Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program

Purpose

The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) administers a grant from the federal Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. This program challenges the victim advocates, police officers, pre-trial service personnel, probation and parole officers and community leaders to work together for solutions to effectively address the problem of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, ensure victim safety, and hold offenders accountable.

OCVA currently funds the Advocating for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Project. This project enhances and expands the project to eight agencies. The project also provides technical assistance and support for agencies implementing organizational changes to better serve immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This project is funded for 24 months beginning October 1, 2011, and ending on September 30, 2013.

Strategic Goal

Mobilize and enhance local assets that strengthen community ability to meet the economic and social needs of Washington’s families, workers and employers.

Results and Achievements

Each of the project site organizations across five counties will support staffing positions from at least a half-time to full-time equivalent to work with immigrant and refugee victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking – increasing the number of immigrant victims served. The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project along with a project coordinator will provide specific legal advocacy strategies to support immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project will also provide informational cards for criminal justice staff in Pierce, King, Skagit, Columbia and Walla Walla counties. The Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs will provide technical assistance and support for advocates.

Services

The Advocating for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Project aims to increase and enhance legal advocacy services to immigrant and refugee victims in five counties.