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2011 Subgrant Directory*

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Baldwin

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit's Victim/Witness Assistance Program (OJC-VAP) is a government agency that serves victims of homicide/murder, domestic violence, sexual assault (including but not limited to child molestation and rape), aggravated assault, armed robbery, and kidnapping; however, the agency's services are designed to reach a diverse community. The agency has the 2nd largest judicial circuit in the State of Georgia with an approximate land size of 3,027 square miles and a citizen population of approximately 160,000. It serves eight counties: Baldwin, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Jones, Morgan, Putnam, and Wilkinson Counties. The OJC-VAP is a prosecution-based program under the supervision of Fredric D. Bright, the District Attorney. Each of the advocates' offices are located within the suites of the district attorney's offices working directly with the district attorney and/or his assistant district attorneys. All of the advocates are in separate offices in Baldwin, Jones, Putnam, and Wilkinson counties, rather than at a central location. With the exception of Jones County, all of the advocates' offices are housed in the county courthouses. All of the advocates are prosecution-based with the sole purpose of guiding victims through the court process, helping victims receive restitution, providing crisis intervention, and providing referrals to counseling and community services.

Project Description

The OJC-VAP was initiated in January of 1992. Funded by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the pilot program began in Milledgeville/Baldwin County and expanded to the agency's other seven counties (Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Jones, Morgan, Putnam, and Wilkinson) in 1995. The OJC-VAP has received CJCC funding for approximately 18 years. This program aims to accompany the victim throughout the criminal justice system while minimizing the trauma of victimization as much as possible. The agency believes in providing care, support, and assistance to anyone who has suffered harm or loss; and, encourages and enables them to function in society uninhibited by the burden of injustice. The agency offers essential, direct services to victims such as accompanying victims to the hospital, referral to counseling, orientation to the criminal justice system, court escort, crisis intervention, defendant arrest and bond status, case status and disposition information, contact persons within the judicial system, restitution claims, assistance filing temporary protective orders, intervention on behalf of victim with employers or school personnel to explain absences or behavior changes, and Victim of Crime claims assistance. In addition to victims assistance services, the District Attorney's Office prosecutes both felony and misdemeanor cases.

Federal Award Amount: \$73,714

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Other, Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Georgia's P.o.r.c.h. (Professional outreach and resource center for healing) is a statewide government project sponsored by the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office. It is located in central Georgia. Since its inception in 1998, Georgia's P.o.r.c.h. has received VOCA funding to provide clinical and justice support services to an underserved population (i.e., co-victims of homicide, suicide, critical incidents). The P.o.r.c.h. provides overnight accommodations to co-victims and emergency services personnel as refuge during justice proceedings, anniversary death dates, and for intensive counseling services. All staff are licensed, or licensed eligible, professional counselors and have extensive clinical experience. All staff are Certified Bereavement Facilitators through the American Academy of Bereavement and have completed the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's required curriculum to provide debriefing services. The Director has completed training with the Homicide Support Project at the Virginia Mason Medical Center's Separation and Loss Unit in Seattle, Washington; and the P.o.r.c.h. has been identified as one of the program's regional sites.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$90,389

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

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Project Description

The Baldwin County Solicitor General's Office victim assistance program, SAFE in Central Georgia, provides quality direct services to victims of crime. Advocates staff the victim services division of the Office of Solicitor General. Those advocates work cooperatively with law enforcement as first responders as well as with victims to be the liaison between the prosecutor and the victim.

Federal Award Amount: \$50,128

Ocmulgee Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Ocmulgee CASA, Inc. is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to recruit, train, and supervise volunteers to advocate for victims of child abuse and neglect that are involved in juvenile court proceedings. Using criminal background checks, fingerprinting, interviews and references, the volunteers, (CASAs), are carefully screened. The CASAs then participate in a 30-hour training course and upon completion, are sworn-in to service by the Ocmulgee Circuit Juvenile Court Judge.

Ocmulgee CASA has volunteers in the eight counties in the Ocmulgee judicial circuit. The circuit encompasses 3082 square miles and is considered rural. Currently it has 50 active volunteers and many more are needed. These volunteers are wonderful people who give their time to these young crime victims. Ocmulgee CASA is governed by a volunteer board of directors.

Project Description

When children are abused, they are often removed from their home. Some are victims of violence, psychological torment, or sexual abuse. Often these children also become victims of the overburdened child welfare system. In these cases it is essential that a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) be assigned by the juvenile court judge to advocate for the child's best interest. CASA volunteers are assigned to an abuse or neglect case by a judge. They conduct thorough research on the background of the case, reviewing documents, interviewing everyone involved, including the child. They make reports to the court, recommending what they believe is best for the child, providing the judge with information that will help him in making an informed decision. CASA volunteers can be instrumental in assuring that a child or family receives services which the court has ordered – such as, substance abuse counseling or special education testing. During the life of a case, a CASA volunteer monitors the child's situation to make sure he remains safe. CASA volunteers may be the only constant the child knows as she moves through the labyrinth of the child welfare system. CASA volunteers make a difference in children's lives.

Federal Award Amount: \$47,168

Barrow

Peace Place, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence – shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Peace Place, Inc. brings together advocates, donors, volunteers, community partners, allied organizations and supportive individuals who are committed to ending domestic violence. Guided by the voices of survivors, the agency works to create safe communities in Jackson Banks and Barrow counties through the provision of safe shelter and supportive services for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

Project Description

Peace Place, Inc. has free, confidential, comprehensive programs with the primary purpose of providing assistance to domestic violence survivors and their children.

These services include:

24-Hour Crisis Hotline: Peace Place provides twenty-four hour a day, seven days a week information and crisis counseling services for survivors of family violence through the hotline.

Safe Shelter: All survivors meeting eligibility criteria are provided confidential safe shelter free of charge. The shelter is open 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The shelter has 15 beds; each woman and her children can stay for a minimum of 30 days.

Hotel/Motel: Peace Place offers hotel accommodations for a minimum of 7 days when there are circumstances such as male survivors needing safe shelter, the shelter is at capacity, or a survivor is caring for males over the age of 18.

Crisis Intervention: Peace Place provides empowerment advocates 24 hours a day 365 days a year who provide support, education and assist the person in distress to resolve the immediate problem & regain emotional equilibrium.

Transitional Housing: Peace Place's transitional housing program consists of 4 apartments and two houses. Each program participant may reside in the program for up to a one-year period in an effort to assist them in obtaining higher goals of education and economic self-sufficiency.

Financial Assistance/Household Establishment Assistance: Peace Place provides assistance to survivors enrolled in residential or outreach services through case-management. The agency's advocates provide

assistance in with finding new residences or maintaining existing residences through emergency financial assistance and advocacy with utility departments and local community agencies that assist in providing resources for household related goals. In addition, though their Thrift store, Peace Place is able to provide household items and furniture free of charge to survivors enrolled in services.

Transportation: Peace Place provides transportation to those who need it in a variety of ways: cab fares, the program van, and regional bus lines.

Children's Services/parenting support education: The agency's services to children and adolescents include but are not limited to intake, physical and social assessment, safety planning, one-hour children/teen groups offered 2 days a week, and individual sessions. Advocates offer parenting information/education groups for mothers as well as individual parenting sessions.

Advocacy, Empowerment-Based Counseling, Case Management and Groups: Peace Place's advocacy, empowerment-based counseling (emotional support), and case management are based upon survivor-identified goals, which are used to identify and prioritize survivor needs. Support groups are offered to residents two days a week, one of which is open to non-residents. Support groups are also offered weekly in the outreach areas.

Safety Planning: The individualized safety planning process is accomplished through lethality assessments, education on the potential risks in the survivor's environment, and the exploration of safer options. Safety status is reevaluated every time the survivor's situation changes.

Referrals/ Community Partners/ Social Service Advocacy: Peace Place provides referrals for survivors to assist in achieving their self-directed goals. The goal of Peace Place's social advocacy and referrals is to strengthen relationships between survivors and the identified agencies that will help in achieving self-sufficiency. Advocates assist survivors by providing contact information and advocating in person or via telephone on the survivor's behalf when requested.

Legal Advocacy: Peace Place provides court or legal advocacy including court escorting, assistance completing and filing temporary protection orders, and referral to legal services, or *pro bono* attorneys. Legal advocates also train and offer assistance to the criminal and civil justice system in each county served.

Outreach Programs/Services to Underserved Populations/ Follow Up: Outreach advocates provide crisis intervention, safety planning, legal advocacy, individual and group counseling to survivors and their children in Jackson, Banks, and Barrow Counties. These are services that are available for those who chose not to come to shelter or who have exited the shelter program and are requesting follow-up services, or non-residential program support.

Community and Professional Education and Awareness: Peace Place also provides education for domestic violence survivors and their children about the dynamics of family violence, safety planning, life skills training, and community resources. Additionally, Peace Place staff provides community education and professional trainings geared toward addressing increased awareness and understanding of domestic violence in our communities and advocating social change as the primary means of increasing survivor safety and batterer accountability.

Federal Award Amount: \$83,131

The Tree House, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Providing Services to the Piedmont Judicial Circuit since 1997, The Tree House, Inc. is a Children's Advocacy Center whose mission is to reduce the occurrence and impact of child abuse through counseling, educating, supporting, and nurturing children and families in Barrow, Banks, and Jackson Counties.

Federal Award Amount: \$68,852

Bartow

Advocates for Bartow's Children Inc

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc. (ABC) is a 501(c)(3) organization that has been in existence since 1982. ABC is a community-based non-profit organization charged with providing services in the area of child abuse prevention and services. Besides CASA, ABC programs include Flowering Branch Residential and Assessment Center (primarily serves children in foster care, but also serves runaway and homeless youth); Bartow Family Visitation Program (supervises visit between foster children and their parents with a hands-on parenting training included); A Better Way Child Advocacy Center (forensic interviews with children who are possible victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse and conducted and preserved so that the child does not have to repeatedly tell their story, and a Family Advocate to assist families by referring them to community services, and helps them apply for victim's assistance, and supports them through the prosecution phase); Rainbows Grief Support Program (works with children grieving from a loss due to death or divorce); Project Safe Place (community locations where children and adolescents can ask for help if they find themselves at risk); Transparenting (mandated course that all divorcing parents must attend); First Steps (new mothers can receive information regarding services available to them and their child); Jacob's Ladder Mentors (mentors for the children placed at Flowering

Branch). ABC serves as the lead partner for the Child Fatality Review, and the CASA Director is the chair for the Bartow County Child Abuse Protocol Board.

Project Description

There are several programs under ABC's umbrella that interact with child victims, as noted above. Children in foster care need CASA because of the overburdened social welfare system, and CASA volunteers are the best way to ensure that the court is aware of the needs and wishes of the children who are victims of child abuse and neglect. Bartow County CASA's mission is to recruit, and provide screened, trained and supervised community volunteers who speak up for the best interest of child victims involved with Juvenile Court Deprivation proceedings. CASA Volunteers advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected child victims, one child at a time. Bartow County CASA is a team member of the Bartow County Juvenile Family Drug Treatment Court, is an active member of the Court Improvement Initiative to develop "best practice" guidelines for Juvenile Courts in Georgia regarding deprivation proceedings. Bartow County CASA is a member in good standing with National CASA and Georgia CASA, and follows the standards of best practice guidelines for nation-wide CASA programs.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,732

Christian League for Battered Women

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Christian League for Battered Women serves all victims of Domestic Violence. The agency offers a 24 hour crisis hotline and provides safe confidential shelter, food, clothing, support group, Legal & Child advocacy, household assistance, follow up and outreach services. It also offer referral services to other social agencies when needed.

Project Description

The agency works closely with the Victim's Assistance office of Bartow County to make sure all victims of Domestic Violence receive the services they need. They also have an MOU with the various city and county law enforcement agencies

Federal Award Amount: \$40,807

Berrien

Berrien County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Alapaha Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program (VAP) is in its fifteenth year of providing services to all victims of crime in the agency's rural, five-county circuit. The program has four (4) Victim Assistant positions working from three District Attorney's offices in Berrien County (Nashville), Cook County (Adel), and Atkinson County (Pearson). They are professional, trained, dedicated, hard-working advocates who have a passion for victim issues.

The agency's purpose is to provide direct services, including mandated obligations, to all victims of all crimes. The VAP is a prosecutorial-based victim service agency, assisting the prosecutors with victim cases. Within the 2016 square-mile circuit, the AJC D.A.'s Victim Assistance Program provides services to victims which extend from the moment of first-response to post-sentencing, and include services when no criminal charges are taken. Crime victims of misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile crimes are offered services by the agency.

The agency holds memberships in NCVC (The National Center for Victims of Crime) and NOVA (National Organization for Victim Assistance). The Victim Assistance Program was established with and has been maintained with VOCA grants from Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

As the only prosecutorial victim service agency in the Circuit, it also works to increase awareness of crime victims' issues and to increase efforts toward collaboration and improved treatment of victims. The VAP collaborates with out-of-circuit non-profit agencies which provide services it cannot provide to crime victims. The agency coordinates and collaborates with law enforcement, probation and parole, schools, DFCS, CASA, and counseling agencies to better serve victims.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,520

Bibb

Bibb County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's Office Victims Witness Assistance Program of the Macon Judicial Circuit (VWAP) is a program implemented in 1994, after the Georgia General Assembly passed the "Crime Victim's Bill of Rights" legislation. The mission of the VWAP is to provide a high quality and comprehensive services to those victimized by crimes. The program ensures that the victim's experience through the legal system and beyond does not cause re-victimization and that the victim may live free from further suffering and harm. The DA VWAP advocates for victims during their involvement with the criminal justice process. Through dissemination of information and education regarding their case and the legal system, it is hopeful that any further trauma is prevented as the victim may live free from further suffering and harm.

Project Description

The VWAP is under the umbrella of the District Attorney's Office of the Macon Judicial Circuit. The VWAP Project Coordinator reports directly to the District Attorney.

Federal Award Amount: \$54,049

Bibb County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Solicitor General's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program in Macon, Georgia (VWAP) was implemented in 1995 after the General Assembly passed legislation (O.C.G.A. 17-17-15) that created the "Crime Victim's Bill of Rights." The VWAP provides direct services, as required by law, to crime victims so that they will not be revictimized by the criminal justice process. VWAP advocates for crime victims through the prosecution process. The most effective assistance provided to victims is removing the offender from the community to prevent further crimes. If victims receive support through VWAP, they are more likely to report a crime, receive support services to prevent continued abuse and/or cooperate in an investigation. VWAP also assists victims with post-conviction cases, such as criminal appeals, many of which take many months to gestate to final resolution. The agency coordinates case-level victim advocacy with other State Victim programs at the Department of Corrections and Board of Pardons and Paroles when offenders are under consideration for parole.

Project Description

The agency's VWAP program is under the umbrella of the State Solicitor General's Office. The Program Coordinator reports to the State Solicitor, Mr. Otis Scarbary.

Federal Award Amount: \$39,004

Central Georgia CASA Inc

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

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Agency Description

Founded in 1997 by the Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Central Georgia CASA, Inc. (CGCASA) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to foster the safety, stability, and security of neglected and abused child victims by representing their best interests in the Macon Judicial Circuit's Juvenile Court deprivation proceedings in Bibb, Peach, and Crawford Counties. In keeping with their mission as well as the state's child welfare goals of safety, permanency, and child well-being, CGCASA is dedicated to finding safe, permanent homes for abused and neglected children involved in deprivation proceedings. It does this primarily through citizen volunteers who are trained to effectively advocate for the child victim in court.

Project Description

CGCASA achieves its mission through recruiting, screening, and training citizen volunteers to be advocates for children who are victims of physical, sexual, emotional abuse and/or neglect. These children often come from families that are economically and educationally disadvantaged, have a history of physical and/or substance abuse, and/or mental illness.

Federal and Georgia Laws support this service design. O.C.G.A Section 15-11-55 states that "...In deprivation cases, an attorney or court appointed special advocate, or both, may be appointed as the child's guardian ad litem." It defines a 'court appointed special advocate' as "a volunteer who has been screened and trained regarding deprivation, child development, and juvenile court procedures and has been appointed as a guardian ad litem by the court..."

The role of a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is to gather all of the relevant facts of a case by reviewing documents and interviewing all individuals involved and then to make a recommendation to the court that is consistent with the overall goal of providing safety and permanency for every child. The CASA volunteer strives to protect the abused and neglected child victim from further harm, assists in establishing permanency as quickly as possible, ensures that the child victim receives the needed community services, and provides support to the caretakers / families after permanency is achieved. These efforts are essential as child abuse and neglect have pervasive and long-lasting effects on children, their families, and the society.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,924

Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc. (CL&SH) is a nonprofit agency serving victims of family violence, stalking, and sexual assault, and their children. While CL&SH is a single agency, it operates five intertwined yet separate programs to ensure victims receive adequate services and support while healing from the most intimate types of violent crime. The programs include a 24-hour Crisis Intervention Hotline, a Safe Shelter for victims and their families, a Legal Advocacy Program aimed at guiding victims through the justice system, a Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy Program designed to intervene in reported cases of rape and sexual assault as soon as possible following victimization, and a Community Outreach and Education Program to inform and engage individuals and groups in working with CL&SH to address the problem of violence against women.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$92,887

Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia

Agency Type: Counseling Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia (FCC) is an outpatient therapy and family education center that focuses on strengthening and preserving relationships utilizing each person's resources to promote family self-sufficiency. Hourly sessions of individual and family therapy, along with specialized program areas assist people in making life changes, thereby improving their quality of life. The majority of clients come from Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson Counties.

The agency employs Masters Level, licensed therapists, trained in marriage and family therapy, social work and psychology. Their credentials and training assures the highest level of service. The staff adheres to the code of ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and the American

Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. Each therapist is required to have at least six hours of additional training every 24 months. All staff must successfully complete a thorough background check, including screening for prior criminal record.

The agency also refers individuals/families to other appropriate community resources.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$43,922

Brooks

Brooks County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Brooks County Sheriff's Office Victim Assistance Program provides 24-hour comprehensive victim services to anyone who has been victimized by crime and/or traumatic loss of life (i.e.: homicide or traffic fatality) in Brooks County from the on-set of the crime to help in their understanding of the complex Criminal Justice System and to locate the services available to them.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,070

Bulloch

Bulloch County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Statesboro, GA 30458

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Agency Description

The Office of the District Attorney for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit serves the following four counties; Bulloch, Effingham, Jenkins and Screven. The agency is a governmental agency headed by an elected official who is responsible for the prosecution of all felony crimes, as well as juvenile crimes within the four county circuit. The Victim Services Unit provides one of the key functions within the agency by assisting all victims of felony crime (or surviving family members).

Project Description

The Victim Services Program (VSP) is housed within the Office of the District Attorney of the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit and is an integral part of the Office. Support to victims is provided mainly by the VSP staff working as part of a team with the prosecutor assigned to the case. All initial meetings are handled by the victim advocate to assess victim needs as to emotional, physical and financial issues. At this meeting information is passed on to the victim in reference to available services and assistance is given in obtaining the services.

Federal Award Amount: \$54,496

Citizens Against Violence Inc

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Citizens Against Violence is a non-profit organization that has served victims of domestic violence and their children in rural southeastern Georgia for the last 16 years and has been a recipient of VOCA or VAWA grants since 1996. Responsible for four counties of the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit (Bulloch, Effingham, Jenkins, and Screven) and two counties of the Middle Judicial Circuit (Candler and Washington), the program has the 5th largest service area of the 47 domestic violence programs certified by the Georgia Department of Human Services. CAV's programs include a 21-bed emergency shelter, a transitional living program with 15 two-bedroom apartments, outreach services include a 24-hour crisis line, community education presentations and participation in county domestic violence task forces, and assessment of victims for TANF and other client assistance programs, and legal advocacy services assisting victims in understanding their legal options and the judicial process, seeking temporary protective orders, and providing court accompaniment for victims. Citizens Against Violence participates in the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Governor's Office for Children and Families.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$56,466

Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center
Agency Type: Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Statesboro, GA 30458

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Agency Description

SRSAC is a non-profit agency that has been serving Bulloch, Jenkins, and Screven Counties since 2006. SRSAC provides direct services to victims and secondary victims of sexual assault. The agency provides a variety of services, such as a 24-hour crisis line, forensic exam/medical accompaniment, medication, clothing, snacks or drinks, safe shelter, follow-up, a lending library, peer led support group, individual crisis intervention 24/7, referrals and information, emergency legal assistance, personal advocacy, criminal justice system advocacy, assistance in filing victims' compensation claims, assistance in preparing victim impact statements, assistance in getting restitution payments, explanation of victims' rights and assuring victims' safety, counselor training, survivor conference, website, Twitter, MySpace, Facebook, law enforcement training, outreach, TTY, and Spanish interpreters. SRSAC also works to educate the public on sexual assault issues and violence prevention.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$54,267

Butts

Butts County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) is designed to implement each requirement specified in O.C.G.A. 17-17 and attempts to serve all crime victims in Butts, Lamar, and Monroe counties.

It is the mission of the District Attorney through his Victim Services Program to respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; assist primary and secondary crime victims in stabilizing

their lives after victimization; aid crime victims in understanding and participating in the criminal justice system; and provide crime victims with a measure of safety and security.

Project Description

As a vital extension of the District Attorney's Office, the Victim Services Unit implements all components of the Georgia Crime Victim Bill of Rights. Victim Services staff work in each field office alongside the District Attorney and his Assistant District Attorneys to meet and maintain a professional relationship with as many crime victims as possible while ensuring their rights are upheld.

Services provided to victims through the District Attorney's Victim Services Unit begin when the incident occurs and the warrants are issued and continue through case disposition and sentencing of the offender. The District Attorney's Victim Services staff serves victims through referrals to appropriate agencies where victims can successfully obtain counseling, Protective and Stalking Orders as well as food, clothing, transportation, and shelter.

