

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence
FY 2015 Annual Update**

Executive Summary

The 2010 Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence contains 15 strategies to enhance the regions coordinated response to domestic violence and guide the effort to end domestic violence in our communities. The annual update provides a report on the progresses made, challenges experienced, and goals for the next year.

Fiscal Year 2015 saw a number of marked successes, including progress made on strategies four, nine, ten, eleven and fifteen.

- **Strategy 4 – Develop standardized multidisciplinary curriculum for providing domestic violence education to criminal justice system and first responders.** Three large scale multidisciplinary training events were hosted by the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) with more than 460 individuals trained.
- **Strategy 9 – Coordinate multidisciplinary effort for reviewing standard protocols and practices for responding to domestic violence.** The Felony Protocol Model was revised through a coordinated multidisciplinary approach. The revised protocol model was released in February 2015.
- **Strategy 10 – Connect all resources for people experiencing domestic violence and homelessness through a coordinated community response.** The Centralized Screening system used to coordinate requests for shelter and resource referral is now serving all eleven local domestic violence shelters, receiving nearly 900 calls each month.
- **Strategy 11 – Create an ideal model for culturally competent prevention and intervention services.** The ACESDV Gender and Sexual Minority Committee partnered with MAG to provide trainings on Gender-Identity non-discrimination, and service provision to the Regional Domestic Violence Council, and a two hour multidisciplinary Brown Bag Training Event.
- **Strategy 15 – Create long-term supports for helping survivors maintain their safety.** The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) has expanded its participant base by approximately 200 percent, while strengthening the programs ability to keep residence information protected.

Progress in these areas and others resulted in increased coordination of resources, increased education for those working to end domestic violence, greater long-term safety for victims and greater accountability for offenders.

Introduction

Domestic violence is a prevalent issue in any community. The devastation left in its wake is widespread- impacting our families, our communities, our region, and our state. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that, on average, 20 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence identified 109 domestic violence related deaths in the state in 2014.

A range of community partners across many disciplines are dedicated to putting an end to the pain and trauma of domestic violence. They continue to raise awareness, increase education, strengthen collaborations, and provide services for victims of domestic violence and their families. Their tireless efforts must be recognized, yet there is still more work to be done.

Background

When the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) released the Regional Domestic Violence Plan in August 1999, it was one of only six regions addressing domestic violence through a coordinated community approach. The precipitator for this coordinated effort was the brutal death of a young mother, murdered by her husband in front of her children after attempting to leave. This tragedy solidified the need for change in our region. The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) released the Regional Domestic Violence plan with the goal of preventing similar events from happening in the future.

Contained in the 1999 MAG Regional Domestic Violence Plan were 41 recommendations to facilitate the region's response. These recommendations included raising awareness, increasing shelter beds, developing workplace policies, educating teens about dating violence, training various professionals about recognizing and helping victims of abuse, and much more. One of the plan's recommendations also established a multidisciplinary committee, the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, to provide oversight for implementing the recommendations. The Council focused on improving the lives of those who experience abuse while seeking initiatives to ultimately end domestic violence in the region.

Ten years later, a new regional plan would be developed through a collaborative effort between the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and St. Luke's Health Initiative. The FY2011 MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence outlined 15 strategies to help keep victims safe and hold their abusers accountable. Borne out of collaboration, the plan is a true reflection of the community's dedication to this issue. The efforts of those who serve on the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, those who participated in the process and those who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of those who have experienced the trauma of abuse, are greatly appreciated.

This document serves as an annual report highlighting the progress made on the MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence, as well as goals for the future. This report details the progress made on each of the 15 strategies identified to establish sustainable funding sources, offer training and education, and enhance coordination efforts among law enforcement, the judicial system, domestic violence advocates, healthcare professionals, and the community.

Progress

The MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence is built on four areas of focus; *Funding, Training and Education, Coordination and Collaboration, and Services*. The four focus areas include 15 strategies to successfully propel the plan forward, resulting in enhanced processes for keeping more victims safe and holding more abusers accountable. The goal is to increase process efficiencies, leverage resources, establish and maintain coordination and make the most difference in addressing the impact of domestic violence on our families, communities, and region.

