

**MAG Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence  
2012 Quarterly Progress Update - First Quarter**

<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b><i>Funding</i></b>			
1. Communicate the need for sustainable funding for existing programs and services.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV), Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW)	FY 2011-2012	AZCADV has approached a corporate sponsor to help conduct a fundraising event to benefit domestic violence shelters and programs statewide. The Coalition has advocated on the impact of the loss of funding through ongoing legislative efforts and community awareness. AFW has continued advocating with the Governor and at the legislature against service and appropriation cuts. In addition, AFW is in discussions about creating an endowment.
<b><i>Training and Education</i></b>			
2. Develop avenues for systems to raise awareness and educate the public about domestic violence.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV), Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW)	FY 2011-2013	AZCADV has worked with local and national organizations to educate the public through a consistent message. The Coalition collaborated with the Avon Program for Women and Justice at the O'Connor House on developing this year's "Speak Out" campaign poster. The new poster includes a call to action for those who know people experiencing domestic violence. In addition, the Coalition is participating in the national "No More" campaign. AFW is developing a Domestic Violence 101 training for employers, via Employers Against Domestic Violence and the Men's Anti-violence Network. The training is anticipated to be available online in early Fall.

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<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>In 2011, PRC trained 41 volunteer Go Purple Ambassadors to help spread prevention awareness in their communities, schools and churches across Arizona. PRC partnered with 21 hair salons and spas to help spread awareness of domestic abuse prevention through the Pretty in Purple Days Campaign and the Cut It Out program. PRC engaged the next generation of advocates through Teens, Awareness, Respect, and Action (T.A.R.A.) Circles. These dialogue circles educate on teen dating abuse and inspire teens to turn their ideas into action for prevention. PRC also distributed 15,000 "Is Your Relationship Blooming or Wilting?" posters to schools, physician's offices, community groups, churches, sporting events and other public places across the state. In January 2012, the "BLOOM for Healthy Relationships" curriculum was shared during a Train-the-Trainer event in Tempe.</p>

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4. Develop standardized, multi-disciplinary curriculum for providing domestic violence education to criminal justice system and first responders.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV), AZ Supreme Court Administrative Offices of the Court (AOC), Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families	FY 2011-2013	In September 2011, the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was awarded a VAWA grant from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, to be used for education for judges and court staff. The AOC's Education Services Division will lead the training effort as well as coordination of other grant activities. The training to be provided under this grant will highlight best practices in responding to domestic violence in Arizona. Multi-disciplinary partners will benefit through an increased awareness of these best practices and an improved ability to collaborate with the court system. Grant activities include creation of a best practices workbook and webcast to accompany the domestic violence benchbook. The grant also will fund the third Domestic Violence Summit which will include a collaboratively developed curriculum. Grant partners include the Glendale City Court, the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the Avon Program for Women and Justice at the O'Connor House. In 2011, the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families funded Maricopa Association of Governments and Glendale Police Department to provide training specifically for stakeholders in the criminal justice system who respond to domestic and sexual violence.
5. Develop multi-disciplinary training for victims about the criminal justice process, law enforcement procedures, and realistic expectations of these systems.	Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, Phoenix Family Advocacy Center	FY 2011-2012	The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families administers the federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant. The funding can support training for the criminal justice system about domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. In 2011, the Governor's Office funded the Maricopa Association of Governments and Glendale Police Department to provide training specifically for the criminal justice stakeholders who respond to domestic and sexual violence.

