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FISCAL YEAR 2010 GRANT AWARDS ADDRESSING CHILDREN’S EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE

The Attorney General’s Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program: Phase I

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants support the development of comprehensive community-based strategic planning to prevent and reduce the impact of children’s exposure to violence in their homes, schools, and communities. The action plans prepare communities to implement collaborative cross-agency policy strategies and evidence-based practices across the services continuum.

Organization	City, State	Grant Amount
City of Boston	Boston, Massachusetts	\$160,000
City of Portland	Portland, Maine	\$160,000
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Box Elder, Montana	\$153,210
City of Grand Forks	Grand Forks, North Dakota	\$159,967
Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners	Cleveland, Ohio	\$157,873
Multnomah County Department of Human Services	Portland, Oregon	\$159,349
Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Rosebud, South Dakota	\$159,534
Shelby County	Memphis, Tennessee	\$159,099

City of Boston, Massachusetts ***\$160,000***

The Boston assessment and planning project, which has been developed and supported by a collaborative of more than 40 organizations representing a broad range of sectors, focuses on children ages 0-17 in Boston who are exposed to violence. It has two main goals. (1) Develop a detailed and feasible multi-year plan to prevent and reduce the impact of children’s exposure to violence in homes, schools and communities; and (2) Develop greater capacity within Boston to implement an integrated violence prevention and response system.

City of Portland, Maine ***\$160,000***

The Portland Safe Kids Project: Working Together to Help Children Exposed to Violence (PSKids), a coalition of child-serving agencies, will focus its efforts on all children younger than 17 who have been exposed, or are at risk of being exposed, to violence, with a special emphasis on refugee/immigrant children and children younger than five years old. The project’s overall purpose is to reduce childhood exposure to violence in Portland. PSKids’ goals are to: (1) identify all children who have been exposed to violence; 2) develop a strong collaborative network among Portland’s child-serving agencies; and (3) reduce the number of children exposed to violence as well as the impact on those who have been exposed. To achieve these goals, during year one, PSKids will develop the requisite collaborative structure, conduct a needs assessment, develop a strategic plan, begin to educate the public, and develop a sustainability plan.

Chippewa Cree Tribe, Box Elder, Montana ***\$153,210***

The purpose of the project is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan which will lead to an effective continuum of care for Chippewa Cree tribal children exposed to violence.

City of Grand Forks, North Dakota

\$159,967

The Safer Tomorrows: Ending Children’s Exposure to Violence Project is a collaborative community effort to develop a strategic plan to systematically address children ages 0 to 17 who are exposed to violence, including physical and sexual abuse, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking/cyber-stalking, witnessing domestic violence, bullying, and community violence. The collaboration will address childhood exposure to violence on multiple levels, including prevention, intervention, treatment and system response.

Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, Cleveland, Ohio

\$157,873

The purpose of the Cuyahoga County Children Exposed to Violence Initiative is to prevent and reduce the impact of children’s exposure to violence in their homes, schools, and communities and to break the cycle of crime, violence, and abuse in the community. Based on a thorough community assessment, as well as research on national best practices, Cuyahoga County will design and implement a comprehensive, integrated system of care that addresses the entire community with a focus on children, families, schools, and neighborhoods with the highest risk and exposure to violence.

Multnomah County Department of Human Services, Portland, Oregon

\$159,349

Goals of the project include raising awareness regarding children exposed to all types of violence; building the capacity to recognize, respond, and mitigate its impact; sharing and using data to drive decision-making; and developing a multisystemic approach to prevention, identification, and intervention.

Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Rosebud, South Dakota

\$159,534

In Phase I planning and development Phase I, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe will create a partnership with an established multi-disciplinary team of key professionals. Goals of the project include reducing childhood exposure to violence in all 20 communities on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee

\$159,099

The purpose of Project Safe Futures is to break the cycle of crime, violence, and abuse with a coordinated community response to prevent and reduce the impact of children’s exposure to violence. The project will build on existing collaborations to establish a Project Safe Future Council, conduct a community assessment, and facilitate diverse stakeholders—including youth and families—to develop a comprehensive and coordinated community response to children’s exposure to violence.

Action Partnerships for Professional Membership and Professional Affiliation Organizations Responding to Children Exposed to and Victimized by Violence

The Office for Victims of Crime grants aid the development and improve the capacity of members of national membership, professional, and community service organizations to advance victims’ rights and improve victims’ services.