Victim Services staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide crisis counseling; emotional support; assessment interviews for determining appropriate referrals; physical accompaniment during interviews with law enforcement and prosecutors; physical support at line-ups, hearings and court appearances; information concerning the various stages in the judicial system; criminal justice support with notification of case status; assistance in filing Victim Compensation claims; non-emergency safety planning; restitution documentation for court purposes; preparation of Victim Impact Statements and assistance with letters to the Parole Board; coordination between court officials, defense attorneys, probation or parole officers, and law enforcement when victims feel at risk of further victimization by their offenders; and, victim notification of bond hearings, grand jury decisions, disposition options, defendants' release from jail and case status.

The Victim Services staff is a permanent fixture in each of our courtrooms and our Judges look to staff when victim issues arise. The District Attorney and his assistants rely on the staff to offer support to victims in ways that help the victims feel safe and secure in the courtroom while keeping the attorneys informed of any changes in the victims' opinions of the case or willingness to prosecute. Officers and deputies count on the staff to be available should they respond to a crime scene and find a victim in need of services beyond the scope of law enforcement. Court Bailiffs count on staff to assist in seating victims for court and locating victims when testimony is required.

Federal Award Amount: \$86,383

Camden

Camden Community Crisis Center Inc

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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St Marys, GA 31558

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Agency Description

Camden House is a non-profit agency that provides free legal help with Temporary Protection Orders and an outreach program in Camden and Charlton Counties. It provides for all domestic violence victims needs and their children from clothing, food, medical referrals, shelter referrals, counseling referrals, household establishment and transportation cost whether public or gas cards.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,348

Camden County CASA Program

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Kingsland, GA 31548

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Agency Description

The Camden County CASA Program is a non-profit agency that provides a community of trained, screened and supervised volunteers appointed by a judicial system to speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children involved in juvenile court proceedings.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$19,371

Carroll

Carroll County Emergency Shelter

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Carrollton, GA 30112

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Agency Description

The Carroll County Emergency Shelter is a state-certified domestic violence shelter located in Carrollton, Georgia serving the rural counties of Carroll, Haralson, Heard and Meriwether. For 28 years the

organization has held an excellent track record for serving victims with safe shelter, 24-hour crisis line, legal advocacy, counseling, supportive services, support groups and educational programs for adults and children along with extensive outreach, direct services and follow-up for resident and non-resident clients. The Shelter is staffed 24 hours a day and all services are provided without cost to the victims.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,600

Carroll Rape Crisis Center

Agency Type: Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Carrollton, GA 30112

Carrollton, GA 30112

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Agency Description

Carroll Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) provides free and confidential crisis intervention services to victims of sexual violence in Carroll, Coweta, Haralson, and Heard counties. In addition, the agency provides, upon request, services to Paulding, Troup, and surrounding counties not serviced by other rape crisis centers. CRCC victim services include the following: 24 hour crisis line, comfort kits provided to victims, 24 hour medical/criminal justice accompaniment, court accompaniment, crisis intervention, referral to local community resources, referral to professional counselors, criminal justice assistance, assistance filing for victims' compensation benefits, victim support group opportunities, and support services for secondary victims.

CRCC employs two part-time Advocates whose primary responsibilities include coordinating and providing victim assistance. CRCC employs two additional staff members on a fulltime basis: Executive Director and Prevention Education Coordinator. The two individuals in these positions provide some direct victim assistance in addition to other duties. CRCC's Prevention Education Coordinator is primarily responsible for developing, scheduling, and providing education and awareness programming. In addition to paid staff, CRCC maintains a volunteer staff of about 25 individuals. Volunteer training is held bi-annually; volunteer meetings are held monthly. Victim Service volunteers assist in providing direct victim assistance with on-call hours answering the crisis line, and some supervised in-office follow-up.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,000

Chatham

Chatham County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Chatham County Office of the District Attorney prosecutes criminals aggressively, seeks justice for victims of crimes and advocates for the rights of victims, in an ethical and effective manner. The DA's Office is committed to working with other law enforcement officials and governmental agencies, local community organizations, the faith community and the private sector to strengthen crime prevention efforts in Chatham County.

The Office employs 38 attorneys, along with a full complement of professional and administrative staff who support the following divisions and offices:

Superior Court

This division handles the prosecution of felony cases and consists of the following assistant district attorneys: Chief DA, 12 Assistant DAs assigned to six judges; two assistant DAs assigned to the Chatham Narcotics Team; and two Assistant DAs assigned to the Office of Child Support Services.

Early Intervention Program (EIP)

The EIP is staffed by three attorneys who work to improve the processing and resolution of felony warrants and is led by a Deputy Chief Assistant DA.

Special Victims Unit (SVU)

SVU is staffed by seven attorneys who specialize in the prosecution of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sex offender registry cases. This team is led by a Deputy Chief Assistant DA.

State Court

This division is responsible for prosecuting misdemeanor cases in State Court and Recorder's Court. The State Court team is led by a Deputy Chief Assistant DA and consists of six Assistant DAs assigned to four judges, an Assistant DA assigned to DUI Court and DUI Recorder's Court.

Juvenile Court

The Juvenile Court division is responsible for prosecuting felony and misdemeanor cases involving juveniles. This team is also responsible for prosecuting truancy, runaway and other un-governable offenses by juveniles. This division is led by a Deputy Chief Assistant DA and three attorneys assigned to three juvenile court judges.

Criminal Investigation Bureau

The Criminal Investigation Bureau processes cases through their ability to investigate and provide evidence on cases presented by the DA's office. The bureau is led by a Chief Criminal Investigator and includes 11 investigators, who are sworn law enforcement personnel.

Victim-Witness Assistance Program

This program provides a variety of free services to crime victims, witnesses and their families, including case information, courtroom orientation, referrals to community agencies and assistance with applying for financial compensation. A bilingual, Spanish-speaking advocate is employed by VWAP to provide services to non and limited English speaking victims and witnesses and serves under the VWAP Director.

Child Support Services

The Office of Child Support Services processes all child support cases and enforces child support orders, including the prosecution of child support violators.

Project Description

The Chatham County VWAP is a unit of the Chatham County District Attorney's Office. This program provides a variety of services to crime victims, witnesses and their families, including case information, court orientation and preparation, referrals to community agencies and assistance with applying for financial compensation. The unit works in close collaboration with the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and several victim support agencies.

VWAP employs 14 staff and 8 volunteers who work with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, robbery, theft and other violent and/or property crimes. The office also assists families of homicide victims. VWAP has played a lead role in educating the community about the impact of violence on victims' lives and on the rights of victims. Between October 1, 2010 and August 30, 2011, VWAP had contact with 3,233 victims and witnesses.

Over the past several years, due to changing demographics in Chatham County, VWAP has had to address the increase in Spanish speaking victims and witnesses. This population is often targeted for violent and property crimes, but are reluctant to report such offenses. In 2010, VWAP engaged a bilingual Spanish speaking Advocate to provide advocacy to Spanish speaking victims and witnesses who have limited English language skills or who do not speak English. The advocate works with all victims and witnesses and provides outreach to the Latino community. This advocate had contact with 647 victims and witnesses between October 1 and August 31, 2011 which included English and Spanish speaking clients.

VWAP also has a sub unit within the division, the Violence Intervention Program (VIP). VIP is a hospital-based violence intervention program that provides intervention services to victims of violent crimes to deter re-engagement in a violent lifestyle. This unit employs three individuals who are housed at Memorial University Medical Center.

Federal Award Amount: \$72,027

Coastal Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Counseling Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

CCAC provides a confidential, child-friendly site for videorecording forensic interviews with victims of sexual or severe physical abuse and witnesses to violence, so they will not have to talk about their abuse repeatedly, thus decreasing the trauma of disclosure. Recording also preserves the child's initial statement for court purposes.

The center offers free individual and group counseling (and, when appropriate, family counseling) for victimized children and non-offending family members, as well as crisis intervention, emotional support, information and referrals, case management, court testimony and support, assistance with Victims' Compensation claims, and follow-up services. Counseling is available at the center, and when transportation or time off from work are problems for families, at clients' schools as well. The center also provides community education and professional training on child abuse. All services are free.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$63,634

Georgia Legal Services Program-Savannah Regional Office

Agency Type: Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Georgia Legal Services Program is a private, non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal services to citizens of 154 Georgia counties outside of the five-county metropolitan Atlanta area. Free civil legal assistance is often the difference in whether a person can obtain housing, food, or needed medical treatment. The Savannah Regional Office of Georgia Legal Services Program focuses on assisting individuals in the areas of elder law, domestic violence, foreclosure prevention, homeless prevention, and consumer law. The victim assistance program at GLSP (Savannah) provides special services to seniors who are victims of crime, fraud and other forms of abuse. Given the legal tools the law-firm possesses, it is able to put these to work on behalf of victims. Having a presence in the 11-county area served by the office, seniors have access throughout the service area. The office handles other programs assisting seniors in conjunction with the two RDC's and the victim assistance program compliments and gives greater depth to this work

Project Description

The Elder Abuse Prevention/Intervention Program provides legal advocacy and follow-up services to victims of elder abuse ages 60 and older. The program seeks to reduce the incidences of elder abuse by providing advocacy, information, education, and legal services to victims. The program increases awareness of elder abuse by offering educational forums on many different aspects of elder abuse to agencies and concerned citizen groups. Two attorneys and one volunteer attorney provide advice and legal assistance, as well as emergency legal assistance when needed. The project attorneys also provide follow-up services, such as support services and referrals, to ensure victims have access to safe environments and do not return to abusive situations.

During the past year (July 1, 2011 - present), the program opened 100 new cases. Although providing direct services to elder abuse victims is the program's primary goal, the program's accomplishments also include working closely with other agencies. The project works closely with the Long Term Care Ombudsmen Program and other organizations which target elderly individuals. The project also works closely with the Elder Rights Program, which is also housed at Georgia Legal Services. A close working relationship with the DA's office as well as with local hospitals, Department of Family and Children's Services and other entities allows the project to expand it's effectiveness.

The program serves the following eleven Georgia counties: Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Liberty, Long, Tattnall, and Toombs.

Federal Award Amount: \$54,853

Rape Crisis Center - Coastal Empire
Agency Type: Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Rape Crisis Center in Savannah has served the regional area of southeast Georgia for the past 36 years, providing emotional support, crisis intervention, hospital response and assistance throughout the criminal justice system to thousands of sexual assault victims and their families and friends. The agency coordinates the SANE and SART programs, providing a team approach to assisting victims, and collaborating with law enforcement, medical and prosecution personnel to provide a high standard of care for sexual assault victims.

In 2010 the Rape Crisis Center served 630 victims, including 277 adult victims, 142 child victims and 211 family and friends. The advocates accompanied 111 victims to area hospitals and followed the cases through the court system.

The agency is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), governed by a Board of Directors. In addition to staff, there are also 43 volunteer advocates who have completed 25 hours of training and assist with the 24 hour crisis line and hospital response.

Project Description

The Rape Crisis Center in Savannah is primarily a victim service agency.

Federal Award Amount: \$54,887

Savannah Area Family Emergency (SAFE) Shelter

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

SAFE Shelter is a 48-bed shelter designated for victims of intimate partner violence and their children up to the age of 18. The shelter is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week and includes a 24-hour crisis line. Shelter services include client-driven case management; counseling (for adults and children); support groups for adults and children; a special childrens' program with age-appropriate in-take forms and activities; case management for housing and employment; a Follow-up/After Care Program for families leaving the shelter. This program provides a case manager who conducts weekly home visits and a monthly support group. Clients in this program are also eligible for client assistance with rent, utilities and groceries, as well as household items including furniture. The Outreach Program provides legal advocacy and support for those clients requiring assistance but not necessarily shelter. Two victim advocates, one of whom is bi-lingual, are certified to assist clients with Temporary Protective Orders. They provide courtroom advocacy and assist clients with other community resources such as Victim Compensation applications.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,507

Savannah/Chatham County Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The mission of the Savannah/Chatham Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc. program is to provide training and supervision to volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused children who are under the jurisdiction of the Chatham County Juvenile Court. For the past twenty years, the program prides itself on recruiting, training, screening, and supervising volunteer citizens to provide individualized advocacy for the innocent victims of abuse and neglect and is an independent “voice” for children in providing objective information to the judges of the Juvenile Court.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$22,498

Cherokee

CASA for Children, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Canton, GA 30114

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Agency Description

CASA for Children, Inc. provides quality advocacy to abused and neglected children through trained and supported community volunteers. CASA is the only volunteer organization that empowers everyday citizens as appointed members of the court to speak up for children who are suffering the effects of child abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers are assigned to just one or two cases at a time and commit to stay on that case until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. CASA works to ensure that child victims involved in juvenile court child protection proceedings have courtroom advocacy, access to services and resources, and the individual attention they deserve. It’s volunteers bring urgency to a child's situation, working tirelessly so that the victims do not languish in state custody. The ultimate goal is to move child victims out of foster care and into safe and permanent homes as quickly as possible.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$38,961

Cherokee Child Advocacy Council

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Counseling Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Anna Crawford Children's Center (ACCC) is a private, non-profit Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The Center is based on a national model that revolves around the use of a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach to the investigation, intervention and treatment of victims of child abuse, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, child fatalities, domestic violence, and any other violent crime involving children. The ACCC provides a child-friendly facility where crisis and long-term victim services are provided free of charge to victims who reside in or near Cherokee County. Services include crisis counseling, individual and group therapy, family therapy, information and referral, criminal justice support, personal advocacy and multidisciplinary case review. All services are offered in English, Spanish and Portuguese. While it is primarily a victim serving agency, it also provides abuse prevention education and training to the community. The agency has been serving victims for over 20 years, beginning in 1990. The Anna Crawford Children's Center has also earned the prestigious status of being a nationally accredited CAC through the National Children's Alliance and is a full member of Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. ACCC has been partnering with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council since 1997.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$71,334

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) provides information and support to victims of crime within the Cherokee County District Attorney's Office. The Victim Witness Assistance Program is a governmental agency which works under the direction of the District Attorney, Garry T. Moss.

Project Description

The Victim Witness Assistance Program's primary purpose is to provide direct services to victims of crime. The Victim Witness Assistance Program is a component of the Cherokee County District Attorney's office and works as an adjunct to the prosecution team. Victim Witness Assistance Program staff is comprised of a program coordinator, an assistant coordinator, and 3 victim advocates. The program coordinator oversees the day to day operation of the program and answers directly to the District Attorney. The assistant coordinator performs the duties of the coordinator as needed and

manages the program's volunteers and interns. In addition to volunteer management, the assistant coordinator has a full caseload and works directly with victims of crime. Victim advocates provide notifications to victims of persons and property crime, including juvenile crimes. The program includes a bi-lingual advocate who primarily serves Latino victims of crime. All advocates work closely with the assistant district attorney's and other staff within the District Attorney's office to make sure that victims of crime are informed and have a voice in the criminal justice system.

Federal Award Amount: \$87,397

Cherokee Family Violence Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Cherokee Family Violence Center is a registered, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency in the State of Georgia and has been providing assistance to victims of domestic violence since 1986. It's mission is to enhance the safety of women and children who are victims of domestic violence by providing a 12-bed emergency shelter; offering crisis intervention services through both our English and Spanish 24 hour hotlines; operating a 72-unit transitional housing apartment complex; providing legal advocacy; offering longer term education and support services through our case management services, support groups and individual counseling; developing community partnerships and institutional awareness of domestic violence issues; and promoting a community standard of zero tolerance for violence in the home.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$81,946

Clarke

Children First, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Children First works in the community and the courts to promote safe stable nurturing homes for children in our community. The agency envisions a community where families and leaders put children first in times of crisis and transition.

Project Description

Athens-Oconee Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program Inc. is a program of Children First, a non-profit agency advocating for child victims of abuse and neglect. Children First administers the Athens-Oconee CASA program and ensures the services through CASA and Children First Inc's other programs are integrated and work together to best serve the child victim.

The children CASA serves are between the ages of 0-18 and have been found deprived in the Juvenile Court of the Western Judicial Circuit. During juvenile court proceedings, the abuser is represented by an attorney, the Department of Children and Family Services is represented by its counsel, but very often the child does not have anyone protecting his/her interests. This is where the CASA program makes a difference in these children's lives. It provides a comprehensive advocacy service for these young victims. The agency's goal is to recommend the most appropriate permanent placement available, keeping in mind that the family of origin is the ideal placement if it can be maintained in a safe and stable manner.

The program served over 159 children in Clarke and Oconee counties last calendar year. These children were served by 50 screened, trained, and supervised volunteers. It's volunteers are trained and supervised directly by a staff member. This person meets regularly with volunteers in peer group and ongoing training sessions. The agency is available to the volunteers for consultation and assistance in accessing the resources available in our community. The CASA is the expert on the child, and the staff is available as the expert on the system and the resources available to families and children in the community.

Federal Award Amount: \$63,227

Family Counseling Service of Athens Inc.

Agency Type: Counseling Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Athens, GA 30606

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Agency Description

Family Counseling Service of Athens Inc. is a private, non-profit counseling agency which provides individual, couples, and group counseling to residents of Northeast Georgia.

Project Description

The Victim Assistance Program provides free crisis counseling, support, and psychoeducation to child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, or domestic violence. VAP supports Family Counseling Services' mission to provide quality, affordable mental health care to Northeast Georgia residents.

Federal Award Amount: \$65,377

Project Safe, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Athens, GA 30604

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Agency Description

Project Safe works to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services, systems change advocacy, and prevention and education in the community.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,816

The Cottage, Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Athens, GA 30605

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Agency Description

The purpose of The Cottage, Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center is to lessen the amount of trauma experienced to victims of child abuse or adult victims of sexual assault through advocacy, crisis counseling, referrals and support. The Cottage achieves its purpose through providing direct services to victims of child abuse and adult sexual assault.

The agency provides services to child victims and their families in Clarke and Oconee Counties. Child services include crisis counseling with non-offending caregivers of child victims of sexual assault, physical abuse, and children who have witnessed domestic violence or survived homicide within their home, advocacy through the criminal justice system, referrals and payment of individual along with group therapy.

The agency also provides services to adult victims in Clarke, Oconee, Madison, and Oglethorpe Counties. These services include crisis counseling, advocacy through the criminal justice system, and referrals along with payment for individual along with group therapy.

It also provides a 24/7 crisis hotline with a toll free number. It provides accompaniments for child and adult victims during sexual assault examinations. It conducts community awareness and prevention events for both child abuse and sexual assault.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$108,216

Clayton

Clayton County Association Against Family Violence

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Morrow, GA 30287-0386

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Agency Description

Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc., d/b/a Securus House, is a twenty-one bed residential facility for women and children victims of domestic violence. Since its incorporation in 1984, Securus House services have grown from a one-dimensional shelter to a multifaceted agency. Through a broad range of programs in the community, it addresses the individual needs of victims by providing support services to help victims become self-sufficient. Core programs provided by Securus House include Emergency Shelter, Alternative Housing, 24-hour Crisis Line, Legal Advocacy, Case Management, Child Advocacy, Outreach Services, Crisis Intervention, Support Group and TANF Domestic Violence Assessments.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,808

Clayton County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Clayton County District Attorney's Office is a local unit of government that prosecutes felony offenses in the Superior Court of Clayton County and adjudicates delinquent offenses in Clayton County Juvenile Court. The District Attorney's Office employs prosecutors, investigators, administrative support staff and victim services staff in order to efficiently and effectively prosecute cases through Clayton County Superior Court.

Project Description

The Victim Witness Assistance Program is an agency within the District Attorney's Office whose primary purpose is providing support, information, and guidance to all victims of felony crime. Services it provides include, but are not limited to: emotional support, court accompaniment, crisis intervention, education on the criminal justice process, notification of court proceedings, referrals for financial/emotional assistance, and information on their rights, roles and services.

Federal Award Amount: \$77,192

Clayton County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Jonesboro, GA 30236

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Agency Description

Clayton County Solicitor General's Office is a government agency that prosecutes an approximately 35,000 misdemeanor cases annually. It is housed in the Harold Banke Justice Center accessible by public and private transportation.

In September 1995, the Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) was established in compliance with the new legislation the "Georgia Crime Victim Bill of Rights." This legislation required law enforcement agencies, custodial authorities, and prosecutor offices to provide information to victims of crime through the criminal justice process. This program provides direct services that address the physical and emotional needs of crime victims and their families throughout the prosecution of criminal violent and non-violent misdemeanor cases. Advocates provide services to all types of crime victims from dating violence, family violence, sexual battery, theft, and traffic criminal cases.

Project Description

The VWAP's mission is to minimize victimization throughout the process of reaching justice. Since its establishment, the program has successfully provided services to approximately 8,000 crime victims and their families. Since 1995, VWAP has established a proven track record of being beneficial to helping victims restore their lives after victimization while prosecuting cases aggressively. The victim advocate is part of trial teams, which consist of an assistant solicitor, an investigator, and a victim advocate. Existing

services currently offered to victims free of charge are: explanation of criminal justice process, court room advocacy, explanation of victim rights, crisis intervention, and safety planning.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,825

Clayton County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Annex #3

Jonesboro, GA 30236

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Agency Description

The Judges in the Juvenile Court hear all cases that come under its jurisdiction. This includes the arraignment, adjudication, and disposition hearings in matters of delinquency, unruliness, deprivation and traffic. Detention hearings, to determine whether or not a child must remain in the detention facility pending further court action, are another responsibility of the judges. The judges of the Juvenile Court are responsible for issuing all orders of the Court as well as bench warrants, pick-up orders, and *ex parte* orders.

In addition to these types of cases, the Juvenile Court Judges are called on to hear a variety of special proceedings cases. These cases involve special circumstances such as permission to marry, extensions of custody, waiver of parental notification of abortion, expungement of a person's name from the state child abuse registry and the termination of parental rights.

Of these special proceedings, perhaps the most extreme is the termination of parental rights. These highly emotional and sensitive cases involve the severance of any and all relationship between a parent and a child, opening the door to the possible adoption of the child. During the year 2010 there were 33 cases that resulted in the termination of parental rights.

Project Description

The Clayton County CASA program, a division of the Clayton County Juvenile Court, provides essential, high quality advocacy, intervention and support to children who have been the victims of abuse and neglect in Clayton County, who are in the care and custody of relatives, or are involved in custody dispute cases.

