

# Jefferson County

# Domestic Violence Firearms Technical Assistance Project



## Background

In 2019, OVW and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges launched FTAP, which was designed to help communities implement policies, protocols, and promising practices to prevent abusers from having access to firearms in domestic violence cases. Once Birmingham, AL was selected as an FTAP pilot site, the representatives from One Place and the U.S. Attorney's Office invited a larger group of community stakeholders to attend the kick-off event on November 21, 2019. From this meeting, a management team was formed and the overarching challenge was identified: **The Jefferson County domestic violence court processes (protection from abuse and criminal) often are inaccessible, unresponsive, and unfriendly to victims generally, and victims from historically underserved and/or marginalized communities.**

Over the course of the next three years, our team is recommitting to sustainable efforts aimed at improving victim and survivor access to resources, information, safety, support, and justice. The Management team currently meets bi-monthly.

## FTAP Priorities

1. Enhanced Data Sharing and Reporting
2. Accessible information & Resources for Victims
3. Training for Law Enforcement
4. Addressing Defendants' Compliance in Domestic Violence Cases

## FTAP Management Team Agencies

- Alabama Bureau of Pardons & Paroles
- AL Office of Prosecution Services (OPS)
- HICA (Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama)
- Jefferson Co. DA's Office-Bessemer
- Jefferson Co. DA's Office-Birmingham
- Jefferson Co. Family Court-Birmingham
- One Place Family Justice Center
- U.S. Attorney's Office- Northern District of Alabama
- YWCA Central Alabama

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