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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	As part of the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project, affinity group meetings were held in 2011 with law enforcement, prosecutors, crisis responders, and advocates. These meetings helped to identify and implement cross-training. AZ POST helped distribute the Protocol Evaluation Project's training resources as well as incorporating the misdemeanor protocol model into their trainings.
<b><i>Coordination and Collaboration</i></b>			
7. Increase coordination and collaboration between shelters and services.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV)	FY 2011-2012	AZCADV hosts the monthly Maricopa Domestic Violence Shelter Executive Directors meetings, re-instated the quarterly Residential Program Committee meetings, and developed listservs to assist in ongoing communication and collaboration among shelter staff and service providers. The purpose of these efforts are to facilitate collaboration in place of competition.
8. Increase access to information on available resources.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV), AZ Department of Economic Security	FY 2011-2012	AZCADV is in conversations with the Avon Program for Women and Justice at the O'Connor House about funding to develop a centralized database or website for listing domestic violence resources.

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<p>9. Coordinate multi-disciplinary effort for reviewing standard protocols and practices for responding to domestic violence.</p>	<p>Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families</p>	<p>FY 2011-2012</p>	<p>The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families administers the federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant. This grant funds training and the development of protocols addressing the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. In 2011, the Governor's Office funded the MAG Protocol Evaluation Project to assess the response of law enforcement and prosecutors when handling misdemeanor domestic violence crimes in Maricopa County. A regional protocol inventory was developed and compared with national best practices. A new protocol model was created to ensure a more consistent response to domestic violence across the region. Training resources including an outreach video, training video, and webinar were developed to help with implementation of the model. The project's reach extended statewide thanks to the help of the AZ Criminal Justice Commission, AZ Association of Chiefs Of Police, AZ Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council, AZ Peace Officers Standards and Training Board, and AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In 2012, PEP was awarded a new STOP Grant to maintain the misdemeanor protocol model and assess implementation of felony protocols for domestic violence crimes.</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 Children, Youth and Families</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Staff from the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families has participated in discussions about the overlap of domestic violence and homelessness with the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council, MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness, and the Arizona Commission on Homelessness and Housing. Changes to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) definition of homelessness to include victims of domestic violence, and the implementation of the HEARTH ACT will lead to additional collaboration between these two communities in 2012.</p>

**Services**

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11. Create an ideal model for culturally competent prevention and intervention services.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV) in partnership with culturally specific organizations, such as Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition, AZ South Asians for Safe Families, Chicanos por la Causa, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families	FY 2011-2013	In 2011, the AZCADV began implementing recommendations from an outside assessment of their cultural competency. This resulted in a variety of changes in the agency's materials and programs. A Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee was formed to guide these efforts. In addition, this strategy continues to be a main priority in AZCADV's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families administers the federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant. One of the State's priority areas for the STOP Grant is to provide culturally competent services.
12. Enhance the process for appropriately meeting survivors' housing needs.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV), Arizona Housing Alliance	FY 2012-2014	In 2011, AZCADV co-hosted a regional training on Advocacy Beyond Leaving. This training included tips for working with victims to assess the most appropriate housing for their needs. In addition, this strategy was included in AZCADV's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan.
13. Develop support groups for teens who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence.	Governor's Division for Women, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	FY 2011-2012	Report pending additional information.
14. Develop more transportation options for those residing in shelter.	Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)	FY 2011-2012	MAG conducted a survey of transportation needs of individuals and families living in homeless and domestic violence shelters. A regional map was developed showing proximity of homeless and domestic violence shelters to transit routes, employment centers, community action programs, and hospitals. Research has conducted into possibilities for expanding transportation options for shelter clients. In December 2011, ValleyMetro met with Executive Directors of domestic violence shelters to discuss the viability of establishing vanpools for clients. In January 2012, ValleyMetro spoke to the MAG Continuum of Care Planning Subcommittee about the possibility of developing vanpools for clients of homeless shelters.

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15. Create long-term supports for helping survivors maintain their safety.	AZ Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AZCADV), Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families	FY 2012-2014	AZCADV worked closely with the Secretary of State Ken Bennett's Office to establish the Address Confidentiality Program. The Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families administers the federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant, which can fund victim services providing support to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking victims with their safety planning efforts. In calendar year 2011, the Governor's Office held contracts with eight victim service providers.