Federal Award Amount: \$29,106

Rainbow House, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Rainbow Connection Child Advocacy and Assessment Center (CAAC) primarily serves Clayton County children and adolescents who are suspected of having been sexually or physically abused. The following services are provided at no cost to victims and their non-offending family caregivers: Forensic Interviews, Medical Referrals, Therapeutic Services, Family Advocacy, and Multidisciplinary Team Staffings. Caregivers are offered education on the dynamics and effects of sexual and physical abuse. In addition, supportive groups are offered to the victims, non-offending caregivers, and siblings. All services are provided only upon referral by DFCS, law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office or other appropriate agencies.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$62,533

Cobb

Cobb County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Victim Witness Unit (VWAP) provides services to victims of felony crimes in the Cobb County Superior Court and victims of juvenile complaints in the Cobb County Juvenile Court. The mission of the Unit is to meet the statutory requirements mandated of the office as outlined in the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights. Such mandates include notification to all crime victims of court hearings and education about the stages involved in the criminal justice system. Staff advocates also strive to improve the treatment of victims and witnesses by providing them with assistance and services necessary to speed their recovery from a criminal act and to support and aid them as they move through an unfamiliar, complicated, and time consuming criminal justice system.

Project Description

The Victim Witness Unit supports the agency's overall victim assistance efforts as the Unit is the liaison and first line of contact for victims with the District Attorney's Office. On a continuous basis, staff advocates of the Victim Witness Unit provide ongoing services to innocent victims of felony crimes and victims in the Juvenile Court of Cobb County. The scope of its service delivery is mandated under Georgia Law (reference O.C.G.A. Title 17, Chapter 17, the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights (CVBR)). These services are delivered to victims at different times and under differing circumstances depending on the activity and progression of that victim's case, the needs of the individual victim, and court calendars. The services provided by all staff advocates to all victims of felony crime and mandated under the CVBR include but are not limited to: Notification via written letter to the victim that a warrant was issued (criminal charges were filed against the perpetrator); Education and explanation of the stages, steps, procedures, and terminology involved in the criminal justice system including education about victims' rights under the law; Periodic status updates on the progression of the criminal case; Court accompaniment; Referrals to other service providers who can further assist victims with needs that the CJ system cannot meet; Assistance in completing Victim Impact and Restitution Forms; Assistance in completing and filing Victim Compensation Forms; Personal Advocacy; Providing a safe, secure place for victims to wait before testifying for court; Coordinating an on-call system for court appearances to aid victims and witnesses in avoiding lengthy or unnecessary absences from work or school; Providing assistance and support when the victim feels intimidated, threatened, harassed, or afraid via remedies provided through the Georgia State Law.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,496

Cobb

Crime Victims Advocacy Council, Inc.

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Crime Victims Advocacy Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the mission of helping crime victims cope with their suffering and pain. The organization has been operating since 1989 and has received two national awards. It is led by a board of directors consisting of crime victims, attorneys, and key business leaders.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$8,840

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.
Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which offers a comprehensive approach to the intervention and treatment of child abuse victims and their families.

SafePath's purpose is to reduce the trauma and respond to the emotional and physical needs of both primary and secondary victims of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, child victims of domestic violence, and child witnesses to homicide. Crime victim assistance is provided through a comprehensive multidisciplinary team approach to intervention, treatment and education of the criminal justice system involved with child abuse and domestic violence cases.

Providing services to victims of crime is SafePath's sole purpose. Services offered include crisis counseling, follow-up services, therapy for individuals and families, group treatment, information and referral, criminal justice support/advocacy, assistance in filing compensation claims and personal advocacy.

SafePath has been performing critical services to child victims of abuse for 16 years since inception in 1995. SafePath's facility is state of the art and child-friendly. To facilitate services for these victims, SafePath is co-housed with multidisciplinary team partners. SafePath is a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and a full member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. SafePath serves as a national and state mentor site for developing centers.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$128,781

YWCA of Northwest Georgia

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): French, Spanish

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Agency Description

The YWCA of Northwest Georgia, Inc., provides domestic violence and sexual assault services to victims and their families while educating the public on the dynamics of both and their impact on the victims, their families and the community at-large. The agency assists victims, families and their friends 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Through an extensive network of service providers and community partners and volunteers, YWCA-NWGA is helping women, children and families reclaim their lives. Daily, the agency:

- Operates a 32-bed shelter offering an immediate safe place for women and children suffering from domestic violence, and transitional housing to move clients toward permanent independent housing;
- Answers crisis calls to our 24-hour crisis hotline;
- Provides health care referrals, financial assistance, educational and employment assistance, transportation assistance, legal advocacy and assistance in obtaining Temporary Protective Orders;
- Offers forensic medical examinations;
- Provides individual and group counseling to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Educates clients, community groups and others on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault to prevent victimization and re-victimization; and
- Educates victims on their rights and eligibility for victims compensation.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$101,700

Coffee

Child Advocacy Center of Coffee County, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Child Advocacy Center of Coffee County located in Douglas, Coffee County Georgia, is a nonprofit Child Advocacy Center that provides a comprehensive service delivery program for the alleged victims of child and family maltreatment. The CAC of Coffee County utilizes a Multidisciplinary Team of community

professionals to generate effective service delivery to and treatment outcomes for the primary and secondary victims of alleged child abuse and family maltreatment. The Center provides on-site forensic interviews, referrals for off-site forensic medical exams, referrals for off-site mental health services, on and off-site personal advocacy, on and off site emergency legal advocacy, on and off-site assistance in filing temporary protective orders and filing Victims Compensation benefits, case management and follow up services for primary and secondary victims of crime.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$38,299

Colquitt

Colquitt County Serenity House Project

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Serenity House is a 17 bed emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. The agency provides 24 hour staffing and a crisis hotline.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$63,376

Crisp

Crisp County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Cordele Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office is a state government prosecution agency. The office prosecutes all misdemeanor and felony cases in Juvenile and Superior courts. The office also assists as needed in the local probate and magistrate courts. Located in rural southwest Georgia, the circuit includes the four counties of Ben Hill, Crisp, Dooly and Wilcox. The agency provides services to all victims of crime throughout the circuit and has continuously done so for sixteen years.

To better serve all victims the agency has two locations within the Circuit. The main office is located in Crisp County (Cordele, GA) and serves as the primary office for victims in Crisp and Dooly counties. A satellite office is located in Ben Hill County (Fitzgerald, GA) and serves as the primary office for victims in Ben Hill and Wilcox counties.

Project Description

Created in 1995, the Cordele Judicial Circuit Victim Witness Assistance Program (referred to hereafter as the VWAP) is a support unit within the District Attorney's Office. The VWAP supplies the resources for the agency to provide comprehensive services to victims of crime as mandated by law. On a daily basis the VWAP provides direct services to crime victims which include but are not limited to crisis intervention, general advocacy, support during criminal justice investigation and post arrest, support services during prosecution, and support after case disposition.

The mission of the Cordele Judicial Circuit's Victim Witness Assistance Program is to ensure that direct, appropriate and accessible services are made available to victims of crime. It is critical that information victims seek is disseminated and every effort is made to allow for safety, healing, justice and restitution. The VWAP strives to prevent crime victims from experiencing additional victimization, not only from the criminal justice system, but from the community as well. Staff ensures all victims of crime are notified of their statutory rights and informed of all available services to them. VWAP staff further assists victims in availing themselves of those services.

The VWAP is implemented by District Attorney Denise Fachini and is composed of two full time trained professional staff: Coordinator, Celanese Floyd and Advocate, Will McKee. Trained volunteers are also used by the VWAP to provide services to victims of crime. VWAP staff serves as the primary point of contact for victims as their case moves through the criminal justice system. VWAP staff also serves as an intricate part of the agency team by providing the District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys with victims' information, requests for restitution and victim impact statements prior to court appearances by the offender.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,724

Decatur

Decatur County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Decatur County Sheriff's Office is a Law Enforcement agency, with a 24 hour on staff Victim Advocate. The Decatur County Sheriff's Office implemented the Victim Service's Unit in 2000, with the help of the VOCA grant. This project has grown in the last eleven years, which allows for a Victim Advocate to arrive on scene if needed. The Decatur County Sheriff's Office assists all types of victims of crime.

Project Description

The Decatur County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit provides services with a humanitarian emphasis in the reduction of secondary victimization by the "system" i.e. our law enforcement agency, and to have better informed and participating victims, and a concern for a continuum of services. To continue to provide the victim with as much case status information as possible and provide a vehicle for victim and his/her family, with the understanding that a criminal victimization changes a victim and his/her families' lives forever. The Decatur County Sheriff's Office Victim's Service Unit will make referrals to outside agencies when needed, will assist with information on victim compensation applications, will refer to Victim Services Office concerning cases that will be sent to Superior Court and help make the transition, and assist with property return after a prosecution.

Federal Award Amount: \$23,724

Decatur County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Office of the District Attorney for the South Georgia Judicial Circuit serves victims of felony level offenses in Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Grady, and Mitchell Counties. We also handle misdemeanors in Baker and Calhoun.

Project Description

Primarily, the District Attorney's office is a prosecutorial agency. The victim's assistance program becomes involved in cases at the warrant stage. All victims are contacted and informed of their rights as victims, the name of the prosecutor, the name of the investigator, and a description of the way cases progress through the court system. At their election, more intense services are provided. These include

court accompaniment, compensation requests, and notification of other services in the community. Our advocates are on call 24/7 to assist with immediate help to officers and victims and also assist with domestic violence and stalking victims to get a Temporary Protective Order.

Federal Award Amount: \$66,238

DeKalb

Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Culturally-Specific Domestic Violence Program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Korean, Mandarin, Vietnamese

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Agency Description

The Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. (CPACS) is the first, largest and longest-standing service-providing agency focused on Asian Pacific Islanders (APIs) in the Southeast. CPACS, now in its 30th year, is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to create and deliver linguistically and culturally competent senior, health, and other services to immigrants, refugees, and racial-ethnic minorities at low to no-cost. CPACS is also nationally recognized as the leader for API research and policy work in the Southeast, and serves as a central referral and network source for national groups and local grass-roots organizations.

Project Description

CPACS helps women and their families live violence-free lives through comprehensive and linguistically appropriate services offered by the PAWER project (Pan Asian Women's Empowerment & Resources). PAWER's mission is to eliminate violence against women by creating comprehensive services to educate, outreach and effectively empower Asian women, families and communities. PAWER accomplishes its mission by (1) providing safe shelter for domestic violence victims and families, (2) creating an environment where domestic violence is deemed unacceptable through community mobilization, education and outreach, (3) providing direct services that are linguistically and culturally appropriate for Asian victims of violence, and (4) collaborating with other organizations and individuals to end violence in Asian communities. All PAWER services are survivor centered, address the family unit, and link to long-term solutions for self-sufficiency.

Opened in the Spring of 2009, Hanna's House is a comprehensive domestic violence shelter that provides safety, food, shelter, advocacy, and other resources to help women and children rebuild lives free from violence. Hanna's House welcomes all survivors; however, the agency has the unique cultural and language capacity to meet the needs of Asian American immigrant and refugee survivors of violence. Hanna's House is located in a three-bedroom house in Gwinnett County that is open 365 days per year and can accommodate up to three families at a time. Families are allowed to stay at the shelter

for a maximum of three months so that they can receive the services they need to begin living independently and not be at risk for homelessness.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,419

Child Advocate Network, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Children in juvenile court deprivation proceedings are federally mandated to have a guardian ad litem, an attorney, CASA or both, appointed to provide the court with information and recommendations regarding their best interests. CASA volunteers are able to provide individual advocacy and attention, objective and comprehensive information and a case for urgency for the children to whom they are appointed. DeKalb Court Appointed Special Advocates serve foster care children and their families to ensure both safety and permanency. Last calendar year, 87 CASA volunteers served deprived children between the ages of 0 to 18. FFY 2011-2012, the agency proposes to serve 111 children.

The CASA volunteer advocates for the best interests of children who are in foster care and who are under the protection of the DeKalb County Juvenile Court. CASA volunteers conduct comprehensive child and family assessments; provide legal advocacy, service coordination, and follow-up services to children in the custody of DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). CASA volunteers participate in all judicial proceedings to the degree necessary to effectively advocate for the child; make specific recommendations to the court relating to the appropriateness and safety of the child's placement and services necessary to address the child's needs; and to explain the proceedings to the child, as appropriate.

CASA volunteers work to ensure that children remain safe while in foster care, receive necessary and appropriate services, experience fewer placement changes, maintain visitation with families, including siblings, and reach permanency in a timely manner. CASA volunteers ensure the court has first-hand, objective information to make decisions in the child's best interests.

CASA volunteers often remain involved after termination of parental rights to provide support for finalized adoption and necessary services. CASA volunteers work to identify relatives who are fit and willing to serve as a temporary or permanent placement. CASA volunteers advocate for sibling placements, visitation and maintaining connections with families and communities. CASA volunteers work to connect relative caregivers with resources and services to promote stability.

CASA volunteers work with DFCS to ensure that families are involved in case planning and are aware of community resources, that children's needs are met while in care and upon returning home, and that aftercare services are provided. CASA volunteers monitor court-ordered services and progress on the case plan.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$88,851

DeKalb County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's Office is the sole prosecutor of offenders of felony and juvenile crime in DeKalb County, Georgia. The District Attorney is a constitutional officer; therefore, the Office is a local government agency, though not under the direction of the County Officials. The staff manages criminal caseloads in 10 Superior Court and 4 Juvenile Court courtrooms through Assistant District Attorneys, Investigators, Victim Advocates, Secretaries, Paralegals, and support and executive personnel. The Office has specialized units within the structure to process sensitive and/or complicated cases such as: domestic violence and sexual assault, white collar and severe elder abuse, crimes against children, homicide, gang, public integrity, and cold cases.

In 1993, the District Attorney's Office established a Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) with a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to help victims of felony crime. Since the VWAP was established, it has become a separate discipline within the Office with the primary purpose of outreach to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, family members of homicide, elder abuse, and crimes against children. The VWAP has a staff of 9 Victim Advocates dedicated solely to the purpose of victim services, in addition to a Director who serves as an executive manager and advises the District Attorney on all victim matters in order to set policy for the Office.

Project Description

The mission of the VWAP in the Office of the District Attorney is to provide comprehensive and effective advocacy services to victims of felony crime in DeKalb County. As the only VWAP within the criminal justice system for victims of felony crime, our legislative, professional, and ethical role is to establish and maintain a valuable and necessary link for victims of all crime in the community, and specialized community service providers, to the criminal justice system. The official role of the Victim Advocate in any office is as the voice of the victim. The Advocacy role is neither a primary nor preliminary fact finder. The purpose of victim advocacy is to promote the relationship between the system and a victim of crime and ease the victim through the process ensuring that all resources, remedies and rights are available.

The depth of experience and knowledge of the VWAP staff is considerable. Collectively, the VWAP staff has over 105 years in victim services, 134 years in social service fields, 12 college degrees, 70 years in service to the citizens of DeKalb County and of those, 55 years in the District Attorney's Office.

Because of the high volume of cases and limited resources in the VWAP, the structure of the Program in Superior Court is designed to provide graduated services based on crime type and the expected level of trauma and/or danger to the victim:

Level 1 service is the VWAP's Basic Level of service and is driven by the Crime Victim Bill of Rights. This service includes identification and location of the victim, information about the criminal justice process, who to contact in the Office, what to expect, information and applications for restitution and Victim Compensation, information about Victim Impact Statements and how to give their opinion on the case, information about the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system in the jail, general referrals, notification of court hearings (whenever possible), and what their rights are under the law. The crime types typically having victims receive this service are non-violent in nature (i.e., shoplifting, thefts, fraud, and property crimes).

Level 2 services include all Level 1 services and all Level 3 services on an as needed basis. This is the Referral Level of services because victims are referred to the VWAP through any party to the case, an outside community or government agency, or are a self-referral. Victims of these crime types typically receiving this service have suffered a more violent crime in nature (i.e., armed robbery, burglary, aggravated assaults, etc.). The agency has recently started a pilot project to identify victims with physical injuries (serious injury by vehicle, aggravated battery, etc.) or severe emotional trauma (home invasion burglary) at our intake stage and offer Level 3 services. It is referring to these victims at Elevated Level 2 victim.

Level 3 services include all Level 1 services and it is considered the Outreach Level. This level is where the VWAP concentrates most of its resources. The victims of these crime types are typically in the most danger and/or experienced the most severe and long lasting trauma from the crime committed against them. The crime types with victims receiving service at this level are domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, crimes against children, and family members of homicide victims. The difference between Level 2 and Level 3 services is that the outreach is made by the Program to the victim to start building a relationship and offer services. The services provided to victims of Level 3 (sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, non-offending guardians and children of child abuse, and family members of murdered victims) are targeted at 1) stabilizing the immediate environment, 2) providing information and avenues for increased safety, 3) assessing physical and emotional needs to coordinate any necessary services, and 4) guiding them through the criminal justice system with general information, case specific details, and opportunities to express their opinions. The victim advocates provide on-going crisis management with their Level 3 victims and try to maintain their relationship throughout the criminal justice process.

Federal Award Amount: \$92,752

DeKalb County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Office of the DeKalb County Solicitor-General is a government agency that prosecutes misdemeanor crimes in DeKalb County

Project Description

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program is a part of the Special Victims Unit (SVU) and consists of the Coordinator and five Victim Advocates. The advocates primarily assist victim/witnesses of domestic violence but help victims of other crimes as well. Non-domestic violence assaults, vehicular homicides, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual battery, stalking or any case in which the victim is injured or emotionally impacted by the crime.

Three advocates are assigned to two courtrooms each. One advocate is assigned to one courtroom, W.A.T.C.H. hearings and oversees the survey process. The 5th advocate handles elder/disabled, child abuse, non-DV stalking and vehicular homicide cases. The advocates rotate attending the TPO hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week in Magistrate Court and other duties. The assigned advocates are part of the prosecution team and liaison between the victim and the prosecutor. The Coordinator supervises the victim advocates, manages the grants and provides direct service to victims.

The advocates conduct needs assessments, address safety, notify of court hearings, educate on the basics of the criminal justice system, provide court accompaniment, assist with victim compensation application/restitution, provide referrals for other needed services and other duties.

In September 2010 a new program called VALARI Safety Action Plan (VSAP) started in DeKalb County in which volunteers and the victim advocates respond to Emory Hospital or the residence to assist abuse victims 65 years of age and over. After a forensic examination and assessment, if needed, Emory will provide a room in one of their facilities for up to 30 days until other arrangements can be made.

Federal Award Amount: \$82,475

DeKalb Rape Crisis Center

Agency Type: Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Mandarin, Spanish

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Agency Description

DeKalb Rape Crisis Center offers comprehensive support services for survivors of rape and their loved ones. Services include hospital accompaniment, individual therapeutic counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, and 24-hour crisis hotline and intervention.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$85,231

Jewish Family and Career Services, Inc.

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Culturally-Specific Domestic Violence Program, Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): French, Hebrew, Spanish

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Agency Description

Guided by the wisdom and values of our tradition, Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS) provides health, career and human services to support and enhance the well-being of individuals and families across all ages, faiths, cultures and lifestyles. JF&CS began in 1890 as a refugee-service agency and was incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in 1982. In 1997 the agency merged with Jewish Vocational Services creating Jewish Family & Career Services, Inc. Since its inception, JF&CS has continued to serve as a community leader, striving to design and implement new programs where gaps in services are discovered, expanding existing programs and collaborating extensively with public and private agencies to develop a seamless continuum of care for clients in need.

JF&CS provides non-sectarian health, career and human services to increase self sufficiency, improve health, and foster community engagement to approximately 30,000 Atlanta individuals and families annually. To achieve these outcomes JF&CS provides programs and services through five divisions, including Career and International Services, Older Adult Services, Developmental Disabilities Services, Counseling Services, and Specialty Services, including our Ben Massell Dental Clinic.

The proposed project aligns with its mission of offering hope and personal and practical support to Atlanta-area individuals and families in need. In fact, working to strengthen families and assist clients in achieving stability and self-sufficiency is common among most of the agency programs. Recognizing that it can not do this work alone, the provision of community referrals, outreach and education is essential to achieving this goal.

Project Description

Shalom Bayit or "Peace in the Home", the Jewish Family & Career Services victim assistance program, has worked since 1993 to prevent and intervene in violence against women and children in Atlanta. Although the program serves women from a diversity of races, religions and national origins, it is the

only non-shelter, culturally-specific resource for abused women in the Atlanta Jewish Community and the only program in Georgia that addresses the specific needs of Jewish victims of domestic violence. The program delivers essential direct services such as individual and group counseling, safety planning, goal setting and advocacy that give women tools to bring safety into their lives. Shalom Bayit also provides community education to raise and/or maintain community awareness of the prevalence and dynamics of domestic violence. The program is housed within our agency Counseling Services Division and represents one of the counseling services it provides for adults and children. While it is a stand-alone program, Shalom Bayit often collaborates with other agency units such as the Career Services Division to best meet client needs.

Federal Award Amount: \$41,103

Safe Haven Transitional, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Safe Haven Transitional, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since September 1994 providing services for victims of domestic violence who live in the Atlanta metropolitan areas. The nature and extent of the program has been recognized after providing these services for 17 years mostly with a volunteer staff. This program is the next step in addressing intervention for women and their children displaced because of domestic violence. Women leaving a 30-day shelter in most cases are not equipped or able to make the transition to a non-violent safe environment.

The agency's mission is to provide longer term housing with emergency and regular supportive services to women and children who have become homeless due to domestic violence, and to break the intergenerational cycle of abuse in the lives of children. Agency staff equip victims with tools and resources that will enable them to become and remain healthy independent and self-sufficient people.

