

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Regional Domestic Violence Council
FY 2014 Committee Goals**

MAG Goals:

- 1) Continue to implement the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project and further enhance the region's response to domestic violence through the criminal justice system. This will be achieved through the support of 22 formal project partners and the delivery of training via an in-person event, brown bag training sessions for victim advocates, affinity group meetings with criminal justice stakeholders, a webinar, and a video for law enforcement. The Regional Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model will be maintained and refined on the basis of best practice research and local assessments.
- 2) Monitor the implementation of the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. Document and report progress made and barriers identified on an annual basis to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. The impact will be that the plan continues to move forward and positively impact the way the region responds to domestic violence, as evidenced by Committee approval in the fourth quarter of FY 2014.
- 3) Host the Annual Domestic Violence Press Conference to raise awareness about domestic violence and the work of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. Work with community partners to develop, distribute, and update a calendar of activities planned during October 2013. Coverage of the press conference will increase by 10 percent from FY 2013.
- 4) Plan and support brown bag training sessions of interest to MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council members, law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim advocates on a quarterly basis in FY 2014. The success of the sessions will be indicated by 75 percent of the attendees indicating they received useful information they can apply in their work to keep domestic violence victims safe and to hold abusers accountable.
- 5) Continue to coordinate activities with community partners such as municipal fatality review teams and domestic violence commissions, the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Purple Ribbon Council, O'Connor House, and others to maximize the region's capacity to address domestic violence. This will be documented in FY 2014 through support of collaborative projects as presented to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council.

Partnership Goals:

- 1) Collaborate with the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, O'Connor House, and A New Leaf to promote various training opportunities and resource tools to assist in the work of victim advocates. Assist in efforts for statewide expansion of the Victim Advocate Services Interactive Web Map.

- 2) Collaborate with the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Northland Family Help Center, Arizona Department of Health Services, and Arizona State University School of Social Work to promote comprehensive and coordinated approaches to domestic violence prevention as part of Arizona's Intimate Partner Primary Prevention Project (if awarded funding).
- 3) Collaborate with the O'Connor House Orders of Protection Task Force to investigate best practices and opportunities to enhance information sharing between law enforcement and prosecutors for more efficient and effective service and enforcement of protective orders.
- 4) Collaborate with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and Department of Public Safety to identify and strengthen data collection related to the arrest and prosecution of domestic violence crimes.
- 5) Support the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and domestic violence shelter providers to consider a shelter bed study and pursue next steps.