Funding: Strategy One was identified in the focus area of Funding. This strategy is to communicate the need for sustainable funding for existing programs and services. The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) continued to advocate for the preservation of state funding. During the legislative session ACESDV sends out weekly email updates which include budget information and detail the importance of sustained funding, in addition to hosting an annual advocacy day at the State Capitol. Additionally ACESDV explored varied local and national partnerships. The success of these partnerships enabled an “A Call to Men” presentation as well as a “Touchdown for Tenderness” event held prior to the Super Bowl in 2015. These partnerships brought increased awareness to the need for sustainable funding for programs and services.

Training and Education: Strategies Two through Six were identified in the Training and Education focus area. These strategies include raising awareness and educating the public about domestic violence, increasing social capital for prevention efforts, and developing multidisciplinary trainings for the criminal justice system as well as victims seeking justice.

ACESDV participated in the national "No More" campaign, and collaborated with the Avon Program for Women and Justice at the O'Connor Institute (Formerly O'Connor House) on the statewide "Speak Out" poster campaign. Arizona continues to support the “Start by Believing” campaign, which focuses on the importance of believing victims of sexual assault when they report abuse. ACESDV currently offers a variety of trainings to advocates and other domestic violence practitioners. Additionally, ACESDV staff travel statewide to provide information and resource tables at varied events throughout the year to raise awareness. ACESDV and Arizona Coalition for Victim Services (ACVS) hosted a three-day training conference in September 2014. Conference tracks included domestic violence, sexual assault, victim services, prevention,

and governance and administration. Workshops promoted best practices, unique approaches, and collaboration among various disciplines. ACESDV also offers a robust calendar of standardized trainings and webinars, including DV 101 and lay legal advocacy trainings offered in partnership with the City of Phoenix. The City of Phoenix continued the local awareness campaign, Paint Phoenix Purple, with the help of numerous community partners.

The Purple Ribbon Council (PRC), and BLOOM for Healthy Relationships continue to increase awareness in youth through on-campus presentations and involvement opportunities. PRC has expanded prevention efforts in the areas of youth education, community engagement, and family empowerment. In 2014 BLOOM was expanded into a multiple session curriculum. In FY 2015 BLOOM expanded its outreach into three school districts, with additional expansions pending for FY 2016. BLOOM also encourages community awareness and involvement by reaching out to businesses and organizations in a five mile radius around each partner school. BLOOM will expand peer to peer training efforts in FY 2016 as well.

In collaboration with the O'Connor Institute (formerly O'Connor House) MAG created an interactive web application for connecting victims and bystanders to the resources they need, www.findDVservices.com, which was expanded in 2014 to include Justice Center complexes. In 2015 MAG will continue to host Brown Bag trainings on a variety of subjects, in addition to webinar trainings. These trainings will be coordinated with ACESDV, Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AZ POST), and the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council (APAAC). MAG will continue to coordinate affinity group meetings for law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocates to assist with understanding the roles and responsibilities of each aspect of the criminal justice system in order to facilitate increased communication and collaboration.

Coordination and Collaboration: Strategies Seven through 10 were identified in the Coordination and Collaboration focus area. These strategies include increasing collaboration between domestic violence shelters and services, increasing information about available resources, coordinating assessment of domestic violence protocols, and developing a coordinated process for helping people experiencing domestic violence and homelessness obtain critical resources.

The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) expanded the scope of the monthly Maricopa Urban Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Directors meetings. The work of the group has expanded to address systemic issues such as data management and shelter bed reporting. The Executive Director's group works closely with Centralized Screening to continually monitor available bed space. This communication has made transfers between shelters much more seamless. The collaborative nature of the group has led to shelters and service providers working as one to help prevent gaps in services provided. This coordination has also led to an increased camaraderie among participants, providing an increase in self-care opportunities.

To date, all 11 local domestic violence shelters are utilizing centralized screening, an increase from nine shelters in FY 2014. Centralized screening receives, on average, 890 calls per month for shelter and resource referrals. Centralized screening now has a toll free phone number, and is increasing accessibility to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) provides an interactive statewide map containing information about domestic violence programs at the local, county, and statewide level. An interactive web map, www.FindDVservices.com, which was developed through a collaboration between MAG and the O'Connor Institute (formerly O'Connor House) is still maintained by MAG. The web map provides an easy way for bystanders to access information about where victims can find help. The map is also mobile friendly, and was recently expanded to include Justice Center Complexes.