The program has helped thousands of women and children who have been victimized through domestic violence. It provides the following supportive services: Longer-term Housing (2 step phase program; 6 months to two years), Support Groups, Legal Advocacy, Individual Counseling, Nutrition and Parenting Classes, Transportation, Referral Services, Community Education, One-on-One Sessions, Childcare, Employment assistance, Educational Tutoring, Anger Management, Conflict/Resolution training, mentoring, life skills, children's activities and intervention program.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,207

Tapestri, Inc.

Agency Type: Culturally-Specific Domestic Violence Program, Culturally-Specific Sexual Assault Program, Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Creole, French

PMB 362, 3939 Lavista Rd. Ste.E.

Tucker, GA 30084

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Agency Description

Tapestri is dedicated to ending violence and oppression in immigrant and refugee communities, using culturally competent and appropriate methods. As advocates for immigrant and refugee families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and exploitation, it is committed to using education, community organizing, direct services and advocacy to affect change in the lives of these families. The agency's current programs include:

- The Domestic Violence Program provides social support services and legal advocacy, such as temporary protective orders and legal referrals for child support, divorces, child custody, and immigration, for battered refugee & immigrant women. The Program also conducts community outreach about domestic violence and available options among immigrant and refugee communities via presentations and mass media.
- The Access for Immigrants Program provides trainings on domestic violence and immigrant and refugee issues to court interpreters and develops appropriate training material for court personnel and interpreters;
- The Multilingual Access Program develops educational material, such as a resource handbook, in various languages for court personnel, law enforcement, and advocates to use as a tool when working with immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking;
- The Tapestri Men's Program is a 24-week Family Violence Intervention Program designed for immigrant and refugee men and victims' liason
- The Anti-Human Trafficking Program provides trainings for mainstream service providers, community outreach on human trafficking, and direct services for survivors of human trafficking.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$42,258

Women Moving On, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Decatur, Ga 30030

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Agency Description

Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence provides emergency shelter and supportive services for women and children affected by domestic violence in the greater Atlanta area while challenging the systems that enable that violence.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$75,183

Dodge

Dodge County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Eastman, GA 31023

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's Office staff is comprised of the elected District Attorney, four Assistant District Attorney's, Office Manager/ Secretary, Investigator/ Secretary, One Secretary, and One Victim/Witness coordinator. The Oconee Judicial Circuit is comprised of Bleckley, Pulaski, Telfair, Wheeler, Dodge, and Montgomery Counties. The Oconee District Attorney's Office is the only prosecuting office for these six counties. The cases within the jurisdiction of the District Attorneys Office are all cases arising in the six counties of the Oconee Judicial Circuit that are felonies and misdemeanors that require a jury trial. Additionally, the District Attorney's Office is in charge of subpoenaing witnesses for court and handling the logistics of the witnesses' court appearance.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$25,903

Dougherty

Dougherty County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Dougherty County District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program is a multi-component program which is located in the Dougherty County Courthouse. The Dougherty County VWAP may be reached by phone during office hours at 229-438-3985 and at any time through the crisis Line at 229-432-8181. The Dougherty Judicial Circuit's District Attorney, 14 Assistant District Attorneys, 8 Investigators and 16 secretarial staff members work to prosecute criminal offenders in Superior, State and Juvenile Courts.

Victim Advocates serve all victims of criminal offenses in Dougherty County. The VWAP personnel include a Director who also serves as the Specialized Violent Felony Victim Advocate and three full-time Victim Advocates. The VWAP serves victims of felony offenses in Superior Court including victims whose cases are transferred to Federal Court, victims of misdemeanor offenses in State Court and victims of juvenile offenders in Juvenile Court. All VOCA funded Victim Advocates are trained and authorized by the court to assist victims of domestic violence when they seek a civil filing of a Temporary Protective Order.

Most victims begin receiving services after the arrest of the offender when they receive victim contact letters. New victims may also include those whose offenders have not been arrested, who call or walk into the VWAP office seeking services.

Project Description

The District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program's four Victim Advocates and volunteers serve victims from all three court divisions. As a team effort, information about the defendant's case status and victim information is shared within the office. Victim Advocates make initial contact with most of their victims after they receive arrest warrant copies. Victim Advocates produce contact letters, which make up part of the victim notification packages, and notification letters.

Within the District Attorney's Office, Victim Advocates' sole purpose is to respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; help victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system and provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. They also act to convey information between victims and their prosecutor or help set up appointments for them with the prosecutor. Victim Advocates offer referrals, help fill out papers, comfort and support during and after the judicial process. All Victim Advocates are trained and authorized by the court to assist victims of domestic violence when they seek a civil filing of a Temporary Protective Order.

The VWAP works in collaboration with non-profit organizations such as Lily Pad, Inc., a sexual assault and children's advocacy center, Liberty House, Inc., a battered women's shelter, and Open Arms, Inc., a homeless shelter for children up to 18 years of age, to provide comprehensive, specialized services to victims. All Victim Advocates are now able to better assist victims of violent crime whose language is Spanish and are considered "previously underserved" through a new collaborative effort with the Haven of Hope. The Haven of Hope is a local safe house/shelter for mainly Latino domestic violence victims and Latino victims of child abuse. The Haven of Hope Director acts as translator/interpreter for Latino victims when needed. By working together within a changing community, Victim Advocates and their collaborative partners strive to break language and cultural barriers. The result is that more underserved

victims are being served through greater understanding and participation in our criminal justice system and are then able to receive services available which respond to their emotional and physical needs and provide them with a greater measure of safety and security.

Federal Award Amount: \$94,601

Liberty House of Albany, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): German, Spanish

Liberty House of Albany, Inc.

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Albany, GA 31763

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Agency Description

Liberty House is a nonprofit agency that provides comprehensive services for all victims of domestic violence through emergency shelter and outreach services and advocacy in 17 counties of Southwestern Georgia. Liberty House provides immediate response and support 365 days a year for emergency shelter, information, referrals, advocacy and safety-planning.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$81,562

Open Arms, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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ALBANY, GA 31701

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Agency Description

Open Arms, Inc. established in 1991, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit company that provides Emergency shelter (The Bridge) to child abuse victims. This project specifically targets child abuse victims from the ages of birth to seventeen (17) years of age. The victims are housed at our Bridge. The Bridge can serve up to 12 victims at one time at a secure location in Lee County. Their basic needs (shelter, clothing, and food) are met. Advocacy, life skills training, counseling, educational, recreational, medical, social, familial, and all other needs are also provided. Upon departure, aftercare and community/state/federal resources and referrals are made available to them and their families.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$75,666

The Lily Pad SANE Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P.O. Box 467

Albany, GA 31702

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Agency Description

The Lily Pad, Inc is a multiple component agency comprised of the following:

The Firefly House Children's Advocacy Center opened its' doors in June of 2008. It's services are provided to children and families in Dougherty, Lee, Sumter, Schley, Macon, Webster and Stewart counties. It provides forensic interviews for all abuse cases (including physical and sexual abuse, extreme neglect and witness to violent crimes including homicide and sexual assault) and organizes the agenda for the Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings. Firefly House CAC has served over 1,000 children since June 2008.

The Dougherty County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program offers staff and volunteers that are screened, trained and skilled individuals who advocate pursuant to Juvenile Court assignment for victims of child abuse (physical, sexual and emotional), Neglect (medical and educational), and other types of deprivation. The responsibilities of the CASA volunteers is to carry out objective examinations of case situations, to ensure facilitation and collaboration between all parties involved in the case, to make recommendations to Juvenile Court that are in the child's best interest and to monitor whether Juvenile Court orders and child protection services agency plans promote safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for child victims of abuse and neglect.

The Bob Boren Center encompasses the SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner's) Program which exclusively conducts all of the medical/evidentiary exams for children and adults who have been sexually assaulted in a 25 county area in southwest Georgia. In a year these nurses provided care to over 180 victims of sexual assault/abuse. These specially trained nurses provide free exams to victims, evidence collection for law enforcement (biologic and photographic) and expert testimony for victims in court. SANEs also offer free follow up exams for purposes of comparison (acute exam to follow up) and STI (sexually transmitted infection) testing for those at risk. By having the SANE program housed in conjunction with the Firefly House saves the victims of sexual assault and child sexual abuse the inconvenience of traveling to multiple locations to receive services making the Lily Pad one of very few centers in the State to have both interviewing and medical services in a single location.

The Boren Center also encompasses the Rape Crisis Program which offers a 24 hour crisis hotline for all victims of sexual assault. When a rape victim calls our hotline, they are met with a compassionate, well trained volunteer that offers crisis counseling. When law enforcement contacts a SANE nurse for a rape

exam, a rape crisis volunteer is dispatched as well to the Lily Pad to comfort the victim and accompany them through the process of the law enforcement interview and the forensic medical exam. The volunteer is also available to the victim for court accompaniment. The Rape Crisis program has expanded its' services to accompany adolescent sexual assault victims when law enforcement brings them to the Lily Pad after business hours. The volunteers are also dispatched to the Lily Pad when a large sibling group is brought in after hours for a forensic interview to volunteer time and combine efforts in making everyone comfortable, intervene in crisis situations, provide information and referrals for the family and allow for the forensic interview process to run smoothly. This program is driven fully by a very dedicated volunteer group.

Project Description

The Firefly House CAC is one component of a multi-component agency. The Firefly House CAC is a center offering comprehensive services for primary and secondary victims and families of crimes against children including physical abuse, sexual abuse/assault and witness to domestic violence and other violent crimes in Dougherty, Lee, Sumter, Macon, Webster, Schley and Stewart counties. Core services include but are not limited to: victim and family advocacy; medical accompaniment; legal accompaniment; crisis intervention; 24/7 crisis line; in person or telephone referral; follow up and tracking; assistance in filing applications for Medicaid, TANF and Victims Compensation; referrals for counseling and community resources and evidentiary interviews.

Federal Award Amount: \$45,527

Douglas

Children's Voice: CASA, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Children's Voice: CASA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which advocates for abused and neglected child victims found to be deprived in Douglas County Juvenile Court proceedings. CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) are volunteer lay guardian ad litem that advocate for the best interest of the child victims they serve, ensuring they find a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. CASAs are an unbiased, non-threatening resource for the children they serve. The CASA assists the child in understanding that he or she is a victim, not the cause of the abuse they've endured at the hands of their caregivers.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,486

Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Douglas County District Attorney's Office is the government agency that prosecutes all felony cases in Douglas County. As a part of a legal mandate, the Douglas County District Attorney's Office must provide victim assistance to any citizen who has suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a felony crime in Douglas County. Therefore, the Douglas County District Attorney's Office established a Victim-Witness Assistance Program in 1995 and has received VOCA funding every year since.

Project Description

While the main function of the Douglas County District Attorney's Office is to prosecute defendants in felony cases, meeting the needs of crime victims continues to remain a top priority. The advocacy offered by the Victim Witness Assistance Program enables prosecutors to concentrate on the disposition of their cases knowing that victims and witnesses needs are being met. Victim Advocates provide numerous crucial services to crime victims in Douglas County including notification of rights, case status updates, court accompaniment, counseling referrals, and assistance with Crime Victims Compensation Applications and Restitution Requests.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,226

Douglas County Task Force on Family Violence, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Legal Services Provider, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Douglasville, GA 30133

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Agency Description

The Douglas County Task Force (DCTF) is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit community collaborative established in 1994. DCTF serves the community as the central point of information and coordination for approximately 25 active representatives of local agencies and systems, including law enforcement, prosecution, faith-based, and others who serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. DCTF facilitates regularly scheduled monthly meetings to discuss the needs and safety of victims, identify gaps in services and knowledge that comprises victims safety. The DCTF is committed to eradicating domestic

violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence in our community. DCTF provides an outreach program, support groups, legal advocacy and hospital accompaniment to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Douglas County Task Force on Family Violence
P.O. Box 362
Douglasville, GA 30133

678-715-1196 Crisis Line
678-715-1197-Administration

Project Description

The Douglas County Victims Assistance Programs were developed to satisfy requests for services and relief from abuse that were not provided by any other victim agency in this county, such as sexual assault and/or stalking; victims of domestic violence who are seeking relief through the court system and found they did not qualify for the services through the one other victim service agency in the area that provided assistance with TPO's. In addition, there were also victims where law enforcement has responded to their homes and it found they were not aware of the services and resources available to them. There is a large under-reported and underserved population of immigrants in our county who are living with abuse and fear due to language barriers, temporary or illegal status and other situations that cause fear of seeking assistance; and victims of crimes where no services are available, i.e., sexual assault including rape and those seeking protection and relief from stalking, and the victims who for one reason or another have been told they do not qualify for the TPO assistance through the local battered women's shelters. Other populations these new programs will serve are those who are or feel isolated from services due to race, culture, age and other special needs. The Douglas County Victim Assistance Programs work in tandem to fulfill the mission of DCTF in keeping victims from falling through the cracks.

Federal Award Amount: \$12,227

S.H.A.R.E. House Inc
Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

S.H.A.R.E. House, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing crisis intervention and a continuum of care to address the causes and effects of Domestic Violence. S.H.A.R.E House provides a safe haven for victims through its emergency shelter and crisis line.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$90,182

Effingham

Effingham County VWAP, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Springfield, Ga 31329

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Agency Description

Effingham County VWAP Inc. was established in 1989 and incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in 1991 to provide assistance, including referrals, advocacy and support to victims and witnesses of personal injury crimes in order to lessen the trauma of their victimization and empower them to become survivors. Increased education addressing the factors that lead to crime and violence, crime prevention and reporting, identifying the impact of crime on the community, in the workplace, and on the family is also provided to the community.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$21,612

Elbert

Elbert County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Elberton, GA 30636

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Agency Description

The mission of the Northern Circuit Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) is to provide quality and compassionate assistance to victims and witnesses of crime in Madison, Franklin, Hart, Oglethorpe and Elbert counties who are involved with the criminal justice system at the Superior Court level. To accomplish this mission, the Program is staffed by two full-time professional advocates and utilizes the support of local volunteers. The VWAP assists approximately 4000 clients a year.

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program provides a variety of services designed to meet the needs of crime victims, witnesses and their families. Notification of court proceedings as well as explanations of and information about the criminal justice system are made available. Members of its staff also provide clients with an orientation to the courtroom setting, assistance in compensation, restitution, protective orders, victim impact statements and can make referrals to community agencies when necessary.

Project Description

The Northern Circuit District Attorney's Office and the Northern Circuit Victim-Witness Assistance Program provides services and support to victims of crime.

Under the "Victims Bill of Rights," the District Attorney's Office is required to provide notification and other basic services to crime victims. Prosecutors are responsible for informing victims of all court dates as well as the status of a case from the time of arrest to final disposition. Some victims are also entitled to compensation. Through this Program, the office ensures that victims are aware that compensation may be available to them and that they receive the assistance they need to apply.

As a division of the District Attorney's Office, the Victim-Witness Program plays a major role in the ability to prosecute crime, seek justice for victims and advocate for the rights of victims and witnesses. The VWAPs advocates are committed to providing the support needed to help them navigate through oftentimes complex legal procedures and court processes.

Federal Award Amount: \$73,791

Emanuel

Emanuel County Child Abuse Prevention Center

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Swainsboro, GA 30401

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Agency Description

Emanuel County Child Abuse Prevention Center Inc. d/b/a The Sunshine House Regional Children's Advocacy Center provides a broad-based, certified victim services program for child victims of abuse, their non-offending family members or caretakers, and adults molested as children.

Project Description

The agency is primarily focused on victim services although there are components that focus on preventing abuse or revictimization as well as supporting the investigation of abuse allegations. Approximately 75% of the agency's focus is on victim services.

Federal Award Amount: \$109,428

Emanuel County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Office of the District Attorney for the Middle Judicial Circuit of Georgia serves victims of felony level offenses in Candler, Emanuel, Jefferson, Toombs, and Washington Counties.

Project Description

Primarily, the District Attorney's office is a prosecutorial agency. The victim's assistance program becomes involved in cases at the warrant stage. All victims are contacted and informed of their rights as victims, the name of the prosecutor, the name of the investigator, and a description of the way cases progress through the court system. At their election, more intense services are provided. These include court accompaniment, compensation requests, and notification of other services in the community.

Federal Award Amount: \$48,553

Fannin

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network

Agency Type: Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P. O. Box 1249

Blue Ridge, GA 30513

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Agency Description

Community based, non-profit, non-denominational organization incorporated in 1985 providing services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Safe shelter and support services are provided. NGMCN works collaboratively with Appalachian Judicial Circuit, law enforcement, and social services in the agency's three county service area to provide maximum resources to victims. The organization has a 24-hour crisis line, a safe shelter, referrals and resources for housing, food, clothing, counseling, medical and legal advocacy, employment assistance, emergency financial assistance, and support groups. The center currently has a volunteer SANE for rape exams. The SANE is accompanied by either the sexual assault advocate or a trained volunteer advocate when a call is received by a hospital. Contracts are in place with licensed clinical social workers to provide support groups and counseling. NGMCN also has a volunteer licensed counselor to provide some volunteer counseling.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$42,432

Fayette

Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Fayetteville, GA 30214

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Agency Description

Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence d/b/a Promise Place is a non-profit domestic violence agency which provides services to domestic violence victims in the Griffin Judicial Circuit which includes Fayette, Spalding, Pike and Upson counties. The services offered include 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, support groups, teen dating violence prevention education, training for law enforcement, emergency needs assistance, safety planning and community education.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$83,867

Fayette County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Fayetteville, GA 30214

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Agency Description

The Griffin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office is a local government agency providing a Victim Witness Assistance Program to help serve victims of crime.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$81,517

Floyd

Floyd County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) has been successful in providing direct services not only through advocacy and support to victims and their families during the court process but also through post-trial follow up, therapy referrals and other services. The VWAP coordinates with other agencies to ensure the victims' needs are addressed. The VWAP provides victim assistance in filing victim compensation, restitution requests, victim impact statements and providing information on victims' rights, through brochures and pamphlets. The VWAP is the only program that offers courtroom support, notification, familiarization with the court process as a liaison to the District Attorney's Office and post-adjudication options.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,000

Hospitality House for Women, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Rome, GA 30162-5163

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Agency Description

Hospitality House is a Department of Human Services-certified, 27-bed emergency shelter and program serving domestic violence victims and survivors. In the emergency shelter, both women and children are served. Single, adult victims and mothers with children are able to reside in the shelter program. On the occasion that there is the opportunity to provide services to male victims of violence, the full array of

service options are made available, with the exception of admittance into the shelter program. If/when male survivors need shelter services, alternate arrangements are made utilizing the support of a local homeless shelter for men or through the funding of hotel stays.

Services offered to residential and outreach victims of violence are free of charge and cover a range of possible needs such as, but not limited to the following: 24-hour crisis line; emergency food, clothing, and shelter; financial support for housing/transportation; relocation assistance; weekly individual counseling; weekly parenting/domestic violence support groups; weekly children's groups; legal advocacy and court accompaniment; social service agency referral/advocacy; child care; follow-up services; community presentations and education/awareness campaigns.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$94,504

Northwest Georgia Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

PO Box 5143

Rome, GA 30162-5143

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Agency Description

The Northwest Georgia Child Advocacy Center, d/b/a Harbor House, serves as a neutral facility in which sexual and severe child physical abuse cases brought to the attention of the police and the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) may be evaluated. Interviews are conducted by trained personnel, preventing children from having to talk about their trauma repeatedly to different agencies. Centralizing these services in a warm, home-like environment reduces the anxiety and confusion that may result from evaluating the child in multiple, sterile surroundings with fearful connotations (such as the hospital and police station). Harbor House also provides families with multi-disciplinary case review, crisis counseling, family advocacy support, referrals for services such as medical evaluation, counseling, support groups and any other needs. More than 4,700 children under the age of 18 have been served since the center opened in January 1995.

Project Description

As a Child Advocacy Center, the agency provides family advocate services to families as a means of follow up, working to connect them with the many excellent resources in the community. The agency also provides each crime victim family with Crime Victims Rights information, but refer them to the VOCA-funded Child Victim Advocate in the District Attorney's Office to receive assistance completing the paperwork if needed. When families are here at our center, typically they are in crisis so the agency relies on the Child Advocates to assist them with the completion of paperwork at a later date. Its clinical staff work hand in hand with these advocates to make sure that the families are being served.

Federal Award Amount: \$60,329

Forsyth

CASA of Forsyth County, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Cumming, GA 30040

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Agency Description

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Forsyth County, Inc. is a private, not for profit 501(c)(3) organization. CASA volunteers bring urgency to a child abuse victim's needs both in and out of the courtroom, advocating for a child's safety, permanency and well-being through their objective recommendations to the Court.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$38,961

Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Other, Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Forsyth County Sheriff's Office encompasses 224.021 square miles and serves a population of 175,511 (2010 Census information). The Sheriff's Office currently employs 315 sworn officers. The agency has been certified by the State of Georgia, through Georgia Chiefs of Police Association (GCPA), since 2002 and accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2003. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Unit was created in December 2001 with VOCA grant funding and has been funded in part by VOCA since that date. The Victim Advocate Unit is part of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Enforcement Bureau.

Project Description

The Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Unit has two part-time employees and one full time program coordinator. Someone is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to respond to victim's needs. The services provided include accompanying victims to the hospital for medical treatment; contacting family or support system for victim; transporting victim to pharmacy to get prescriptions filled; transporting

victim to their home or safe haven; transporting child victims to Forsyth County Child Advocacy Center for a Forensic Interview; emergency referrals for food, shelter, clothing, medical care, counseling, legal assistance, contacting victim's employer, landlord, creditors, children's schools; assistance with a safety plan or obtaining a temporary protection order; assistance in applying for victim's compensation; offering continuing emotional support as victim navigates through the criminal justice system. The deputies are unable to provide these services due to time and man power constraints. Without the Victim Advocate Unit crime victims may not have the resources they need that provide emotional support and follow-up assistance.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,393

Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit's District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program provides crime victims and witnesses emotional support during the aftermath of a crime as well as guidance through the complexities of the criminal justice system. Victim Advocates provide the best possible services to persons who fall victim to crime in Forsyth County by providing comprehensive services which remove barriers to justice, strengthen victims and their families, and foster a healthy transition from victim to survivor. This includes insuring that victims are granted those rights that are mandated by the "Crime Victims' Bill of Rights".

