

Youth Projects Resource Document

Projects addressing youth can use funds to develop, expand, and strengthen prevention strategies and intervention services that target children, youth, and young adults who are victims of or exposed to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, or stalking or who are victims of other severe forms of trafficking in persons who have also experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, or stalking, including support for nonabusing parents, caretakers, and legal guardians.

- Prevention strategies may include bystander intervention, peer-to-peer education, parent/guardian education, community or public awareness campaigns, and engaging men as mentors and role models.
- Intervention must include direct advocacy and counseling services. Other services may include home visitation, emergency shelter, transitional housing, mental health services, legal advocacy, mentoring, educational support, and transportation.

In addition, applicants whose projects focus on youth are strongly encouraged to

1. partner with as many as possible of the following:
 - a. A school or school district
 - b. A domestic violence or sexual assault service provider, if the applicant is itself not such a service provider
 - c. A children- and youth-focused program, such as Head Start or an after-school, community-based program, if the applicant is itself not such a program
 - d. A culturally specific service provider or an organization that works with the identified target population(s) for the proposed project, if the applicant is itself not such a provider or organization;
2. have (or partner with an agency that has) a history of conducting prevention education, intervention strategies, or community awareness activities related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
3. have (or partner with an agency that has) the expertise and history to provide trauma-informed victim services, including victim advocacy, crisis counseling, or mental health services, for the proposed age range (children/youth/young adults);
4. identify at least one marginalized or underserved population to be served (for purposes of the solicitation, children and youth will not be considered an underserved population);
5. have (or partner with an agency that has), and describe in its application, demonstrated expertise and experience with providing services to the marginalized or underserved community or communities identified in the application;
6. provide victim services, such as crisis counseling and referrals, through their own programming or through an appropriate project partner for all project activities that specifically engage youth and/or parents, care providers, or legal guardians.