In 2014 and 2015 the Governor's Office awarded STOP Violence Against Women grant funding for the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project (PEP) to expand assessment of domestic violence protocols in 2014, and case transfer protocols in 2015. In 2014, the felony domestic violence protocols were reviewed and revised through a partnership between MAG and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO), and community stakeholders. The Avon Program for Women and Justice at O'Connor Institute's protective order task force will work in close collaboration with law enforcement to address firearm possession by domestic violence offenders. An electronic transfer system for protective orders piloted by El Mirage and Apache Junction has seen strong successes, with El Mirage reporting a substantive increase in orders served within a 24 hour period. Through this process, the victim is no longer responsible for coordinating service of the order, eliminating an often dangerous step. An electronic transfer system for transmittal of release orders is now being discussed as well, with plans for development in FY 2016.

Services: Strategies 11 through 15 were identified in the Services focus area. These strategies include creating a model for culturally competent services, enhancing the process for meeting survivor's housing needs, developing supports for teens, coordinating more transportation options for those staying in shelter, and creating long-term supports for helping survivors maintain safety.

ACESDV continues to provide training and technical assistance to programs about offering inclusive services. The ACESDV Multicultural Advisory Committee continues to search for and find opportunities to provide culturally competent services and promote Gender Identity Non-discrimination policies. In April 2015, ACESDV offered a brief presentation to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council on Gender Sensitivity, followed by an extensive Brown Bag training detailing respectful language, and culturally competent service provision to Gender and Sexual Minorities, and the LGBT community. Plans are underway to ensure the needs of Gender and Sexual Minority (GSM) survivors are included in service provision throughout the state.

Centralized screening is gathering valuable data about the types of services survivors are seeking. Data indicates survivors call the hotline not only for shelter, but also for resource referral. In response, ACESDV continues to assess alternate service opportunities, including mobile advocacy. Eve's Place is one shelter which has successfully transitioned into mobile advocacy and other local shelters have explored the possibility of a partial transition to mobile advocacy as well. ACESDV will continue to work with centralized screening to assess survivors housing and alternative service needs. Transportation options for those residing in shelters continue to be explored. Legislative changes have negatively impacted the access to grant funding for transportation for domestic violence victims, and new opportunities have not yet been identified. The need to find transportation resources for these victims will continue to be a priority through FY2016.

In partnership with the Phoenix Union High School District, the city delivered workshops, trainings, and outreach events focusing on the importance of healthy relationships in October 2014 and February 2015. Anti-violence awareness art and poetry contests, youth town halls, resource fairs, and flash mobs helped draw the attention of youth and raise community awareness. Trainings were provided for teachers, counselors, and school staff about recognizing the signs of dating violence. An In Their Shoes exercise with high school and middle school students was tremendously successful and has resulted in the exercise being repeated on school campuses and incorporated into teacher and staff training. In FY2016 the Phoenix Youth and Education Task Force has plans to expand into schools located outside of the city, including a partnership with other cities to help them establish anti-violence and healthy relationship education.

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) has continued to provide survivors of domestic violence with the ability to keep their address confidential. To date, ACP has assisted 307 families (807 participants). Legislative changes in July 2014 expanded support for the program by affording participants additional protections. Legislative changes increased participant safety in many ways such as expanding protections to all state public schools, which is now inclusive of charter schools.

Next Steps

Great progress has been made on the strategies housed by the MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence over the last year. This work was made possible by the tenacity of community partners devoted to ending domestic violence. These community partners continue to devote their time, energy and passion for helping others and maintain perseverance for making a difference to this work. Their commitment to ending domestic violence in the region is truly inspiring. This level of dedication is needed to continue making changes to better serve victims of domestic violence in our communities.

Many of the strategies enumerated in the regional plan will be ongoing. For example, the work of the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project has focused on improving the processes for transferring domestic violence cases from municipalities to the county, and vice versa. A thorough analysis of the varied processes will reveal procedural strengths, as well as gaps and challenges which provide opportunities for improvement. Once identified, the gaps can be closed by refining and enhancing the way this transfer process is handled. The Protocol Evaluation Project continues to develop training resources for law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim advocates to enhance the implementation of domestic violence protocols and best practices. Increasing communication and collaboration will serve the region well in leveraging resources and improving processes to ultimately keep more victims safe and hold more abusers accountable.