Organization	City, State	Grant Amount
American Psychological Association	Washington, D.C.	\$249,785
National Center for Victims of Crime	Washington, D.C.	\$250,000
National Children’s Alliance	Washington, D.C.	\$249,150
American Academy of Pediatrics	Elk Grove Village, Illinois	\$249,997
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	Reno, Nevada	\$250,000
National Crime Victim Law Institute	Portland, Oregon	\$250,000

American Psychological Association, Washington, District of Columbia

\$249,785

Through the Effective Providers for Child Victims of Violence project, the American Psychological Association (APA) will: (a) reduce the gap in supporting child and adolescent victims of violence by increasing service providers’ awareness and knowledge of the impact of violence on children and adolescents and of effective trauma-focused, culturally sensitive, developmentally appropriate, evidence-based interventions; (b) build the capacity of victim service providers; and (c) establish and maintain the infrastructure to support the development and implementation of all project activities.

National Center for Victims of Crime, Washington, District of Columbia **\$250,000**

Through this project, the National Center for Victims of Crime will plan and conduct an 18-month Action Partnership to develop culturally relevant educational resources and provide training and technical assistance to raise awareness about the needs and rights of black children exposed to violence and victimization. The Center will plan and implement this initiative in partnership with the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP) and project spokesperson William Killibrew IV.

National Children’s Alliance, Washington, District of Columbia **\$249,150**

Through this project, the National Children's Alliance will develop "ChildVictimWeb," an eight-component multi-media training on the prevalence and impact of child victimization and trauma, evidence-based treatments and treatment planning, and case management skills. The training will improve the ability of members and professional affiliates to advance victims’ rights and improve services for children exposed to violence.

American Academy of Pediatrics, Elk Grove Village, Illinois **\$249,997**

Through this project, the American Academy of Pediatrics will promote adoption of the medical home approach, which the Department of Justice’s Safe Start initiative has identified as an evidence-based and promising intervention for children exposed to violence. The goals of the project are to (1) increase pediatricians’ awareness of the scope and effects of children’s exposure to and victimization by violence; and (2) enhance pediatric practices’ capacity to identify children exposed to or victimized by violence and refer them to needed services.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Reno, Nevada **\$250,000**

Through the Adolescents and Intimate Partner Violence: A National Judicial Curriculum project, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), in partnership with the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF), will increase the capacity of judges to respond to adolescent partner violence. To accomplish the project’s goals, the partners will: assess what judges need to learn to promote victim safety and offender accountability in these cases; develop a curriculum to educate judges on the dynamics of the violence, how to intervene, and how to serve as leaders in their communities on this issue; pilot test the curriculum with a 2 ½- day educational program for judges; revise the curriculum outline as needed; and integrate the educational materials developed through this project into judicial education programs throughout the country.

National Crime Victim Law Institute, Portland, Oregon **\$250,000**

Through this project, the National Crime Victim Law Institute’s National Alliance of Victims’ Rights Attorneys (NAVRA) will develop a two day curriculum and a variety of practitioner tools written for both lawyer and advocate audiences.

Evaluation of the Attorney General’s Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program: Phase I

The National Institute of Justice funds the research and evaluation of the Attorney General’s Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program. The grant provides objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of crime and justice at the State and local levels.

Organization	City, State	Grant Amount
Fund for The City of New York, Center for Court Innovation	New York, New York	\$500,000

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This project will provide for a Phase I evaluation of the Attorney General’s Children Exposed to Violence Demonstration Program. Informed by a broad ecological framework, the goals are to: (1) implement a participatory research process at all eight sites; (2) conduct a formative evaluation of all eight demonstrations; (3) identify both universal outcomes and data and specific measures appropriate to individual sites; and (4) produce a comprehensive research design for a four-site Phase II process, impact, and cost evaluation.

Public Awareness and Outreach for Victims in Underserved Communities:

The Office for Victims of Crime grants support raising awareness within underserved populations about the needs of children exposed to violence and enhancing their knowledge about crime victims' rights and access to crime victims' services and resources.

Organization	City, State	Grant Amount
Alaska Children's Alliance	Chugiak, Alaska	\$99,996
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	Juneau, Alaska	\$100,000
Victim/Witness Services for Coconino County	Flagstaff, Arizona	\$99,000
Break The Cycle	Los Angeles, California	\$100,000
East Bay Community Foundation	Oakland, California	\$100,000
Korean American Family Service Center	Los Angeles, California	\$99,998
Our House, Inc.	Greenville, Mississippi	\$100,000
Sauti Yetu Center for African Women, Inc.	New York, New York	\$96,095
Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc.	Hugo, Oklahoma	\$100,000
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Warwick, Rhode Island	\$100,000

Alaska Children's Alliance, Chugiak, Alaska **\$99,996**

The goal of this project is to work with a broad range of local community, tribal government, and regional entities to assist eight rural, remote communities in the Copper River Basin region of interior Alaska to recognize and respond to child sexual victimization and to develop individualized community products to ensure the tools are culturally accountable.

