

**Maricopa Association of Governments
Regional Domestic Violence Council
FY 2015 Committee Goals**

- 1) 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, affinity group meetings with criminal justice stakeholders, a webinar, a roundtable event, and a video for law enforcement to be completed by the fourth quarter of FY 2015.
- 2) Engage local experts in maintaining and refining the Regional Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Protocol Model. The impact will be that the model reflects the most effective practices for law enforcement's response to misdemeanor domestic violence calls. Revisions to the protocol model will be completed by the first quarter of FY 2015.
- 3) Convene up to three community meetings to support Maricopa County Attorney's Office in revising the felony protocols laid out in the Maricopa County Domestic Violence Protocol Manual. The impact will be that the felony protocols will be revised to incorporate best practices in responding to domestic violence crimes, as evidenced by at least two best practices explored during a roundtable event held during the second quarter of FY 2015.
- 4) Identify ways to improve domestic violence data collection by conducting a survey with at least 50 survivors to assess the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence crimes. The impact will be gaining important insight into the experiences of victims as they navigate the court and prosecution process, as evidenced by identification and implementation of at least two strategies for improving the criminal justice systems response to domestic violence victims by the fourth quarter of FY 2015.
- 5) 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 2014. Coverage of the press conference will increase by 10 percent from October 2013.
- 6) Collaboratively coordinate and conduct trainings for victim advocates, law enforcement, and prosecutors by partnering with agencies such as the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the O'Connor House, the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services, Arizona Prosecuting Attorney's Advisory Council and Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board. The success of the trainings 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. Trainings will be conducted by the fourth quarter of FY 2015.

- 7) Collaboratively 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 2015 through support of collaborative projects as presented to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council.

- 8) 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 third quarter of FY 2015.