The spirit of collaboration will continue to be strengthened among various agencies and organizations with the common goal of ending domestic violence. The efforts of various community agencies resulted in Arizona being named the first Start by Believing state. In October 2014, the collaborative energy was visible again when the MAG Regional Council composed of our regions leaders signed a declaration in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Significant progress was made in the focus areas and strategies laid out in the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. This is an exciting time as the community is coming together to help bring an end to domestic violence. The last five years provide a springboard for launching innovative changes in intervention and prevention of domestic violence in the region and across the state.

Appendix

The appendix provides an overview of efforts underway and progress made to date on each of the strategies identified in the Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence. While these efforts continue, ongoing opportunities still exist to become involved and participate in implementing positive change. To find out more about the MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence, Regional Domestic Violence Council or the Protocol Evaluation Project, please contact Amy Robinson, at arobinson@azmag.gov or visit the [Regional Domestic Violence Council website](#).

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Strategies	Partners	Timeline	Progress
<i>Funding</i>			
1. Communicate the need for sustainable funding for existing programs and services.	Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) formerly known as AZCADV, Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW).	FY 2011-2012	ACESDV continued to advocate for the preservation of state funding. During the legislative session ACESDV sends out weekly email updates which include budget information and detail the importance of sustained funding, in addition to hosting an annual advocacy day at the State Capitol. Additionally ACESDV explored varied local and national partnerships. The success of these partnerships enabled an “A Call to Men” presentation as well as a “Touchdown for Tenderness” event held prior to the Super Bowl in 2015. These partnerships brought increased awareness to the need for sustainable funding for programs and services.
<i>Training and Education</i>			
2. Develop avenues for systems to raise awareness and educate the public about domestic violence.	Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW).	FY 2011-2013	ACESDV participated in the national "No More" campaign, and collaborated with the Avon Program for Women and Justice at the O'Connor Institute (Formerly O'Connor House) on the statewide "Speak Out" poster campaign. The City of Phoenix continued the local awareness campaign, Paint Phoenix Purple, with the help of numerous community partners. Arizona continues to support the “Start by Believing” campaign, which focuses on the importance of believing victims of sexual assault when they report abuse. Additionally, ACESDV travels statewide to provide information and resource tables at varied events throughout the year to raise awareness. The Purple Ribbon Council, and BLOOM for Healthy Relationships continue to increase awareness in youth through on-campus presentations and involvement opportunities. In October 2014, MAG held a Voices for Justice Press Conference, attended by more than 50 people and nine media outlets.

<p>3. Increase social capital through grassroots efforts focused on the prevention of domestic violence.</p>	<p>Purple Ribbon Council (PRC)</p>	<p>FY 2011-2012</p>	<p>PRC has expanded prevention efforts in the areas of youth education, community engagement, and family empowerment. BLOOM for Healthy Relationships, a teen dating violence and domestic abuse primary prevention project, was expanded into a multiple session curriculum. In FY 2015 BLOOM expanded its outreach into three school districts, with additional expansions pending for FY 2016. BLOOM also encourages community awareness and involvement by reaching out to businesses and organizations in a five mile radius around each partner school. BLOOM will expand peer to peer training efforts in FY 2016 as well. MAG facilitated two large multi-disciplinary trainings in 2014. The Solutions for Safety event was held in August, and the Building Bridges to Justice Roundtable was held in December. Collectively the three events trained more than 450 people.</p>
<p>4. Develop standardized, multidisciplinary curriculum for providing domestic violence education to criminal justice system and first responders.</p>	<p>Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), AZ Supreme Court Administrative Offices of the Court (AOC), Governor's Office for, Youth, Faith, and Families (GOYFF), (formerly the Governor's Office on Children youth and Families [GOCYF]).</p>	<p>FY 2011-2013</p>	<p>In 2014, the AOC created a series of 12 bench briefing videos to address issues related to domestic violence. ACESDV and ACVS hosted a three-day training conference in September 2014. Conference tracks included domestic violence, sexual assault, victim services, prevention, and governance and administration. Workshops promoted best practices, unique approaches, and collaboration among various disciplines. ACESDV also offers a robust calendar of standardized trainings and webinars, including DV 101 and lay legal advocacy trainings offered in partnership with the City of Phoenix.</p>
<p>5. Develop multidisciplinary training for victims about the criminal justice process, law enforcement procedures, and realistic expectations of these systems.</p>	<p>Governor's Office for, Youth, Faith, and Families (GOYFF), (formerly the Governor's Office on Children youth and Families [GOCYF]), Phoenix Family Advocacy</p>	<p>FY 2011-2012</p>	<p>In 2012, the O'Connor House and MAG held discussions with victim advocates about what they needed to support their work. These conversations resulted in additional supports for victim advocates, including development of www.FindDVservices.com, an interactive web application for connecting victims to the help they need. In FY 2015, the map was expanded to include local Justice Centers. In those conversations, advocates also expressed a need for training. In 2015 MAG will continue to host Brown Bag trainings on a variety of subjects, in addition to webinar trainings. These trainings will be coordinated with ACESDV, AZ POST, and APAAC.ACESDV</p>