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$71,118

Forsyth County Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): French, Italian, Spanish

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Agency Description

The Forsyth County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a nonprofit, child focused, home like facility that combines the resources and efforts of many local agencies and organizations to create a caring, effective team approach to dealing with child victims of crime. The CAC is designed to protect children and provide services to them in a timely and effective manner. The Center provides tools for appropriately and successfully dealing of crime victims of abuse through the criminal justice system.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$61,544

Forsyth County Family Haven, Inc.

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider, Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

PO Box 1160

Cumming, GA 30028

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Agency Description

Forsyth County Family Haven was incorporated in 1989 for the purpose of providing safe temporary shelter, individual crisis support and referral services for victims of violence. The agency is a non-profit organization serving Forsyth County and North Fulton County. Services are offered free of charge to all victims of domestic violence regardless of age, sex, race, creed, marital status, social or economic status.

Victims of domestic violence are confronted with barriers daily and deserve a service facility that is safe and provides adequate, quality programs and services. They deserve a place that is conducive to their healing so that they may progress towards the next step...taking charge of their lives, becoming self-sufficient and living violence free.

Programs and Services

- 24 hour hotline which offers immediate crisis assistance seven days a week.
- Emergency Shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence for up to 90 days.
- Transitional Housing for families up to 12 months to attain self sufficiency.
- Legal Advocates assist survivors with questions concerning their rights as a victim of a crime, filing and completing a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) and accompaniment to related court proceedings.
- Counseling Services are provided to clients Monday through Friday free of charge.
- Support Groups focus on the needs and experiences of survivors during the restorative process.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$50,819

Franklin

Harmony House Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Counseling Provider, Sexual Assault Center,

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Harmony House is a full service child advocacy and adult sexual assault center serving victims and their non-offending caregivers and family members in the Northern Judicial Circuit. Services are provided on site as well as in home and in the courtroom. Services are provided as needed 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The center has on-call staff during all weekends, evenings and holidays.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,924

Fulton

Atlanta Legal Aid Society Inc

Agency Type: Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Atlanta, GA 30303

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Agency Description

Atlanta Legal Aid helps low-income people meet basic needs through free civil legal services. It's mission is "to deliver legal services and legal education designed to improve the social, political, and economic conditions of low-income persons; to serve as a catalyst for social change to benefit low-income persons; to prepare and furnish information to low-income persons about their rights so as to provide full benefit, enjoyment, and protection of their legal, economic, and social rights." Founded in 1924 by 17 prominent local attorneys with a \$600 grant from the Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta Legal Aid has

meant access to justice for countless individuals marginalized by poverty. It is committed to helping clients meet some of life's most basic needs - a safe home, sufficient food, personal safety, a decent education, and protection against fraud. Last year, advocates handled more than 25,000 cases that affected over 50,000 people in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties. While Atlanta Legal Aid does not have as its sole mission to serve victims of crime, it has done so for 30 years through our Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. The agency has received funding from CJCC since 1996.

Project Description

The Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program investigates complaints and assists victims of abuse and neglect in long-term care facilities in the Atlanta metropolitan area. The project is responsible for monitoring the safety and well-being of the over 23,000 residents of the 1,067 nursing and personal care homes in the service area. The project has three primary components: complaint investigation, unannounced visits to nursing homes and personal care homes, and information and assistance.

Staff ombudsman, who are certified by the state after intensive training, prioritize complaints by severity, putting the highest priority on complaints of abuse and neglect. About 800 complaints of abuse and neglect are investigated annually, and almost 95% of them are resolved satisfactorily. In addition, the ombudsman frequently uncover severe cases of abuse and neglect through unannounced site visits; normally up to 250 instances of abuse and neglect are discovered on an annual basis.

The program is also a source of information for the community. In particular, it teaches community groups and residents themselves how to identify and report abuse and neglect in long-term care facilities. Ombudsmen also train facility staff on abuse and neglect issues critical to those caring for residents.

The work of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program allows the criminal justice system to discover and respond to crimes against resident victims in nursing homes and personal care homes. Without our involvement, many of these crimes would go undetected, since residents may not even know that they are victims of crime. Even when they know, they are often afraid or unable to complain, especially to the police, but are willing to confide in ombudsmen from our program who they know and trust. Ombudsmen work closely with other specialty units of the program to protect residents of such facilities.

Federal Award Amount: \$25,565

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Office of the Fulton County District Attorney is charged with the prosecution of all felony violations of state law that occur within Fulton County. The District Attorney prosecutes all indictable offenses as well as those that may be charged by accusation and litigates these offenses in both the trial and appellate courts of the State of Georgia. In order to execute these responsibilities as well as the other District Attorney duties required by state law, the office retains a staff of attorneys, investigators, victim advocates and administrative personnel.

Project Description

The mission of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program is to provide quality and compassionate assistance to victims of and witnesses to felony crimes that have occurred in Fulton County as well as all crimes committed by juveniles. To accomplish this mission, the Program is staffed by professional advocates and counselors and utilizes the services of interns from local colleges and universities. The program assists approximately 10,000 clients a year.

Under the "Victims Bill of Rights", the District Attorney's Office is required to provide notification and other basic services to crime victims. Prosecutors are responsible for informing victims of all court dates as well as the status of a case from the time of initial charging decision to final disposition. Some victims are also entitled to compensation. Through this program, the office ensures that victims are aware that compensation may be available to them and assist victims with the application and application process.

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program provides a variety of services designed to meet the needs of crime victims, witnesses and their families. Case information as well as explanations of and information about the criminal justice system are made available. Members of the staff also provide clients with an orientation to the courtroom setting and assist in the development of victim impact statements. The staff also provides short-term counseling and referrals to community agencies when long-term therapy is needed.

Federal Award Amount: \$155,903

Fulton County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

Juvenile Justice Center

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Atlanta, GA 30312

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Agency Description

Fulton County CASA provides advocacy services for any child (ages 0-18 years old) adjudicated deprived by the Fulton County Juvenile Court. This includes children who are victims of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse, as well as children who have been abandoned or are the victims of neglect due to parent's unwillingness or inability to properly care for their children.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$79,773

Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

P.O. Box 17770

Atlanta, GA 30316

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Agency Description

The Georgia Center for Child Advocacy (GCCA) is the accredited Children's Advocacy Center serving both Fulton and DeKalb counties, having provided intervention and treatment services to more than 12,500 children who are victims of sexual predators, physical abuse and who are child victim witnesses to homicide. GCCA provides an appropriate environment in which to respond to the needs of abused children and their families while working within a multidisciplinary framework comprised of law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, and medical and mental health professionals to ensure that children are safe and protected from further victimization

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$194,767

Juvenile Justice Fund, Inc.

Agency Type: Culturally-Specific Sexual Assault Program, Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

395 Pryor Street SW, Suite 2117

Atlanta, GA 30312

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Agency Description

The Juvenile Justice Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001 with a mission "to help children in Atlanta's juvenile justice system recover from the damage of abuse, exploitation, a fractured home life or no home at all." The agency believes all children should have the opportunity to thrive and develop into healthy adults and it is committed to creating healthy and strong families. "All Children Always Matter" is the driving force behind all of its programs, which are specifically focused on ending the abuse of children by making sure they do not become victims of commercial sexual exploitation (child sex trafficking) through our CEASE Program and "A Future. Not a Past" and unifying families through our Family Visitation Program and "Project Ready, Set, Go!" The Fund is devoted to the

community and offers direct services to more than 850 disadvantaged children and their families annually, as well as training and assistance for more than 2,000 professional service providers throughout metro Atlanta and the greater Fulton County area.

Project Description

The Center to End Adolescent Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) Program, begun in 2001, worked directly with girls coming through the Fulton County Juvenile Court who were either victims of commercial sexual exploitation (sex trafficking), or were at high risk of being victimized. Today, CEASE works directly with the latter group of girls—those child abuse victims that are deemed high risk for being victimized by commercial sexual exploitation and display other red flag indicators. Given that almost 70 percent of those who end up being commercially sexually exploited are already victims of child abuse within their homes, CEASE specifically now works with these girls to deter involvement in commercial sexual exploitation. Coming through the Fulton County Juvenile Court for a variety of reasons, with a history of prior involvement with child protective services, truancy, and/or a history of running away, these girls become the focus of the CEASE Program's Voices Project. According to the National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Throwaway Children, one out of every three teens will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home, so early intervention ensures that these girls will not be further victimized.

The CEASE Program's Voices Project is a healthy and holistic program, delivering innovative, one-of-a-kind services to deter adolescents from early victimization and addresses key areas widely known to create vulnerabilities for the extreme abuse of commercial sexual exploitation. The three main goals of the CEASE Voices project are 1) to provide services to child abuse victims and other youth that have been deemed "high risk" for commercial sexual exploitation; 2) to increase and cultivate the talents and strengths of those victims; and 3) to encourage a healthy wellbeing lifestyle among participants designed to promote contribution to their community and preparation for future success.

While the Juvenile Justice Fund is not primarily a victim assistance agency, it is an agency that seeks to support those families and youth in contact with the court so as to reduce the chances of returning to the court for further supervision and/or punishment. In this infrastructure, the CEASE program is extremely beneficial and powerful to the Juvenile Justice Fund organization because it is focused on ensuring that young girls already victimized by child abuse do not continue down the abuse continuum and become victims of commercial sexual exploitation. The CEASE Program is managed by our CSEC team (working to end the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) who report directly to the Juvenile Justice Fund's Executive Director.

Federal Award Amount: \$33,781

Gilmer

Appalachian Children's Center, Inc.
Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Ellijay, GA 30540

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Agency Description

The Appalachian Children’s Center (ACC) serves male and female children, between the ages of 3 and 17, non-offending care givers and families, for whom allegations of maltreatment such as child abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and/or neglect is suspected or claims substantiated. The mission of the ACC is to be an advocate for the safety of all children and to reduce the trauma of child abuse victims and their families. ACC primarily serves children in the Appalachian Judicial Circuit (Fannin, Gilmer and Pickens Counties), a rural area approximately 80 miles north of Atlanta.

Project Description

The ACC provides victim assistance programming within the overall framework of the organization. As a child advocacy center, the goal is to ensure that children are supported from victimization through prosecution. The ACC provides immediate support and assistance to child victims and their families that may include crisis intervention, follow up services, information/referral, and criminal justice support and advocacy. The ACC also provides individual therapy, group, parenting classes, assessments, and longer-term support to these children and care givers/families.

The ACC works closely with the prosecution-based, victim-witness assistance program in the Appalachian Judicial District. When necessary, it assists in filling out victim's compensation paperwork, as well as other necessary support, as requested from the office of victim services.

The ACC facilitates a collaborative approach to victim assistance. In order to best serve victims, it coordinates with other agencies, such as Law Enforcement, The Department of Family and Children's Services, the District Attorney's Office, and the North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network. This framework provides the best chance to the child and family for healing, growth, and stability.

Federal Award Amount: \$64,800

Pickens County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

CASA of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit recruits, screens, trains and supervises Community volunteers in Fannin, Gilmer and Pickens counties. Trained CASA volunteers provide quality advocacy for the most vulnerable victims of crime – abused, abandoned, and neglected children. The agency speaks for the child and shows the urgency of their needs and best interest with court room advocacy and other appropriate collaborations and efforts for optimum outcomes for deprived children.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$54,544

Glynn

CASA Glynn, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

CASA Glynn recruits, trains, and supervises adults who advocate for abused, neglected, and maltreated Glynn County children. A CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate, is appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge after there has been a finding of deprivation. The CASA remains with the victim until there is a permanent placement for that child. Victim's Assistance is its primary function, which is Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$21,950

Glynn Community Crisis Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Brunswick, GA 31521

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Agency Description

Glynn Community Crisis Center, Inc. d/b/a Amity House operates programs enhancing safety of primary and secondary victims of domestic violence by providing crisis intervention and ongoing services which enhance the safety and support of families. Major units of service include crisis line, advocacy, legal advocacy, safety planning, support groups, financial assistance, referrals and personal growth programs. Clients seeking safety and shelter at Amity House work with trained House Manager and Advocates to develop case plans, to promote a positive attitude towards their future. The intended outcome is that

clients set up permanent households free from abusive relationships, and establish new healthy happy and productive lives.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$87,866

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Brunswick, Ga 31525

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Agency Description

The Glynn County Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency that provides police services to the unincorporated areas of Glynn County. This agency has 115 sworn and non sworn personnel. The jurisdiction of Glynn County covers approximately 423 square miles and is one of six counties located along the coast of Georgia with an estimated residential population, according to the 2010 U. S. Bureau of Census, of 79,626 and includes Jekyll, St. Simons, and Sea Islands. The police department responds to crimes and traffic accidents investigating both. The overall mission is to provide professional law enforcement services in Glynn County to protect life and property by working with the community to maintain the peace, control crime, and to promote public safety through educational opportunities, enforcement of traffic regulations to enhance the safe travel of vehicles and commerce on the roadways, and the enforcement of State Law and Local Ordinances.

Project Description

The Crime Victim Liaison (CVL) program is to respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization; assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system and to provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security.

The CVL program will read an average of 14,000 police reports to identify at least 1,400 victims of crime that need referral information, available options, in easily accessible locations that ensures the victims protection and encourage a return to normalcy. Normalcy will include becoming strong, healthy and self-sufficient.

The whole purpose of this program is to avail the citizens of Glynn County and its visitors of vital referral information pertaining to their individual needs. This program funded in the past with VOCA funds has been able to do that.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,650

Golden Isles CAC, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Brunswick, GA 31520

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Agency Description

Golden Isles Children's Center, Inc. (GICC) is a Child Advocacy Center and Rape Crisis Center serving the Brunswick Judicial Circuit which includes Appling, Camden, Glynn, Jeff Davis and Wayne Counties, as well as neighboring McIntosh, Brantley and Long Counties. GICC meets state and national standards of the multi-disciplinary team approach to child abuse. GICC collaborates with child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, medical services, mental health services, school social services, juvenile justice, and/or probation to put the needs of the victims of abuse and their families who have been referred by DFCS and/or law enforcement; and prevention services to the community-at-large.

Project Description

GICC anticipates serving 200 families/ 600 individuals. Historical client data reveals that many of the families served are victims of an entrenched, intergenerational culture of violence and family dysfunction. The mission of the project of GICC is to utilize crisis intervention, therapeutic services, victim advocacy, information and referral, community education, publicity and prevention initiatives, community and agency collaboration, specialized medical services, and specialized investigative services in an effort to serve child and adult victims of sexual abuse and/or assault and/or physical abuse. These tools are used in an effort to stabilize the lives of the victims and their families through physical and emotional healing, the return of healthy individual and family functioning and assistance with and through the judicial process.

The GICC service design is solution-based therapy which gives primary therapeutic attention to developing a picture of the "solution" and discovering the resources to achieve it. On average, our model encompasses five to eight sessions with the goal of helping the client to achieve a healthy satisfying life building on existing individual/family strengths, increasing the stability of the family, increasing parental confidence and enhancing overall family functioning to prevent child abuse and neglect. Solution focused therapy has proven highly effective. Although solution focused therapy is a treatment in its own right, it can also be used to complement other service modalities and is built into all GICC services (support groups, parent education, substance abuse, parenting and marriage therapy).

Federal Award Amount: \$71,040

Safe Harbor Children's Center, Inc

Agency Type: Children's Shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Brunswick, GA 31521

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Agency Description

Safe Harbor Children's Center opened in 1991 after shelter founders Susan and Bob Hamer discovered that youth from the area had no place to go for help. More than 3300 youth have stayed at Safe Harbor since it was organized. Safe Harbor receives calls from many neighboring counties, lending credence that the center is the runaway shelter of choice for young people. Safe Harbor is licensed by the State of Georgia to operate a long-term child caring institution (CCI) consisting of 18 beds. The Center is a member of the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children which provides access to other center beds across the state. Community volunteers serve on the Board of directors which meets on a monthly basis to set policy and oversee the Executive Director. The Safe Harbor Auxiliary was formed in 1992 to operate as a volunteer branch of the agency, working to raise funding from the community. Staff currently consists of an Executive Director, Assistant Director, eight full-time residential treatment workers, eleven part-time residential treatment workers, full-time administrative assistant, three part time therapists, a full-time community outreach coordinator, one full time street outreach worker, two part-time outreach workers, and student interns.

Project Description

Runaway youth are most often crime victims. Of the youth seen at Safe Harbor Children's Center, approximately 60 per cent have been abused in some form - either sexually, mentally, physically, or emotionally neglected.

Federal Award Amount: \$32,667

Greene

Circle of Love Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

COLC is a 30 day emergency shelter for female victims of domestic or family violence and their children. Men are served but not housed within its shelter facility. It provides 24-hour crisis line, safe shelter, case management, community resource referrals, advocacy, legal advocacy and liaison services, emotional support for adults and children, financial assistance, children services and outreach services.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$22,170

Gwinnett

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office Victim Witness Program is a prosecution based program that serves those persons that have fallen victim to felony crime(s) in Gwinnett County.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$45,703

Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center Inc

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Culturally-Specific Sexual Assault Program, Legal Services Provider, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Cantonese, Malayalam, Mandarin, Other

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Duluth, GA 30096

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Agency Description

Gwinnett Sexual Assault & Children's Advocacy Center (GSAC-CAC) is marking it's 25-year as a local community non-profit organization that provides highly specialized direct-victim services for all persons and families victimized by crimes of sexual assault/ abuse. GSAC-CAC is an innovative "dual services" program uniquely staffed and equipped to meet the distinct needs of child, adolescent and adult sexual assault/abuse victims on a 24/7 -basis. All services including forensic-medical response and care are available in a "free-standing" facility that facilitates private, effective and efficient care. GSAC-CAC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) are all nationally certified examiners specially qualified to provide the highest standard of assessment, care and treatment to sexual assault survivors. GSAC-CAC provides professional individual/family advocacy; personal assistance with crime victims compensation;

medical accompaniment; child forensic-interviews; professional counseling referrals; legal assistance for victims; crisis intervention and a 24-hour crisis hotline; and follow-up services. Screened and qualified professional local counselors serve as a vital partner with GSAC-CAC to provide professional licensed counseling services.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$106,566

Habersham

Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

PO Box 833

Cornelia, GA 30531

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Agency Description

Georgia Mountain Women's Center (GMWC) is a 501(c)3 organization providing services to victims of domestic violence in Habersham, Stephens and White counties since 1987. GMWC's mission is to support, empower and bring hope to those affected by domestic violence. GMWC provides victims with a comprehensive array of services designed to ensure barriers are identified, needs are met and safety and stability are achieved.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,749

Habersham County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Clarksville, GA 30523

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Agency Description

District attorney's victim assistance program serving Habersham, Rabun and Stephens counties. This program was established to offer crime victims and witnesses emotional support during the aftermath

of crime and guidance through the maze of the criminal justice system, as well as refer victims and witnesses to other agencies, when appropriate.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$79,865

Hall

Children's Center for Hope and Healing

Agency Type: Counseling Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

Founded in 1984, the Children's Center for Hope and Healing provides no-cost counseling for children—boys and girls, ages 3 to 17, and their families—who have been the victims of sexual abuse as well as counseling for women who are adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The center's mission is to restore dignity, trust, and hope to individuals and families traumatized by child sexual abuse through accessible and effective therapy, advocacy, and education. The center provides a safe and caring environment for families to heal through offices in Gainesville, Cumming, Demorest, and Winder. Through a separate program, not funded by VOCA, the agency also provides treatment to children and adolescents with sexual behavior problems. This program, called Project Pathfinder, is also victim-centric, focusing on victim empathy, accepting personal responsibility for actions, and on making restitution. Because of the two programs, the agency is uniquely positioned to facilitate family reunification when reunification is in the best interest of the victim. For more information, visit www.hopeandhealingga.org

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$125,027

Gateway House, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Other

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Agency Description

Gateway House, Inc., d/b/a Gateway Domestic Violence Center provides emergency shelter, comprehensive support services and legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence in a primary geographic area of Hall County, Georgia. All of Gateway's services are free and confidential, and all services are offered in English and Spanish.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$100,412

Hall County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P.O. Drawer 1435

Gainesville, GA 30503

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Agency Description

The Hall County Sheriff's Department is the mandated public safety agency for Hall County, GA, located approximately 50 miles northeast of Atlanta. Hall County is a mixture of rural and metro areas with a population of 179,684. To police the 429 square miles of Hall County, the Sheriff's Department has 482 employees, a combination of certified officers and support personnel. The Hall County Sheriff's Office Victim-Witness Services Unit-Domestic Violence Taskforce is a 'first responder' to the Hall County Community and provides compassionate assistance through early victims services.

Project Description

The Victim-Witness Assistance unit of the Hall County Sheriff's Department is a two-person unit that provides first-responder services for victims of violent crime. The unit is "24-7" and responds to crimes of domestic violence, child abuse, adults molested as children, assault, sexual assault, DUI crashes, homicide, natural disaster and other violent crime and incidences. It is an "on-scene" unit that responds within thirty minutes of the incident and remains on-scene until all victims services are administered. The Hall County V-W unit provides immediate and on-going follow-up services for these victims.

Federal Award Amount: \$40,869

Hall County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P.O. Drawer 1435

Gainesville, GA 30503

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Agency Description

The Hall County Solicitor's Office prosecutes misdemeanor crimes that have occurred in Hall County, Georgia.

Project Description

The Victim Witness Program assists victims of misdemeanor crimes by assessing their needs and directing them to appropriate services. This includes domestic violence victims being referred to Gateway Domestic Violence Center for shelter, individual counseling, and support groups. Pre-trial interviews are conducted with victims, court room accompaniment, and on-going support continues until the case is concluded.

