

Victim Services Division

- The Division is the State Administrating Agency for Federal Grants Awarded through the Department of Justice; Office for Victims of Crime and Office on Violence Against Women
- The Division provides funding to law enforcement, victim advocates in prosecutors offices, sheriffs departments, and to non-profit agencies that offer services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, as well as counseling services, child advocacy centers, and services and programs for victims of crime

Vision and Mission

- ***Vision*** – to provide programs with funding to support their efforts to meet the needs of crime victims through out the state
- ***Mission*** – To award and administer funds to programs that provide direct services to victims and to promote a safe more secure environment which serves victims and holds offenders accountable.

Victim Services Division - ICJI

- Services are defined as efforts that:
- respond to the emotional and physical need of victims of crime
- assist primary and secondary victims to stabilize their lives after victimization
- assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and
- provide a measure of safety and security.

VOCA – *Assistance Funding Federal Formula Grant*

- Established by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) in 1984 to serve as a major funding source for victims of crime through out the county
- Not tax funded; rather, funding comes from fines and penalties imposed on offenders of federal crimes

Program Objective

- The objective of VOCA Assistance grants is to provide **direct services** to crime victims through programs that offer a variety of services based on specific victim needs.



Examples of VOCA Funded Programs

- Prosecutor-based victim advocates
- Child Advocacy Center staff costs/mental health and forensic interviews for children
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners on-call time and training
- Domestic Violence shelter staff and costs
- Law Enforcement-based victim advocates
- Counseling/therapy services for victims

VOCA Funding Allocations

VOCA FY 2009 - \$7,460,738

VOCA FY 2010 - \$8,442,459

VOCA FY 2011 - \$8,809,602

- VOCA Assistance Grants are awarded annually for a four-year period
- Grant recipients provide a 20% match
- Funds are from fines and penalties from offenders of federal crimes

STOP

STOP (*Services* Training* Officers
Prosecutors) Violence Against Women

- Authorized under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to assist agencies in reducing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking

Program Objective

The objective of STOP Grant Program is to improve the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women through a coordinated approach by:

- *Strengthening law enforcement & prosecution*
- *Strengthening services to victims*
- *Seeing to needs and safety of victims while holding offenders accountable*

Examples of STOP Funded Programs

- Shelter support groups facilitator
- Bi-lingual investigator and interpreter
- Special Prosecutor for DV crimes
- Therapy program for shelter residents
- Protective Order legal assistance
- Basic services for victims in shelters or in non-residential programs

STOP Funding Allocations

STOP FY 2009 - \$2,474,939

STOP FY 2010 - \$2,713,481

STOP FY 2011 - \$ not yet announced,
anticipate close to 2010 award

- STOP Grants are awarded annually for a two-year period
- Each state receives a base award and additional based on population
- The direct victim services programs do not have match



Indiana's STOP Goals

- To outreach and fund programs that meet the needs of underserved; elderly, rural, Hispanic/Latino, immigrant, disabled
- To increase training opportunities for law enforcement, prosecutors, court personnel and victim advocates
- To improve outreach and encourage more programs in the courts and law enforcement to serve women victims