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6. Develop cross-training between law enforcement, criminal justice system, and advocates.	Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (AZ POST), Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)	FY 2012-2013	AZ POST continued to support the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project through trainings to help implement the Regional Protocol Model, as well as supporting MAG Brown Bag Training Series events. New and existing partnerships with local agencies resulted in collaborative multidisciplinary training opportunities about victim services, investigation, and prosecution. AZ POST continues to support cross-training between law enforcement, prosecutors, and victim advocates.
<i>Coordination and Collaboration</i>			
7. Increase coordination and collaboration between shelters and services.	Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV)	FY 2011-2012	ACESDV expanded the reach of the monthly Maricopa Urban Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Directors meetings. The group was renamed the Urban Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Directors meeting. There are more than 15 regional domestic violence agencies participating in these collaborative meetings, in addition to rural and other statewide agencies who meet at other times. The work of the group has also expanded to address systemic issues such as data management and shelter bed reporting. The collaborative nature of the group has led to shelters and service providers working as one to help prevent gaps in services provided. This coordination has also led to an increased camaraderie among participants, providing an increase in self-care opportunities.
8. Increase access to information on available resources.	Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), AZ Department of Economic Security (DES)	FY 2011-2012	DES provides an interactive statewide map containing information about domestic violence programs at the local, county, and statewide level. An interactive web map, FindDVservices.com, which was developed through a collaboration between MAG and the O'Connor Institute (formerly O'Connor House) is still maintained by MAG. The web map provides an easy way for bystanders to access information about where victims can find help. The map is also mobile friendly, and was recently expanded to include Justice Center Complexes. Use of lethality and risk assessments by police and advocates has led to a greater awareness of the danger of domestic violence in victims, precipitating an increase in requests for resources.

<p>9. Coordinate multidisciplinary effort for reviewing standard protocols and practices for responding to domestic violence.</p>	<p>Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Governor's Office for, Youth, Faith, and Families (GOYFF), (formerly the Governor's Office on Children youth and Families [GOCYF]), O'Connor House.</p>	<p>FY 2011-2012</p>	<p>In 2014 and 2015 the Governor's Office awarded STOP Violence Against Women grant funding for the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project (PEP) to expand assessment of domestic violence protocols in 2014, and case transfer protocols in 2015. In 2014, the felony domestic violence protocols were reviewed and revised through a partnership between MAG and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO), and community stakeholders. The Avon Program for Women and Justice at O'Connor Institute's (formerly O'Connor House) protective order task force will work in close collaboration with law enforcement to address firearm possession by domestic violence offenders. An electronic transfer system piloted by El Mirage and Apache Junction has seen strong successes, with El Mirage reporting a substantive increase in orders served within a 24 hour period. Through this process, the victim is no longer responsible for coordinating service of the order. An electronic transfer system for transmittal of release orders is now being discussed as well, with plans for development in FY 2016.</p>
<p>10. Connect all critical resources for people experiencing domestic violence and homelessness through a coordinated community response.</p>	<p>Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Governor's Office for, Youth, Faith, and Families (GOYFF), (formerly the Governor's Office on Children youth and Families [GOCYF])</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The centralized screening process for domestic violence services was initiated in March 2013 by A New Leaf. To date, all 11 domestic violence shelters are utilizing centralized screening, an increase from nine shelters in FY 2014. Centralized screening receives, on average, 890 calls per month for shelter and resource referrals. Centralized screening now has a toll free phone number, and is increasing accessibility to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.</p>
<p><i>Services</i></p>			