Federal Award Amount: \$39,867

Hall County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

Post Office Drawer 1435

Gainesville, GA 30503

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Agency Description

The Northeastern Judicial Office of the District Attorney is a local government agency responsible for the prosecution of felony and misdemeanor cases in this circuit. The Victim Assistance Program serves all types of crime victims of both misdemeanor and felony offenses to include crimes against persons and property. Advocates of the Victim Assistance Program work closely with prosecutors and investigators to prosecute criminal cases and ensure that victim's rights are protected as statutorily required. Advocates also refer victims to community services such as counselors or other advocates who specialize in assisting victims based on the specific crime committed against them.

Project Description

Staff in the Hall and Dawson District Attorney's Offices are divided into trial teams. Each trial team handles a caseload that is randomly assigned. The trial teams prosecute criminal cases in Superior and Juvenile Courts. Each trial team consists of one Victim Advocate, one Investigator, one Legal Assistant, and two to three prosecutors. The Victim Advocates are responsible for providing services to victims of crimes that are statutorily mandated by the Crime Victim's Bill of Rights. Advocates also serve as the liaison between the crime victim and the prosecutors and investigators within the District Attorney's Office.

Federal Award Amount: \$44,046

Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Hall-Dawson Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is a non-profit organization that provides free criminal justice representation and advocacy to children who are victims of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect. The CASA's mission is to recruit, screen, train and supervise community volunteers to advocate and represent the best interest of abused children entering the juvenile courts of Hall and Dawson Counties.

The Child Abuse Protection and Treatment Act (CAPTA) is a federal law that requires a guardian *ad litem* (GAL) be appointed in all cases of child abuse or neglect. Trained CASA Volunteers are appointed by juvenile judges to fill this role. CASA is a national organization utilizing trained, screened, and supervised volunteers as lay guardian *ad litem*s in court. CASA's sole purpose is to provide services to child victims of abuse and neglect.

The CASA program works with juvenile court, local Departments of Family and Children Services, foster families, biological families and many community service providers with the goal of protecting the most vulnerable members of our society—our children. The agency's goal is to ensure that children have the right to a safe and nurturing environment. The CASA program places a consistent focus on the child's need for safety and permanency. It has been providing advocacy to child victims in Hall and Dawson for 21 years.

In 1990 with the inclusion of the CASA Program in the Victims of Child Abuse Act, Congress affirmed the use of volunteers in its otherwise closed juvenile court systems and made provisions for the growth of its volunteer movement nationwide. Interrupting the cycle of abuse is the focus of CASA. A safe, permanent home is the goal for each child. CASA is the only national organization of volunteer advocates who have been trained to speak as an independent voice in court for children's best interest. The U.S. Department of Justice has recognized CASA as a model program, and views CASA as a safety net for abused and neglected children. The agency is also affiliated with Georgia CASA, the state organization in Atlanta.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$51,006

Rape Response, Inc.

Agency Type: Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Rape Response Inc. is a nonprofit agency with 24/7 services for female and male, adolescent and adult victims of sexual assault. The mission is to serve as a system of support, advocacy and education providing services to the community and to victims of sexual assault while safeguarding the dignity of each person served. The agency has been in existence for 22 years and serves five counties (Dawson, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin and White).

Comprehensive services for victims, their families and the community include:

- 24-hour crisis hotline;
- Emergency room response and support;
- Short-term crisis intervention;
- Information and referrals for resources and services to support victim's individual needs and situations;
- Aftercare health screenings and exams in collaboration with public health clinics;
- Court accompaniment for victims during legal proceedings and trial;
- Victim compensation assistance;
- Prevention education in middle school, high school and colleges, as funding allows.

Project Description

The primary goal of Rape Response, inc. is the provision of comprehensive services to adolescent and adult victims of sexual violence in the five county service area. Rape Response recruits, trains, supervises and coordinates an average of 25 volunteers who respond to two hospitals in the service area when a victim presents for a forensic exam. A 24/7 crisis hotline is maintained that serves all of north Georgia and provides immediate crisis intervention for victims of sexual violence, as well as information and referrals to appropriate agencies. A website is also maintained for immediate online information and resources.

Comprehensive services include criminal justice accompaniment, personal advocacy, medical accompaniment, assistance filing victims comp, aftercare, crisis intervention, counseling referrals, emergency financial assistance and comfort items. The services Rape Response provides to victims allow the other disciplines to concentrate on the collection of forensic evidence, the investigation of the crime and apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrators.

Additionally, Rape Response serves as the liaison for updating and maintaining the Sexual Assault Protocol in each judicial circuit served by the program. Rape Response convenes educational seminars

for professionals for the purpose of strengthening their education and understanding of areas of concern regarding sexual violence. Rape Response provides ongoing training for law enforcement, counselors, college staff, attorneys and community organizations. Rape Responses continues to develop strong relationships and collaborations with allied professionals in the five county service area that go beyond coordination of services. These relationships help Rape Response to provide the complete scope of services essential to the recovery and well-being of sexual assault survivors.

Federal Award Amount: \$9,263

Haralson

Haralson County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Victim Witness Advocate is charged with the duty to notify and help the victims and witnesses through the complexities of the judicial system. This helps to ensure that the victims are not traumatized a second time by the criminal justice system.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$22,511

Hart

Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence, Inc

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence, Inc. (NEGACDV), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation, was established in 1995 to serve victims of domestic violence residing primarily in Hart, Franklin and Elbert counties in rural northeast Georgia. In November 2000, the Council came under

sponsorship of the Georgia Mountain's Women's Center through a special grant funded by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Council opened its shelter, Heart Haven, in August 2001. In addition to the residential program, NEGACDV also assists non-residential clients with a wide variety of services. It's primary focus is victim assistance because all of the agency's clients are or have been victims of family violence. The agency is primarily funded through and certified by the Governor's Office for Children and Families and has received funding from CJCC since 2000.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$28,168

Henry

Flint Circuit Council on Family Violence, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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McDonough, GA 30253

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Agency Description

Haven House is a 48-bed shelter and program for victims of domestic violence and their children. Haven House offers legal advocacy, safe shelter, childrens' services, transportation, relocation, support group and case management services.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$164,656

Houston

CASA of Houston County

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children) of Houston County, Inc. is a non-profit agency that advocates for the "best interest" of abused and neglected children in Houston County, GA. CASA of Houston County (CASA of HoCo) was formed under the umbrella of the Juvenile Court in 1991 and gained 501 (c)(3) status in 2002.

The agency's volunteer advocates serve children from birth to 21 years of age who are involved in the juvenile court system due to issues of abuse and/or neglect. As its sole purpose, CASA of HoCo has been providing services to victims of crime for 20 years. CASAs advocate for the emotional, physical, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of the child (ren). On a monthly basis, its volunteers visit the child(ren), talk with foster parents, biological parents, Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Case Managers, and other interested parties. Their independent and objective recommendations for a safe and permanent home are submitted to the Juvenile Judge.

CASA of HoCo is affiliated with The National CASA Association and Georgia CASA, Inc. The agency's mission is to recruit, train, supervise, and retain culturally responsive volunteers to advocate for abused and/or neglected children in Houston County; one child at a time.

Project Description

CASA of Houston County, Inc. is the victims assistance agency.

Federal Award Amount: \$48,218

HODAC, Inc.

Agency Type: Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Located in Houston County, Georgia, Hodac, Inc. is an established, private non-profit organization whose mission is to extend a helping hand to make a difference in the lives it touches in Georgia through education, advocacy, prevention, and intervention. Hodac has been providing free and low-cost social services to the local, regional, and statewide community for 40 years. Since HODAC's inception, the agency has grown into a multifaceted social services organization that operates three 24-hour helplines; a teen center that provides enrichment activities after school and during the summer; substance abuse and violence prevention for students and the community; substance abuse treatment and housing programs for women and their families; and a comprehensive victim services program. Hodac has an extensive history of adapting its Call Center to meet the evolving needs of the local and state community. Currently, Hodac's Call Center houses three helplines, all of which are toll-free and operated by live staff 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The services of the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline are overseen by Hodac administration and implemented directly by a team of 10 trained telephone information specialists. Services conform to all national and state standards for I & R services.

Project Description

Hodac has served victims of crime in some capacity since 1982, and, since 1993, this specific program, the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline, has utilized VOCA funds to serve victims of crime across the state of Georgia. The Helpline is the only information and referral service specifically for victim assistance in the state and regularly receives calls from all 159 counties. In Houston and Peach Counties, the Helpline also provides crisis intervention services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The prevalence of crime, particularly violent crime, indicates a continued need for these services.

The Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline aligns with Hodac's mission by providing victims of crime in Georgia with an easily accessible source of education and intervention. Callers are educated about victims' rights, victims' compensation, and the variety of available victim assistance resources. Many Helpline referral resources offer intervention services to victims, ultimately assisting them in restoring health and stability. The Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline is one of three helplines in Hodac's Call Center, and the Call Center is one of five primary Hodac departments providing social services to the local, regional, and statewide communities. The Call Center serves close to 39,000 callers per year from all Georgia counties and all demographic categories.

The mission of Hodac's Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline is to promote increased health, safety, and knowledge in the lives of crime victims in Georgia by providing them with up-to-date information and referrals to victim resources in their geographic area, crisis intervention services, and information about the Georgia Victim Compensation Program.

In order to accomplish the goals and objectives delineated in the mission statement, Hodac and the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline plan to continue providing the same services that have assisted victims of crime in Georgia since receiving initial VOCA funding in 1993. Specifically, this program will provide every innocent crime victim in the state of Georgia and those concerned about such victims with one central, toll-free telephone number to call 24 hours a day, seven days a week for accurate, up-to-date information and resource referrals to direct victim assistance services in their geographic area; crisis intervention (Houston and Peach Counties only); and information about eligibility and the application process for the Georgia Victim Compensation Program.

When an individual dials the toll-free number to reach the Helpline, the call rings into one of nine incoming lines and is promptly answered by a trained telephone information specialist (TIS). Callers never reach a recording or voice-mail, as the phones are manned 24-hours per day, 7-days per week, including nights, weekends, and holidays. All calls are confidential, and if the caller desires, anonymity is respected.

The Helpline partners with Hodac's Comprehensive Victim Services Program to provide crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Houston and Peach Counties. Victim Services provides 24-hour hospital accompaniment to these victims at local medical facilities, and Helpline staff are responsible for dispatching Hodac staff and volunteer advocates when a victim presents at one of these locations.

Helpline staff members are also responsible for maintenance of the Iris 3.0 database that contains all call data and referral resources. This searchable database gives each TIS access to a network of 4,213 local and statewide social services agencies to which victims are referred, including 434 victim assistance providers. The database is stringently maintained to ensure that accurate, up-to-date, and

comprehensive referrals and information are available to victims of crime at all times. All resources listed in the database are verified at least once a year on a predetermined schedule. When the Helpline learns of a program or service that is not in the database, research is conducted and a standardized "Agency Survey Questionnaire" is sent to the agency for completion. Upon receipt of a completed form, the information is added to the database.

The direct services of the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline conform to national and state standards for information and referral (I&R) services. In addition, Hodac is a member of GAIRS (Georgia Alliance for Information and Referral Specialists), and the provision of all I & R services in the Hodac Call Center fulfill the Standards for Professional Information and Referral. Helpline staff provide information to callers on a live, one-on-one basis; offer advocacy and crisis intervention services when necessary (i.e. assistance for individuals threatening suicide, local victims of sexual assault and domestic violence); and attempt to follow-up with all callers, with the exception of domestic violence victims.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,557

HODAC, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Other, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Located in Houston County, Georgia, Hodac, Inc. is an established, private non-profit organization whose mission is to extend a helping hand to make a difference in the lives they touch in Georgia through education, advocacy, prevention, and intervention. Hodac has been providing free and low-cost social services to the local, regional, and statewide community for 40 years. Since inception, the agency has grown into a multifaceted social services organization that operates three 24-hour helplines; a teen center that provides enrichment activities after school and during the summer; substance abuse and violence prevention for students and the community; substance abuse treatment and housing programs for women and their families; and a comprehensive victim services program. Hodac has an extensive history of adapting its Comprehensive Victim Services Program to meet the evolving needs of the local community. Currently, the program offers hospital accompaniment, court advocacy, personal advocacy, support groups, and emotional support to Houston County victims, as well as activities, trainings, and events to educate victims and the general public about victimization and victims' rights.

Project Description

Hodac's involvement in victim services began in 1982 with the establishment of a crisis hotline and a volunteer rape crisis response team. In 1996, Hodac began receiving CJCC funding and 5% fine money from the Houston County Court System to provide a crime victim assistance program. Hodac's Comprehensive Victim Services Program has evolved over the years and currently provides an extensive range of victim-centered services. This program fulfills the intervention component of the organization's mission statement by mitigating the discomfort and lack of support that crime victims would no doubt experience without access to these services. As evidenced, Hodac has the experience and capacity to

continue to serve as a community leader in providing much needed services to victims of crime in Houston County.

Over the past four calendar years, Hodac's Comprehensive Victim Services Program has served an average of 2,424 victims of crime per year - 2,675 in 2007, 2,403 in 2008, 2,328 in 2009, and 2,289 in 2010. All victims of sexual assault and domestic violence are accompanied to the hospital for treatment and forensic exams and are provided with follow-up services; all victims of crimes that are going to State Court in Houston County are contacted and given the opportunity to receive advocacy and other needed services throughout the court process. All victims of crime served by Victim Services are referred to other community resources in order to provide a complete continuum of care. Personal advocacy and emotional support is offered to all victims throughout their involvement in the program, to include assistance dealing with landlords, lawyers, employers, law enforcement, and other entities.

The mission of Hodac's Comprehensive Victim Services Program is to ensure that victims of crime in Houston County have a voice by promoting justice through court advocacy, facilitating access to community resources, offering personal advocacy and support, and educating victims and the community about victimization and victims' rights. The goals of this program are to increase victims' knowledge of and involvement in the court process; to promote feelings of emotional support and personal stability among victims during and after a crisis; to increase victims' knowledge of safety issues and to encourage its incorporation into their daily lives; to heighten community awareness of victimization and victims' rights; to train and utilize volunteers as advocates; to increase knowledge of victims' rights, victimization, and the role of an advocate among those that interact with victims; to increase victims' knowledge and utilization of victims' rights; and to heighten victims' awareness of available community resources and promote the usage of these resources.

From the onset of a traumatic event to the end of the court process and beyond, Victims Services works with victims of crime. Advocates provide reassurance and direction to victims by offering emotional support and knowledgeable guidance. All services are available in both English and Spanish to maximize access to all victims.

Federal Award Amount: \$66,193

Rainbow House Children's Resource Center
Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Rainbow House Children's Resource Center, a local, non-profit organization, has been responding to allegations and working to reduce the incidents of child abuse in Houston County, Georgia, since 1986. Today it continues to serve all children by strengthening the community's response to child abuse and neglect through prevention, intervention and advocacy efforts. Rainbow House is one of forty child advocacy centers in Georgia and is accredited on both the state level through Children's Advocacy

Centers of Georgia and nationally through the National Children's Alliance. As a child advocacy center, Rainbow House implements the multidisciplinary approach to child abuse investigation and works collaboratively with Houston County Department of Family and Children's Services, the Juvenile Division of Houston County Sheriff, and Houston County District Attorney's Office. It's multidisciplinary team meets twice monthly to review child abuse cases to ensure both appropriate responses and coordination among team members as well as to minimize gaps in services; overall reducing the traumatization of child abuse victims. This comprehensive approach to child abuse sets this agency apart from other victim services agencies.

Rainbow House's Prevention Programs, begun as a chartered council of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, offer a variety of educational opportunities to include children and adults. The agency stands behind the idea that you can't stop what you don't know and seeks to educate the community about the impact of child abuse and how prevent it from happening before it starts. Currently the prevention programs focus on family support and education. Rainbow House believes that by creating healthier families it will reduce the incidents of child abuse and neglect in their county.

Project Description

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) works with the Houston County multidisciplinary team to offer services to child victims and their family at onset of referral to our agency. The victim advocacy program offers families: a better understanding of the criminal justice system, a feeling of support with the forensic process and the criminal justice system, a better understanding of crime victims rights and how to implement and access those rights, a better ability to cope with the situation, a better understanding of the child abuse dynamics, a better understanding of how to protect themselves and their children in the future, educational materials to prevent further victimization, and knowledge of and access to community resources. Additionally, its victim advocacy program provides advocates to act as the voice of the child who can not speak for him/herself.

Federal Award Amount: \$60,131

The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Safe House is a program operated by The Salvation Army for victims that have suffered from physical and severe emotional abuse. The Safe House's goal is to provide an alternative to living in a violent situation and to offer education and resources necessary for intervention and prevention of violence to help victims make healthier choices for themselves and their families.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,422

Jackson

Piedmont CASA Inc

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): French, German, Italian

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Agency Description

Piedmont CASA ("Court Appointed Special Advocates") is a non-profit agency which recruits, screens, trains and supervises community volunteers to advocate in the Juvenile Court for abused and neglected children in Jackson, Barrow and Banks Counties. The agency works with children aged birth to 18 years of age who are victims of physical, sexual or emotional abuse and/or neglect. Most of these children come from families who struggle with generational poverty, drug and/or alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and child delinquency. Piedmont CASA was organized in 2000 and has been providing services to victims for over 10 years. Piedmont CASA is affiliated with Georgia CASA and National CASA and is in compliance with National CASA Standards for Member Programs. The focus of the agency is to train volunteers who serve child victims.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$25,205

Lamar

Lamar County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Lamar County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate is a first response agency to all victims of crime. It also provides assistance in the court system and T.P.O. process. Transportation is also provided and/or arranged for crime victims to any and all services needed.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$28,856

Laurens

Laurens County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Dublin Circuit Victim-Witness Assistance Program is a local governmental agency that was established in 1998. The program provides direct, comprehensive victim services for Laurens, Johnson, Treutlen and Twiggs counties. The program's primary objective is to serve victims of crime according to the statutory requirements of the Georgia Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. The primary types of victims served include victims of Domestic Violence, Child Sexual and Physical Abuse, Adult Sexual Assault, Robbery, DUI Crashes, Elder Abuse, Stalking, Theft/Burglary, Homicide, Kidnapping and other violent crimes. Another objective of Victim Assistance is to advocate for victims to receive compensation through the Georgia Crime Victim Compensation Program.

The Dublin Circuit VWAP provides quality services to all crime victims and acts as a liaison within the District Attorney's Office.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$26,802

Stepping Stone Child Advocacy Center

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Dublin, GA 31040

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Agency Description

Stepping Stone Child Advocacy Center, Inc. was established in 1999. It is a child advocacy center that currently serves a four county area--Laurens, Johnson, Treutlen, and Twiggs Counties. It's mission is to lessen the trauma suffered by children who may have been abused by providing evaluation in a safe, caring place and to encourage collaboration of services for the benefit of the child, family and community. The agency's envisions communities where children flourish free from child abuse and neglect.

Current services for abused children and their families include: evaluation in a safe, caring place; parent support services; victim advocacy; organizing child/youth and family services; referrals to community resources such as: attorneys, victim assistance, medical services and counseling; parenting classes; community awareness and education concerning child abuse issues; and training for professionals.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$4,096

The Laurens County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Laurens County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (TLC CASA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency that serves victims of child abuse. It's mission is to advocate for the best interests of child abuse victims, provide legal advocacy and support for these victims, and provide additional ancillary support services to victims of child abuse. The agency's program offers parenting education, supervised visitation centers, and drug screen testing as additional services available for child victims and/or their families. CASA Volunteer Advocates, all of whom are carefully screened, trained, and supervised, are assigned to child victims. The CASA remains involved with the child throughout the time he is the subject of deprivation court proceedings, focuses all service providers on the child's urgent need for permanency, ensures appropriate referrals are made and all needed services are received, and presents the child's best interests and his/her wishes at all court hearings and meetings convened to discuss the child's situation, placement, and permanency plan. The program began providing services to victims of child abuse in 1995 in Laurens County. Currently CASA serves child victims in 15 counties, all of which are located in middle Georgia in the Dublin Judicial Circuit, Middle Judicial Circuit, and Oconee Judicial Circuit. TLC CASA is a member of the National CASA Association, Georgia CASA, Heart of Georgia United Way, and Toombs/Montgomery/Wheeler United Way.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,485

Women In Need of God's Shelter, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Dublin, GA 31040

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Agency Description

Established in 1991, Women In Need of God's Shelter, Inc. supports women and children in their efforts to live violence-free by providing professional and compassionate services. This support includes providing safe shelter and advocacy for victims within the community; empowering victims to gain self-sufficiency; as well as the provision of education for victims and the community regarding domestic violence and sexual assault.

WINGS is a state-certified shelter that provides a range of services including a twenty-four hour crisis line, weekly support groups, legal advocacy, and monthly family activities for our primarily rural six-county service area (Laurens, Bleckley, Dodge, Johnson, Telfair, Wilcox).

The goal of WINGS' services is to empower women to make their own decisions regarding their lives. It provides information, encouragement, and support with the intention of enabling victims to provide a safe and stable environment for themselves and their children.

In addition to providing direct services for victims, WINGS also advocates for increased awareness and positive changes in public attitudes, so that the community will become more receptive to the needs of victims as well as intolerant of abuse.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$52,694

Liberty

Atlantic Area Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Atlantic Area CASA recruits, screens, and trains community volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the Juvenile court proceedings. The ultimate goal of the agency is to ensure that every child obtains a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA Volunteers present their recommendations to the court as to what they feel is best for the child. Judges rely heavily on the testimony from CASA volunteers in order to make an informed decision about the child's future.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$16,470

Tri-County Protective Agency, Inc.
Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

This agency provides emergency safe shelter and supportive services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$53,217

Lowndes

Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.
Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. d/b/a The Haven has operated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization since 1989. The Haven is a dual agency serving both victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The Haven is only one of eight centers offering dual services to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault, and only one of three agencies that conducts onsite sexual assault exams. The Haven provides emergency shelter and services to victims fleeing domestic violence. The shelter operates twenty-four hours a day, three hundred sixty-five days a year with capacity for twenty-two victims. The Haven serves two judicial circuits in South Georgia and is the only certified shelter and rape crisis center within our nine county service area which includes Atkinson, Berrien, Brooks, Clinch, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$104,543

Lowndes County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Valdosta, GA 31603

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's Office of the Southern Judicial Circuit prosecutes felony cases in Brooks, Colquitt, Echols, Lowndes and Thomas counties. The main office is in Valdosta and the branch offices are located in Thomasville and Moultrie.

