence crime scene was loaded to a secure website and available to the judge, prosecutors and advocates, in court the very next morning.

After many years as a police officer, FCADV tapped into his incredible experience to lead and expand the Coalition's Law Enforcement Training Program. Vince worked tirelessly in this role and, in the process, saved more lives than any of us will ever know. He had a deep passion for helping women and their children who are living in fear every day; he understood that fear firsthand and talked openly about his life as a child witness of domestic violence. These experiences, and the love he had for his mother, drove him to work day and night to train law enforcement officers. Vince knew that in order for law enforcement to really understand the impact they could have on survivors' lives, they had to hear from those who had experienced violence at the hands of an abusive partner. In order to make that connection real, he would ask a survivor to speak at each of his law enforcement trainings.

In recognition and honor of the dedication and commitment Vince exhibited throughout his career, FCADV created the Vincent Mazzara Law Enforcement Leadership Award. The award will be presented bi-annually to a law enforcement officer who exemplifies Vince's lifetime of service to survivors of domestic violence.

Vince is survived by his wife, Tina; sons, Justin and wife, Laura, and David Wainright and wife, Aundria; daughter, Jennifer Carroll and husband, Adam; and grandchildren, Emily and Adelyn Mazzara, and Katarina and Ethan Carroll. He is also survived by the countless adult and child survivors whom he helped, the advocates and law enforcement officers he worked with daily, and all of us at FCADV. Vince's life truly represents advocacy in action!

TOGETHER WE CAN
END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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“There are many advocates who work daily to end domestic violence in our state, whether in the public or private sector, as a provider or policy maker, each has taken a stand and is committed to action. Advocacy in action means standing up and speaking out for those whose only voice may be yours. Sometimes it is not easy, but it is always right. Thank you to all of you who prioritize the needs of domestic violence survivors and their children. You are truly saving and changing lives!”

—Tiffany Carr, President/CEO
Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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