<p>11. Create an ideal model for culturally competent prevention and intervention services.</p>	<p>Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV) in partnership with culturally specific organizations, such as Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, AZ South Asians for Safe Families, Chicanos por la Causa.</p>	<p>FY 2011-2013</p>	<p>ACESDV continued to provide training and technical assistance to programs about offering inclusive services. The ACESDV Multicultural Advisory Committee continues to search for and find opportunities to provide culturally competent services and promote Gender Identity Non-discrimination policies. In April 2015, ACESDV offered a brief presentation to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council on Gender Sensitivity, followed by an extensive Brown Bag training detailing respectful language, and culturally competent service provision to Gender and Sexual Minorities, and the LGBT community. Plans are underway to ensure the needs of Gender and Sexual Minority (GSM) survivors are included in service provision throughout the state.</p>
<p>12. Enhance the process for appropriately meeting survivors' housing needs.</p>	<p>AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACESDV), Arizona Housing Alliance</p>	<p>FY 2012-2014</p>	<p>The centralized screening process undertaken by A New Leaf in March 2013 is gathering valuable data about the types of services survivors are seeking. Data indicates survivors call the hotline not only for shelter, but also for resource referral. In response, ACESDV continues to assess alternate service opportunities, including mobile advocacy. Eve's Place is one shelter which has successfully transitioned into mobile advocacy and other local shelters have explored the possibility of a partial transition to mobile advocacy as well. In 2015 ACESDV will continue to work with centralized screening to assess survivors housing and alternative service needs.</p>
<p>13. Develop support groups for teens who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence.</p>	<p>Governor's Division for Women (GOFCYF), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), The City of Phoenix</p>	<p>FY 2011-2012</p>	<p>In partnership with the Phoenix Union High School District, the city delivered workshops, trainings, and outreach events focusing on the importance of healthy relationships in October 2014 and February 2015. Anti-violence awareness art and poetry contests, youth town halls, resource fairs, and flash mobs helped draw the attention of youth and raise community awareness. Trainings were provided for teachers, counselors, and school staff about recognizing the signs of dating violence. An In Their Shoes exercise with high school and middle school students was tremendously successful and has resulted in the exercise being repeated on school campuses and incorporated into teacher and staff training. In FY2016 the Phoenix Youth and Education Task Force has plans to expand into schools located outside of the city, including a partnership with other cities to help them establish anti-violence and healthy relationship education.</p>

<p>14. Develop more transportation options for those residing in shelter.</p>	<p>Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)</p>	<p>FY 2011-2012</p>	<p>Transportation options for those residing in shelters continue to be explored. Domestic violence shelter directors and program staff were provided with human services transportation resources and opportunities for involvement. A survey was conducted in FY2013 to identify available transit options and to explore opportunities for coordination and collaboration. Legislative changes have negatively impacted the access to grant funding for transportation for domestic violence victims, and new opportunities have not yet been identified. The need to find transportation resources for these victims will continue to be a priority through FY2016.</p>
<p>15. Create long-term supports for helping survivors maintain their safety.</p>	<p>Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV), Governor's Office for, Youth, Faith, and Families (GOYFF), (formerly the Governor's Office on Children youth and Families [GOCYF]).</p>	<p>FY 2012-2014</p>	<p>The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) has continued to provide survivors of domestic violence with the ability to keep their address confidential. To date, ACP has assisted 307 families (807 participants). Legislative changes in July 2014 expanded support for the program by affording participants additional protections. The legislative changes increased the certification period to five years, removed restrictive renewal requirements, and modified language to expand protections to all state public schools, which is now inclusive of charter schools. A report by the Arizona State University Morrison Institute for Public Policy was released in 2014 and findings identified the need for more community-based resources to assist victims who do not enter residential programs. ACESDV has continued to explore and support community-based resources such as mobile advocacy.</p>