Project Description

The Victim Services Program within the District Attorney's Office is staffed with five Advocates including the Coordinator. The mission of the Victim Services Program is to provide comprehensive, direct-victim services to all victims of crime in the Southern Judicial Circuit by meeting their emotional and physical needs at the on-set of their victimization and help them stabilize their daily lives, feel a sense of safety and security and have an understanding of the criminal justice system. Services are provided for victims of personal and property crimes. In the Valdosta office, the Advocates are specialized by case type. One Advocate assists child victims as well as Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victims. The Coordinator assists homicide survivors, Armed Robbery victims and Aggravated Assault victims. This project will continue to provide direct victim services to victims in Lowndes, Brooks, Colquitt, Echols and Thomas counties as required by the Crime Victims Bill of Rights 2010. The Advocates will notify and inform victims of their rights under the Crime Victims Bill of Rights, refer victims to other agencies as needed, assist with completing and filing Victim Compensation Applications and Restitution forms. The Advocates will act as liaisons between the crime victim, prosecutors, investigators, judges, and other personnel to ensure that the victim's voice and concerns are heard. Volunteers will assist with victim

notification and conducting outcome performance measurement surveys. These services are provided regardless of residency, race, age, sex, religious affiliation or sexual orientation. The Advocates act as liaisons between the prosecutor, law enforcement, judges, social services agencies and other personnel. The program holds memberships in both NOVA and OVC.

Federal Award Amount: \$87,986

The Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Counseling Provider, Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Valdosta, GA 31603

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Agency Description

The Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County, Inc. (CAC) is a private non-profit child-focused community resource center created in 1997 to minimize the trauma to child victims of sexual and physical abuse by responding to their immediate and long-term needs in a child-friendly, safe environment. A multi-disciplinary team approach involving representatives from the medical community, child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, and mental health providers is used for the investigation, assessment and treatment of the children and their non-offending family members. The Clinical Therapy Program (CTP) is one of three programs at the CAC. The other two programs are the Forensic Interview Program and the Prevention and Education Program. The CTP has been receiving funding from VOCA since its inception in 2000.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$32,134

Lumpkin

Enotah CASA, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

PO Box 2198

Dahlonega, GA 30533

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Agency Description

Enotah CASA, Inc. provides Court Appointed Special Advocates to child abuse victims, who have been removed from home due to abuse and neglect. Court Appointed Special Advocates(CASA's) are volunteers from the community specially trained to represent the children's best interest within the child protection system and the court deprivation process in juvenile court. The CASA Volunteers fulfill state and federal laws, which require that each of these children have either an attorney guardian *ad litem* or a CASA volunteer appointed to represent the child's best interest. CASA's help to ensure these child victims do not fall through the cracks in the foster care system and advocate for their needs both in court and with other service providers.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$48,887

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

99 Courthouse Hill

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Agency Description

Lumpkin County was officially established by the State of Georgia in 1832 and is located approximately an hour's drive north of the City of Atlanta in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of North Georgia. The Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office is a unit of the local government and serves as the sole provider of law enforcement services for the entire county. The County's Comprehensive Victim Services Program is operated by the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office.

Project Description

Lumpkin County's Comprehensive Victim Services Program was created in October 2005. The goal of the program is to provide crime victims with the assistance required to overcome their victimization by moving from "victim" to "survivor." This goal is accomplished by providing crime victims with knowledge of victims' rights and available resources. Additionally, victims of crime will receive emotional support and other assistance to help reduce the trauma of victimization. The program provides services to victims of the following types of crime: child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, DUI/DWI crashes, domestic violence, adult sexual assault, elder abuse, adults molested as children, survivors of homicide victims, robbery, assault, identity theft, and burglary.

The program operates as part of the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office and has one paid staff member, the Victim Advocate/Coordinator. This position reports to the Support Services Division and is responsible for coordinating services to all victims of crime in Lumpkin County. The services provided include the following: performing an initial victim's need assessment, crisis counseling, follow-up, referrals to community and other services such as court, hospital, and forensic interviews.

Federal Award Amount: \$37,931

Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Enotah Judicial Circuit Victim Assistance Program, established in July of 1993, operates as part of the District Attorney's Office. The Program provides the following services to victims of crimes that occur in the Enotah Judicial Circuit: case status information, information and explanation of Crime Victims Bill of Rights, notification of court hearings, referrals to other social service agencies, transportation to court if needed, court preparation for child victims of crime, accompaniment to court proceedings to provide advocacy and emotional support, assistance in applying for Crime Victims Compensation, assistance in completing a Victim Impact Statement, and information on how to register with the Department of Corrections/Pardons and Parole Victim Information Program. Victims are made aware of the Victim Assistance Program through written information provided by laws enforcement upon first contact with a crime victim, and through referrals by other victim service agencies and the courts.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$53,030

NOA's Ark, Inc

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Dahlonega, GA 30533

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Agency Description

NOA (No One Alone) is established as a leading voice against domestic violence and a strong advocate for victims. The program operates a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence serving Dawson and Lumpkin counties. Not only are victims sheltered from physical and emotional violence, but they are also provided with food, clothing, transportation, medicine, and personal necessities. Legal, social and medical advocacy are provided the help victims need to safely separate from their abuser. Services are designed to assist residential and non-residential clients. As

victims experience hopelessness, loneliness and despair during dark, traumatic times, NOA provides the hope, support, and compassionate care needed to help rebuild shattered lives.

Project Description

NOA's mission and primary purpose is to assist victims of domestic violence and their children. The NOA Victims' Assistance Program is an integral part of our organizational structure and core component of our programs. NOA offers: crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referrals; assistance with Temporary Protective Orders (TPO); attorneys to assure legal representation during second hearings of TPOs; preparation and accompaniment to the second hearing; filing and service of the order; accompaniment to pre-trial conferences, subsequent meeting with legal council and court hearings; assistance with orders of contempt when the TPO is violated, education about victims' rights; transportation to court proceedings; and information about the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program. The greatest challenge to the program is serving victims in two judicial circuits, which when combined, includes a total of six rural counties.

Federal Award Amount: \$69,201

McDuffie

McDuffie County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Toombs Judicial Circuit Victim Witness Assistance Program (TJC VWAP) is a government-based agency within the District Attorney's Office. The VWAP is the only certified victim service provider in this circuit that consists of six rural counties. TJC VWAP provides services to support ALL victims during all phases of the judicial process.

TJC VWAP's aims to provide assistance to crime victims through comprehensive personal contact commencing from the report of the crime and continuing through the entire judicial process thereby affording respect and protection to each victim, assuring their rights under the Victims' Bill of Rights. TJC VWAP serves all victims of any crime in the Toombs Judicial Circuit. There has been at least one Victim Advocate assisting in the TJC District Attorney's Office and receiving some type of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Funding for the past 20 years.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$39,637

McIntosh

McIntosh County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Darien, GA 31305

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Agency Description

McIntosh County Office of the Sheriff Victim/Witness Assistance Program serving the citizens of McIntosh County, to include the City of Darien, GA.

Project Description

The McIntosh County Office of the Sheriff Victim/Witness Assistance Program provides victim advocate services to victims of crimes occurring in McIntosh County and the City of Darien, GA. Services include assistance with obtaining no contact orders, protective orders, court attendance, etc.

Federal Award Amount: \$25,094

Monroe

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

Monroe County Sheriff's Office C.A.R.E. Cottage

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Agency Description

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office C.A.R.E. Cottage is designed to meet the needs of any victim in Monroe County, directly or through referrals, and to assist with the safety and protection of victims at risk. The C.A.R.E. Cottage provides core-level victim services such as ensuring victims receive emergency food and shelter, assistance with the Georgia Victims Compensation and restitution claims, assistance with Temporary Protective Orders as well as support and advocacy throughout the judicial process.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$17,877

Montgomery

The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Vidalia, GA 30475

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Agency Description

The Refuge is a United Way, State certified, non-denominational agency established to provide emergency shelter and other comprehensive services to victims and their children hurt by domestic violence and sexual assault. The Refuge is located in Montgomery County which is in Southeast Georgia and serves five rural counties: Toombs, Montgomery, Wheeler, Treutlen and Emanuel.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$103,927

Muscogee

Columbus Alliance for Battered Women

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Columbus Alliance for Battered Women d/b/a Hope Harbour provides intervention, education, and advocacy for victims of domestic violence in West Central Georgia. The safety and security of victims is a priority. Location of the shelter is protected by court mandate; security and staffing are provided 24 hours a day. Services for victims, both in shelter and outreach, include counseling, legal advocacy, case management, assistance with housing, child care, employment, and medical needs.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$75,424

Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.

Agency Type: Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Columbus, GA 31902-0176

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Agency Description

Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc. (GLSP) is a non-profit organization formed for the sole purpose of providing free civil legal services to persons of low income throughout the state of Georgia (outside of the five county Metro Atlanta area). GLSP has provided its services to its clients statewide for the past 40 years. GLSP's lawyers and paralegals aggressively advocate for and protect the human and legal rights of clients with the goal of preventing and remedying abuse and exploitation of senior citizens and disabled clients. Outside of the Project, GLSP's Columbus Regional Office serves victims of all societal and financial stratum, including victims of family violence. Representation of GLSP's clients includes providing the client with advice and counsel, legal assistance, community education, investigating facts and law on the client's behalf, negotiating with other parties, and representing the client in court.

Project Description

The Columbus Regional Office's Elderly and Disabled Persons Abuse Project functions in tandem with the other activities and services provided by the Program. The Project will serve the elderly clients in our service area who are sixty (60) years of age or older; the Project will also serve individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. The Columbus Regional Office currently represents clients in protective order hearings, defends tenants in wrongful eviction proceedings, defends consumers in financial lawsuits, and files actions on behalf of clients to recoup monetary losses in limited situations. All office support staff assists the Project's attorneys with clerical tasks, and the Columbus Regional Office's intake paralegal completes intake on all potential clients, including victims of crime. All staff work as a team in order to provide the highest quality of services to its clients.

Federal Award Amount: \$55,108

Muscogee County Government

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

Office of the Solicitor General

Muscogee County

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Agency Description

The laws of Georgia mandate that the Solicitor General's Office comply with the Crime Victims Bill of Rights. (O.C.G.A Sec. 17-17-1) Based on this, the Office works to facilitate an understanding of the criminal process and impart a working knowledge of victim based in-house and outreach programs. This includes, but is not limited to informing victims of their rights, explaining court proceedings, victim notification of all court dates, restitution, and counseling services. The pledge of many local entities of support and coordination of their services with this program, also ensures victim knowledge regarding key community resources.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$21,149

Muscogee County Government

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit's Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) is based in Muscogee County and administered by the Office of the District Attorney. Services to crime victims are provided throughout six counties, including: Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Talbot, Taylor and Muscogee. The program is staffed with trained victim advocates; 5 full-time and one part-time all of who provide a multitude of services to crime victims spread out over 2500 square miles. The VWAP's mission as a primary victim-service oriented program is to provide direct services to crime victims in a clearly accurate, prompt and respectful manner.

VWAP advocates offer notification of court activity, explanations of confusing legal jargon, assistance with the completion of compensation and restitution forms, referrals to community service agencies and virtually all other victim-related needs. The agency regularly accompanies victims/witnesses to court and are able to offer transportation if necessary. It also utilizes every opportunity to increase public awareness of Victims' Rights through acceptance of speaking engagements to focus on the history, importance, and application of Victims' Rights.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,838

Newton

Alcovy CASA, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Covington, GA 30012

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Agency Description

Alcovy CASA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency that provides advocacy services to children who are adjudged abused or neglected in Walton and Newton County Juvenile Courts. The agency's volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) investigate and make recommendations to the courts as to the children's best interests. The goal of this agency's efforts is to find a safe and stable permanent placement for deprived children as soon as possible. In order to meet the requirements of the mission of Alcovy CASA, volunteers provide advocacy for 100% of the abused and neglected children in the counties whose Juvenile Courts CASA serves by advocating for the best interests of the children involved, services for their parents, and speedy resolutions to their cases.

Project Description

Alcovy CASA's volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) investigate allegations of child deprivation from the Juvenile Courts of both Newton and Walton Counties. Armed with a court order, the CASAs have access to DFCS records, medical, psychological, and educational records which allow them to develop an informed recommendation to the Court as to the best interests of the child. The CASA will coordinate efforts with local agencies before reporting to the court with a recommendation. Three primary concerns are :

- Safety of the child,
- Limit time in foster care, and
- Long-term permanency within a loving home.

Federal Award Amount: \$57,366

Oconee

Oconee County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement, Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's (DA's) Office of the Western Judicial Circuit prosecutes the felony cases in Athens-Clarke County (ACC), the felony and misdemeanor cases in Oconee County, and all Juvenile Court cases in both counties. The Victim Assistance Program (VAP) of the DA's office provides services in both ACC and Oconee County and consists of six Victim Advocates and one Coordinator. There is a Solicitor General's (SG's) Office that handles all misdemeanor cases in ACC only and has a separate VAP that handles the victims in those cases. The SG's Office VAP has one Coordinator and one Victim Notification Clerk.

For the DA's Office, a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant currently funds a Victim Advocate position that works in the Oconee County Office and a percentage of another Advocate that is assigned to the Special Victims Unit (SVU). The agency has one Advocate assigned to each of the three Superior Court Judges for the ACC felony cases. The Superior and Juvenile Court Advocates handle all types of cases such as homicide, robbery, assault, DUI, and financial/identity theft, and elder abuse. The caseload in ACC is much greater than in Oconee County so one VOCA Advocate can cover for all three Judges in Oconee. Each Advocate is currently assisting and providing criminal justice support and advocacy for approximately 300 victims per year and the number of new cases coming in only continues to rise. All together it's VAP provides services to an average of 1,800 victims per year in Superior Court. The DA's Office is also responsible for Juvenile Court in both counties which receives around 1,000 cases per year total and the VAP assists the victims in those cases as well.

In 2006, the VAP was able to begin responding to homicides to assist law enforcement personnel with family members that are at the scenes. The Advocates are on-call 24 hours a day/seven days a week and available for response. The VAP also responds to local hospitals for serious injury cases such as shootings or stabbings. This year the program has started assisting the Traffic Unit at ACCPD with vehicular homicides cases as well.

Project Description

The Victim Assistance Program of the District Attorney's Office in the Western Judicial Circuit strives to give individual attention and victim services to each victim in spite of the vast number of cases received. The agency's goal is to provide services to felony victims in Athens-Clarke County, misdemeanor and felony victims in Oconee County and victims of juvenile offenders in both counties. An Advocate will be assigned to each Judge and be a part of that courtroom prosecution team along with the two Assistant District Attorneys and Investigator. The Special Victims Unit Advocate will work with the Special Victims Unit team and assist victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence which is a priority area for VOCA and VAWA. The Juvenile Court Advocate will work with victims of juvenile offenders in both Athens-Clarke and Oconee County. The Advocates will provide assistance to all victims including notification of prosecutorial and court actions and dates, crisis intervention, referral to other community service agencies, court accompaniment and orientation, restitution and property recovery, and otherwise. There is always an Advocate on-call to respond to homicide and vehicular homicide scenes to assist law enforcement with family members and/or friends.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,540

Paulding

Paulding County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Bosnian, Other, Spanish

Watson Government Complex

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Agency Description

The overall goal of the Paulding County District Attorney's Office is to provide fair, effective, and expeditious prosecution of crimes in this county giving special attention to cases involving violent and serious crimes, such as homicides, robbery, sex crimes, crimes against children, violence against persons, and drug offenses, as well as repeat offenders. On an ongoing basis, this office must also provide effective prosecution of other felonies and misdemeanors in order to preserve public respect for and confidences in the criminal justice system. For example, domestic violence and DUIs are continual problems in our county and require considerable attention by the District Attorneys Office.

Project Description

While providing services to victims of crime is not this agency's sole purpose, the Paulding County District Attorney believes it to be a vital component. Therefore, the Victim-Witness Assistance Program was established in July of 2002 to ensure that the Crime Victims Bill of Rights is upheld as well as to offer moral support to victims and witnesses of crime and provide guidance through the criminal justice system. VOCA funding is utilized in maintaining quality services for victims and witnesses, to improve the program through training, and to build community relations with other organizations and agencies. Any individual who has the misfortune of being victimized in Paulding County is served by the Program. The individuals served by the program include those victimized by misdemeanor and felony crimes. The Crime Victim's Bill of Rights encompasses a wide range of crimes that guarantees certain victims a voice and right to be informed and involved in the criminal justice process. It is the goal of the Paulding County District Attorney's Office to educate and provide rights to all victims of crime. There is no segregation in the program as far as misdemeanor or felony, crimes against persons or crimes against property, or the severity of the crime. The program provides the degree of attention and services based on the victims' needs, not the crime.

Federal Award Amount: \$67,401

Pickens

Pickens County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Appalachian Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office serves all victims of crime in Fannin, Gilmer and Pickens counties. These services include providing all services and notifications required by the Crime Victim Bill of Rights, educating victims about the criminal justice system, informing victims of the status of their cases, obtaining restitution information, providing referrals to social service agencies and providers, coordinating services within the criminal justice and social service systems, supporting prosecutors in providing efficient and victim-centered prosecutions, accompanying victims to court proceedings and providing victims with a comfortable and safe environment during court proceedings.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$63,757

Polk

CASA of Polk & Haralson, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

A non-profit, 501 (c)(3) agency that provides legal advocacy to child victims of abuse and neglect and their families. It's mission is to ensure that all children have a safe, nurturing, permanent home.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$43,413

Polk County Women's Shelter, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

PO Box 1647

Cedartown, GA 30125

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Agency Description

Polk County Women's Shelter, Inc., was organized as a 501(c)(3) corporation in 1995 and began to operate a 24-hour crisis line with volunteer help. Polk County Women's Shelter, (Our House), became a state certified domestic violence shelter in 2001. It's purpose is serving victims of domestic violence with temporary emergency shelter and food, provide emergency financial assistance, TPO advocacy, and referrals to appropriate resources.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,161

Rabun

F.A.I.T.H. in Rabun County Inc

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Fight Abuse In The Home, henceforth know as FAITH in Rabun County, Inc. was initially established in 1993 by a group of concerned citizens united in an effort to assist victims of domestic violence who had no where else to go. The agency eventually grew to include sexual assault services for rape victims and adult survivors of incest and molestation. Soon after the agency also expanded into service to abused children and their families. through The Power House for Kids Child Advocacy Center. FAITH serves three counties, Rabun, Habersham and Stephens.

The Domestic Violence Program offers services that include but are not limited to: a children program, job training, budget/resume skills, temporary protective orders, stalking orders, support groups, parenting skills and individual counseling. As part of its advocacy FAITH provides individual case plans that promote safety, healing and empowerment. Clients are encouraged to become strong and independent. Advocates also provide follow-up calls and ongoing support.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$56,671

Randolph

Randolph County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Cuthbert, Ga 39840

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Agency Description

The Pataula Judicial VWAP is housed in the District Attorney's Office and covers seven rural counties in Southwest Georgia that include Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole and Terrell. The VWAP provides services to ALL victims of crime as a part of a comprehensive coordinated service delivery program and work in accordance with the Crime Victims Bill of Rights. There is an advocate on call 24/7 to respond for victims at the request of Law Enforcement. It's advocates assist victims in securing TPO/Stalking Orders as well as assisting them in getting into a shelter for battered women. It also assists our Victims in completing, gathering information needed, and mailing Victim Compensation Forms. As a courtesy to victims, the agency will provide transportation and accompaniment to court hearings and other crime related appointments as needed.

Project Description

The Pataula VWAP is primarily a victim's assistance agency, however it is located in the office of T. Craig Earnest, District Attorney, and works together with the DA/ADA's to form a team for victims. The staff of the District Attorney's office includes four (4) Assistant D.A.'s, two (2) secretaries, and two (2) staff that work strictly with the Victim Assistance Program. One of the advocates is in court with the DA/ADA in every county, each time there is court. The agency assists the DA/ADA in talking with the victims, getting them prepared for trial and making sure that when restitution is applicable, it is ordered. If a victim is not present in court and there is a plea bargain offered the agency is able to contact the victim, explain the plea bargain to them and get their input. If they want to be present during the plea then they are allowed time to arrive before the plea is taken. The team works closely within this office to make sure victims have a better understanding of the criminal justice system, feel safe and stay informed about their case.