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Juneau, Alaska **\$100,000**

Through this project, the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a consortium of 18 victim-service programs, in partnership with the Tundra Women's Coalition and with support from the Center for Human Development, Head Start, and KYUK Radio, will raise awareness of the effects of violence on children among Alaska Natives in the regional hub of Bethel and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, including individuals with disabilities in the same area - both underserved populations in Alaska - and raise awareness of resources available to help children in the area.

Victim/Witness Services for Coconino County, Flagstaff, Arizona **\$ 99,000**

An advisory group will be developed to guide the overall mission of increasing the knowledge of child maltreatment victims' needs within the Navajo, Hopi, Havasupai, and Hualapa tribes and promoting the awareness of the available resources and services.

Break The Cycle, Los Angeles, California **\$100,000**

The Hear My Voice Campaign, a public awareness project targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth ages 14 to 24 in the greater metropolitan areas of Chicago, IL and Austin, TX, aims to provide information and tools to help sexual minority youth identify and diagnose dating violence, inform them of their legal rights, and promote local services available to help them escape abuse and build safe relationships.

East Bay Community Foundation, Oakland, California **\$100,000**

The goal of the initiative is to educate Oakland families with limited English proficiency about the long-term impacts of exposure to violence on children, as well as to provide them with resources where they can seek counseling and assistance.

Korean American Family Service Center, Los Angeles, California **\$99,998**

The purpose of the Korean American Family Violence Awareness Project is to increase knowledge in the Korean American community of the effects of family violence on child victims, their needs, and local resources for child victims, with the goal of connecting them to appropriate services. A media public awareness campaign will be

combined with community organizing and training to mobilize key community and faith institutions around child victimization issues and to enhance victims' access to culturally specific intervention and treatment.

Our House Inc., Greenville, Mississippi **\$100,000**

Our House, Inc., a domestic violence and sexual assault community-based organization, along with three rural schools and four rural faith-based organizations, will implement a public awareness campaign in five rural Mississippi counties. The goal is to plan and develop a public awareness campaign to provide information about existing resources and services available to 5,000 African American youth, ages 10-24, directly exposed to interpersonal violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

Sauti Yetu Center for African Women, Inc., New York, New York **\$ 96,095**

The goal of the Sauti Yetu Center for African Women is to create a child-centered, ethnic media and community outreach campaign to raise awareness about culturally and linguistically appropriate services and resources for children from African immigrant families who have been exposed to family, domestic, and other forms of violence.

Little Dixie Community Action Agency, Inc., Hugo, Oklahoma **\$100,000**

The goal of Little Dixie Community Action Agency's public awareness project is to raise awareness within an extremely rural, underserved population about services available to child abuse and neglect victims. The objectives are to: (1) increase awareness of services through utilization of at least eight marketing venues during the two year project period, and (2) provide 600 child victims with backpacks to keep throughout their child welfare journey with information about how to access services.

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Warwick, Rhode Island **\$100,000**

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV) plans to coordinate statewide public awareness strategies about the impact on children who witness domestic violence, and to raise awareness about the services that are available for children, specifically targeting underserved Latino communities that face specific cultural and linguistic barriers to accessing services.

Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Family Violence

The National Institute of Justice sponsors research to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools on topics related to children's exposure to family violence or the intersection of child custody and domestic violence.

Organization	City, State	Grant Amount
University of New Hampshire	Durham, New Hampshire	\$400,572
University of Washington	Seattle, Washington	\$844,297

University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire **\$400,572**

This study involves interviews with caregivers and children about the experiences of a nationally representative sample of 525 children, all of whom have been exposed to family violence in the previous year, including about 140 in which the episode was known to police.

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington **\$844,297**

A retrospective cohort study will be conducted among King County couples with minor children filing for marriage dissolution with the King County Superior Court (KCSC) or Kent Regional Justice Center (RJC) between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2010, who have a history of police-or court-documented intimate partner violence (IPV). The major aim of this study is to test the hypothesis that legal representation of the IPV victim in child custody decisions leads to greater legal protections being awarded in child custody and visitation decisions compared to similar cases of unrepresented IPV victims.