Federal Award Amount: \$75,148

Richmond

Richmond County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

Augusta-Richmond County Judicial Center

& John H. Ruffin, Jr. Courthouse

735 James Brown Boulevard

Suite 2500

Augusta, Ga 30901

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Agency Description

The Victim Assistance Program (VAP) of the office of the Solicitor General's is committed to helping victims of crime and vigorously protecting their rights. The program provides crisis intervention and promotes recognition of the importance of the victim and their needs by providing practical and emotional support to assist the victim to recover, to prevent further crime, and providing court advocacy by allowing them a voice throughout all stages of the criminal justice system. VAP actively participates in community activities and programs dedicated to victim services and promotes public awareness by offering training for law enforcement officers and other community organizations. The program is the frontline provider to crime victims and, under the auspices of the Office of the Solicitor General, has contact with the victims of domestic violence within hours of the arrest of the offender. There is no other agency in the community that has immediate contact with these victims.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,000

Richmond County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

530 Greene Street, Room 806

Augusta, GA 30911

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Agency Description

The Victim Assistance Program within the Augusta Judicial Circuit (AJC-VWAP) is a prosecutorial based program which provides direct services to victims of felony crime in Burke and Richmond Counties and to victims of both felony and misdemeanor crimes in Columbia County. The Program currently employs a Program Director, Assistant Program Director, and three full-time advocates. The Program also utilizes

volunteer staff to maximize the provision of direct services to crime victims. The Program's purpose is to carry out the rights afforded to crime victims as outlined in the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$35,261

Child Enrichment, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Counseling Provider, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P.O. Box 12036

Augusta, GA 30914

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Agency Description

Child Enrichment, Inc. is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit charity with the mission to provide and coordinate comprehensive intervention, stabilization, advocacy and prevention in the best interests of abused, abandoned and neglected children. The mission is fulfilled primarily through two service programs: the Child Advocacy Center, and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program. Child Enrichment, Inc. was established in 1978.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$44,045

SafeHomes of Augusta, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

PO Box 3187

Augusta, GA 30914

Project Director: Aimee Hall Email: aimee@safehomesdv.org

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Agency Description

SafeHomes is a nonprofit agency that has been in existence since 1986. SafeHomes' mission is to transform domestic violence victims into survivors. SafeHomes' vision is to have a community free of domestic violence through advocacy, education and awareness. Services provided include the 24 hour crisis line, 24 hour emergency shelter, case management, safety planning, life skill classes, parenting classes, women, men and children support groups, children's program, legal advocacy, financial assistance, volunteer program, and a teen intervention program.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$99,110

Rockdale

Project ReNeWal Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P. O. Box 1205

Conyers, GA 30012

Project Director: Vickie Stevenson Email: projectdir@bellsouth.net

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Agency Description

Project ReNeWal is the only State Certified domestic violence intervention program serving the Georgia Counties of Rockdale, Newton and Walton. Project ReNeWal provides the support and services necessary to enable victims of domestic violence to live in violence free homes.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$80,968

Rockdale County CASA, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

P. O. Box 484

Conyers, GA 30012

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Agency Description

Rockdale CASA provides advocacy services to children who are adjudged abused or neglected in Rockdale County Juvenile Court. The agency's volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) investigate and make recommendations to the court as to the children's best interests. The goal of our agency's efforts is to find a safe and stable permanent placement for deprived children as soon as possible. In order to meet the mission of Rockdale CASA, the agency provides advocacy for 100% of the abused and neglected children in the county whose Juvenile Court it serves by advocating for the best interests of the children involved, services for their parents, and speedy resolutions to their cases.

Project Description

Rockdale CASA's volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) investigate allegations of child deprivation from the Juvenile Court of Rockdale County. Armed with a court order, the CASAs have access to DFCS records, medical, psychological, and educational records which allow them to develop an informed recommendation to the Court as to the best interests of the child. The CASA will coordinate efforts with local agencies before reporting to the court with a recommendation. Three primary concerns are:

- Safety of the child,
- Limit time in foster care, and
- Long-term permanency within a loving home.

Federal Award Amount: \$38,210

Spalding

Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Griffin, Georgia 30224
Griffin, GA 30224

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Agency Description

The Spalding County Victim Service Unit provides services to innocent victims, survivors of violent crimes and witnesses. The unit is part of the county government, and primarily serves victims of violent crimes such as family violence, assault, and child abuse. Direct services are provided on the scene and immediately following incidents of crimes. Advocates follow up through written communication or phone immediately following any crisis or traumatic event. The Victim Service Unit was established in 2001, then redesigned in 2007. The unit has experienced years of successful operations in Spalding County. It has received funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council since 2001.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$36,729

Stephens

Mountain Circuit Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

221 N. Broad Street
Toccoa, GA 30577

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Agency Description

The mission of Northeast Georgia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is to provide trained and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in juvenile court proceedings, with the goal of a safe, permanent home for each child. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency serving two judicial circuits, spanning eight counties, in northeast Georgia. The agency currently provides a CASA volunteer for approximately 70% of the children who are removed from the home in our area because they have become victims of abuse and/or neglect.

Project Description

The agency is primarily a victim's assistance agency. Northeast Georgia CASA's sole purpose is to see that child victims of any type abuse and/or neglect receive the help and services they need and that they find stability and long term safety through a permanent home as quickly as possible.

Federal Award Amount: \$31,864

Sumter

Southwestern Judicial Circuit Family Violence

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Americus, GA 31709

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Agency Description

The Family Violence Council's mission is to develop, promote and enhance creative prevention and effective intervention initiatives, which will reduce the amount of violence in intimate relationships; to bring people together - in coalitions and committees - to build healthy families in the Southwestern Judicial Circuit.

The organization provides personal and legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence. Additionally, the program provides assistance with victims' compensation forms, resource referral and collaborative community and public education regarding domestic violence.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,333

Sowega CASA, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

PO Box 732

Americus, GA 31709

Americus, GA 31709

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Authorized Official: Michelle Willis Email: michelle.willis@wellsfargo.com

Agency Description

The mission of SOWEGA CASA is to recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers who advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children in the 12 counties it serves in the Southwestern and south central part of Georgia. The goal of the organization is to assist these children in achieving safety and permanency as quickly and appropriately as possible.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$30,000

Sumter County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

PO Box 1328

Americus, GA 31709

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Agency Description

The Office of the District Attorney for the Southwestern Judicial Circuit is the chief prosecuting office for the State of Georgia within the six-county judicial circuit. The District Attorney is an elected constitutional officer, who is part of the judicial branch of Georgia state government. District Attorney Plez H. Hardin, along with numerous assistant district attorneys, represent the State of Georgia in the trial and appeal of criminal cases in the Superior Court and delinquency cases in the juvenile court. The Victim-Witness Assistance Program is a natural and welcomed fit with the DA's office, as it allows for consistent communication, information, assessment and availability for the victims in criminal cases.

Project Description

The Victim-Witness Assistance Program of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit offers crime victims emotional support during the aftermath of crime, guidance through the criminal justice system and evaluation and referrals to services and resources that may assist them in recovery. The program informs victims of each of their rights and provides secure access to comprehensive services. The program also works with other victim service organizations within the six-county circuit in order to

better assist victims and educate the community of victims' rights and preventative measures for reducing victimization.

Federal Award Amount: \$95,008

Thomas

Halcyon Home for Battered Women, Inc

Agency Type: Counseling Provider, Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P. O. Box 1838

Thomasville, GA 31799

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Agency Description

Halcyon Home is a non-denominational, non-profit 15 bed safe shelter for battered women and their children. Halcyon Home for Battered Women, Inc. was incorporated on October 6, 1994 and received 501(c)(3) status with the IRS on May 24, 1995. The organization is governed by the Board and managed by the Executive Director. It's mission is to provide safe shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence, their children, and survivors of sexual assault; promote community awareness and education to help prevent and break the cycle of violence; and provide an environment of encouragement, compassion, and support for all those it serves.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$110,903

Tift

Tift County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

P.O. Box 1252

Tifton, GA 31793

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Agency Description

The Tifton Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program (VAP) provides services to Irwin, Tift, Turner and Worth counties. The VAP provides crisis counseling, telephone contact, follow-up service, accompaniment to interviews, physical examinations and to the court room appearances. The

program also provides criminal justice support in the form of court hearing notification, transportation to and from court and interviews, completion of victim impact statements and completion and filing of compensation claims. Make referrals to other victim service agencies as needed. VAP staff provides personal advocacy by assisting victims with contacting employers, creditors and the medical agencies. The staff members act as a liason between the District Attorney's Office and law enforcement agencies. They are on call twenty four hours a day seven days a week to provide support and assistance at the moment it is most needed. All of its services are provided with compassion and understanding

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$90,125

Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

Post Office Box 2727

Tifton, GA 31793

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Agency Description

The Patticake House is a facility where professionals work together as a team to protect and treat child abuse victims while holding offenders accountable. The Patticake House conducts forensic interviews of child abuse victims, provides a child-friendly location for the interviews and links child abuse victims and non-offending caregivers to community resources, utilizes a multidisciplinary investigative approach to child abuse cases, and conducts prevention and educational training about child abuse within the community.

Project Description

The Patticake House works as a collaborative with other local agencies to protect and treat child abuse victims while holding their offenders accountable for their actions. Working at the request of local, state and federal law enforcement, Department of Family and Children Services, and the District Attorney's Office, Patticake House is a vital component in the joint effort to ensure the well-being of child abuse victims. Services offered on-site include: electronically recorded forensic interviews of child abuse victims and child witnesses of abuse in English and Spanish; Monthly Multi-disciplinary Team Case Reviews; Community Education and Training; Assistance with legal forms such as Victim's Assistance Compensation and financial forms; and clothing, basic hygiene products, and back-to-school items, etc. Services not provided on-site but on a referral basis include Victim's Assistance Compensation filings; Mental Health Referrals to local agencies; Sexual Assault Nurse's Exams coordinated at the center with law enforcement; Medicaid and Food Stamps filings; Referrals for Domestic Violence victims; and income-based housing referrals.

Federal Award Amount: \$23,000

Troup

CASA of Troup County, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

CASA of Troup County, Inc. is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and screens community volunteers to become Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children in juvenile court deprivation proceedings. It's mission is to provide every deprived child in Troup and Heard counties with a CASA to advocate for their best interests and to improve their lives by being their voice in court. Troup CASA and its volunteers work collaboratively with the juvenile court judge, DFCS, and other agencies for a safe, stable and permanent family reunification or to find the children a permanent forever home to meet their needs. It works diligently to reduce the amount of time a child/children remain in foster care. The agency has been in existence for thirteen years with a commitment to be a voice in court for children; making a difference in their lives.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$52,943

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Agency Type: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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LaGrange, GA 30241

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Agency Description

Chattahoochee Court Appointed Special Advocates or CASA is a program of Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc., a non-profit organization providing an array of residential and community based services for children and families. Residential services are provided for adolescent boys and girls with a focus on serving sexually traumatized youth, sexually aggressive youth, and severely emotionally disturbed youth, as well as teen mothers and their babies. Community based programs include: Child Advocacy Centers, Youth Leadership, Pregnancy/Child Abuse Prevention, Parenting, Summer Camps, Ropes and Teambuilding, Specialized Foster Care, Mental Health services and CASA. Chattahoochee

CASA is a member of the National CASA Association and our state affiliate, the Georgia CASA Association.

Project Description

CASA's are community volunteer advocates whose primary function is to provide courtroom advocacy to child victims of abuse and neglect. Volunteers have completed 40 hours of specialized National CASA training. A CASA's role and responsibility to the court is outlined in the Official Code of Georgia (OCGA 15-11-9). A CASA Advocate provides individualized advocacy for child victims aiming to reduce the time a child spends in foster care or deprivation proceedings and to identify needs and gaps in services.

CASA's conduct independent investigations on the case by reviewing relevant records and by conducting interviews with the child, parents, teachers, relatives, social service providers and other persons involved in the child's life. CASAs develop and maintain an ongoing relationship with the child victim in effort to represent his/her wishes and best interest to the court. CASAs are also responsible for attending court hearings, judicial reviews and treatment team meetings as well as preparing the child for court and accompanying him/her as needed. The CASA Advocate shares information with DFCS case managers, the child advocate attorney and other partners to ensure the needs and concerns of the child are addressed and to work as part of a multidisciplinary team approach towards achieving permanency. A CASA Advocate spends most of their time in contact with a child in comparison to a paid guardian *ad litem*. CASA volunteers are also highly effective in getting their written recommendations accepted in court. Twin Cedars has a long history of providing for the needs of children in the community.

Federal Award Amount: \$36,905

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

Post Office Box 1526

LaGrange, GA 30241

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Agency Description

Children's Tree House Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a program of Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Primary service delivery is to child victims of suspected sexual and/or extreme physical abuse within the Chattahoochee Judicial District. Secondary service is provided to counties outside of the five-county district. It should also be noted that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and other states utilize the services of Children's Tree House.

The CAC and our umbrella organization, Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc., are affiliated with numerous state and national organizations. The CAC is a "full member" center of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia, Inc. (CACGA), the governing body which sets standards and best practices for Child Advocacy Centers across the state. The CAC is also a fully accredited member of the National Children's Alliance, the national accrediting body for CACs across the nation. Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc. is accredited by the Council of Accreditation (COA), which is recognized nationally

as an accrediting body with the "capacity, scope, and ability to contribute significantly to the behavioral health and social service delivery system."

Project Description

Victim Assistance is one of the core components in the design of the CAC. Once the child has been established as a "victim" following the forensic interview process, the CAC offers an array of victim assistance services. As a nationally accredited CAC, NCA mandates that it offers the following with regard to serving child victims of abuse: linkage with specialized mental health services, victim support/advocacy, multi-disciplinary case staffings, and tracking of case progress/outcomes made available to CAC clients as part of the coordinated team response. Therapeutic intervention is offered for all child victims regardless of ability to pay. Linkage to counseling services is the sole responsibility of the CAC. If families do not either have private pay insurance, PeachCare, or Medicaid, the CAC will absorb the cost of up to ten counseling sessions through our community partner, The Family Counseling Center of Columbus. Linkage with Victim Support/Advocacy must also be coordinated by the CAC.

Federal Award Amount: \$49,440

Twin Cedars Youth Services Inc
Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.
LaGrange, GA 30241
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Agency Description

The Children's Advocacy of Troup County (CAC) is a program of Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. The CAC has been accredited by the national Children's Alliance since 2009. Primary service delivery is to child victims of suspected sexual and/or extreme physical abuse within the Coweta Judicial Circuit. Secondary service is provided to counties outside of the five-county circuit. It should also be noted that Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and other states utilize our services from time-to-time.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$48,613

Union

Support in Abusive Family Emergencies
Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

S.A.F.E. is a private, non-profit organization serving Towns and Union counties in rural North Georgia since 1989. It's mission is to provide support, advocacy and emergency shelter to victims of domestic abuse, child abuse, and sexual abuse, regardless of gender, and to heighten community awareness of such abuse in Towns and Union counties. It provides domestic violence intervention and emergency shelter (15 beds), legal advocacy to include TPOs and liaison with law enforcement, sexual abuse victim services, child abuse/maltreatment services, supervised child visitation and family support services. The agency's victim services include counseling and support groups to shelter and outreach clients and information/referral services designed to assist victims in overcoming the physical and emotional effects of trauma they have experienced.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$72,851

Walker

Children's Advocacy Center-Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Counseling Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

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Agency Description

The CAC-LMJC is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit child abuse center providing forensic interviews, counseling, sexual abuse medical examinations for victims of child sexual abuse. It also offers supportive services to the alleged child victim's non-offending families. CAC-LMJC accepts referrals from Law Enforcement, Department of Family and Children Services for its services and they are free of charge to alleged victims and their families.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$64,871

Four Points, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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LaFayette, GA 30728

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Agency Description

To aid the many families involved in domestic violence in the four-county community, Four Points, Inc. opened its doors to the community on August 1, 1996 as a non-profit, tax-exempt agency. The agency is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors and is staffed by both paid and unpaid staff. Four Points, Inc. is an umbrella agency offering three services to families where domestic violence is a problem: Supervised Visitation, a court mandated seminar for divorcing parents, titled TransParenting™, and the coordination of five multi-disciplinary teams for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Task Force. Those Teams are: Safety Audit/Fatality Review, Teen Dating Violence, Elder Abuse, Training/Communications, and, Protocol Revision. Each of these services is uniquely tied to the legal system through which many families navigate due to domestic violence. The mission of Four Points, Inc. is to provide services to minister to the needs of the four points of the family – mother, father, child, and family unit – involved in domestic violence and to thereby stop domestic violence. At Four Points, Inc. it is believed that the family is the community's most precious resource. Four Points offers services to aid each member of the family in overcoming abuse that has occurred in the home and to rebuild healthy relationships with members of the family. Four Points wants children to love each parent guilt-free and the parent to cooperate threat-free.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$56,045

Walker County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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LaFayette, GA 30728-0445

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's Office for the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit is a government agency which is responsible for the prosecution of felony and misdemeanor offenses. The Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit encompasses Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade and Walker Counties. The District Attorney's Office has established a Victim/Witness Assistance Program, which provides an array of direct services and support to victims of crimes.

Project Description

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program is a separate unit within the District Attorney's Office. The program is responsible for providing direct services and support to victims of felony and misdemeanor crimes. The District Attorney has assigned a Victim/Witness Coordinator to each of the four county offices which encompass Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade and Walker Counties. The prosecuting attorneys rely heavily upon the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Staff, to maintain contact with victims throughout the judicial process in order to provide direct assistance and support. The Victim/Witness Coordinators work closely with the prosecuting attorneys to ensure that the victim's rights are upheld and to ensure that victims have the opportunity to participate in the judicial process making the Victim/Witness Assistance Program Staff an integral part of the District Attorney's Office.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,695

Walton

Walton County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Newton and Walton Counties comprise the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. Personnel of both District Attorney's Offices represent the State of Georgia in prosecution of felony and misdemeanor crimes committed in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. The District Attorney's Office advises law enforcement concerning the sufficiency of evidence, warrants, and other matters pertaining to the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses.

Project Description

In 1998, the Office of the District Attorney in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit established the Victim-Witness Assistance Program. The Victim-Witness Assistance Program has offices in Covington, Newton County and Monroe, Walton County. Over the past ten years the program has grown in its mission and continues to strive to help victims regain stability after victimization. The Victim-Witness Assistance Program started receiving VOCA funding upon its inception and has continued to receive VOCA funding. Through the Victim-Witness Assistance Program the District Attorney's Offices of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit are dedicated to helping victims through the criminal justice system and locating assistance for victims through community based programs.

Federal Award Amount: \$62,959

The Alcove, Inc.
Agency Type: Other

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The Alcove, Inc. is a private not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3) emergency-shelter licensed by the state of Georgia's Office of Regulatory Services to accommodate up to 12 youth. The target population is, males and females, ages 10 to 18, who may have runaway, or have been abused, abandoned, and otherwise rendered homeless by situations beyond their control. The Alcove was organized in 1979 due to the inability of public or private resources in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit to meet the needs of runaway and homeless youth, at a time when this circuit detained more youth status offenders (runaway, unruly and truant), than larger cities in Georgia.

Project Description

For nearly 30 years, the Alcove has provided strength-based services to runaway, abused, neglected and homeless youth. Located in Walton County, the population of The Alcove's service area continues to explode. The Alcove has remained steadfast believing in the strengths, resources and resiliency that young people possess. The Alcove has led the way and maintained a diligent stride in promoting Positive Youth Development concepts for nearly 30 years. This concept suggests that helping young people to achieve their full potential is the best way to prevent them from engaging in risky behaviors. Furthermore, when youth feel listened to and have the chance to exercise leadership, build skills, and get involved in their communities, they gain self-confidence, trust, and practical knowledge that help them grow into healthy, happy, self-sufficient adults. This is the cornerstone of the shelter's successful work with youth and families.

Federal Award Amount: \$21,689

Walton County Board of Commissioners
Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Law Enforcement

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Walton County Sheriff's Office is the Civil Law Enforcement Agency for Walton County and is authorized to make arrests, detain citizens and/or assists in enforcing court orders.

Project Description

Over the past 10 years the Walton County Sheriff's Office has had a VOCA-funded Victim Assistance Program. In that time the program has assisted over 5,000 victims of crime. (Annual Crime Statistical Reports). The numbers reflect great success of this program. The Walton County Sheriff's Office's mission is to be available and ready to serve victims in Walton County. The Walton County Sheriff's Office will strive to grow in it's mission to serve victims in Walton County and with funding from the VOCA grant this mission will be accomplished.

Federal Award Amount: \$45,363

Ware

Satilla Regional Medical Center

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Sexual Assault Center

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

Satilla Advocacy Services (SAS), operates under the umbrella of Satilla Regional Medical Center, the local hospital in Waycross, Georgia. Satilla Advocacy Services was developed in 1999 in response to the need to provide services to victims of sexual assault that were seen in the Emergency Department of the hospital. In 2001, the Child Advocacy Center component was added in answer to the historical statistics of child victims in the community. Since its inception, SAS has served approximately 3,000 new clients, with approximately 70% of those being 17 years of age or younger. The agency now serves the six counties of the Waycross Judicial Circuit: Ware, Pierce, Brantley, Coffee, Bacon and Charlton. SAS provides the following services to all victims of violent crime in the aforementioned counties: a sexual assault response team, volunteer advocates, follow-up medical appointments for victims, legal advocate for court appearances, therapy, crisis intervention, and a 24-hour crisis line.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$114,032

Ware County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Agency Description

The Waycross Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program is a prosecution-based agency. There are two (2) full-time victim advocates who assist victims in the six counties in the Waycross Judicial Circuit (Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Coffee, Pierce and Ware Counties). The agency provides notice, assistance and services to all types of victims, primarily victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, robbery and theft. It also provides services to the immediate family members of homicide victims.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$70,397

Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter, Legal Services Provider

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Waycross, GA 31502

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Agency Description

Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, d/b/a Magnolia House is a non profit, non governmental agency that serves victims of domestic violence regardless of race, language, sex, national origin, or religion. The Magnolia House has been located in Ware County Georgia since its opening in 1984. The agency covers the 1st congressional district providing services to the rural counties of Bacon, Brantley, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware. In collaboration with law enforcement agencies and other community partners, the agency offers many services and resources to victims of domestic violence. Some of these services include the following: in and out of shelter crisis counseling, intervention, follow up services, support groups, collaboration and referrals, legal and personal advocacy, assistance and information on victim's assistance compensation filing, safe shelter, and emergency financial assistance. The Magnolia House seeks to promote a nonviolent lifestyle.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,612

Wayne

Wayne County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Brunswick, GA 31520

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Agency Description

The Brunswick Judicial Circuit Victim Assistance Program offers an array of services to all victims of all crimes in the circuit, which includes Appling, Camden, Glynn, Jeff Davis and Wayne counties.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,797

Wayne County Protective Agency, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): English

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Jesup, GA 31598

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Agency Description

Wayne County Protective Agency is a non-profit, non-denominational 24-hour domestic violence safe shelter that responds to the physical and emotional needs of crime victims. Lives of victims are stabilized when provided a safe, secure and confidential shelter where the victim and dependent children are assessed by trained and dedicated staff. An individualized case management plan is developed for the victim in order to provide a path to a life free of violence. Legal advocacy is provided to help the victim understand and participate in the criminal justice system. All services are provided at no cost to the victim and information exchanged is held in a confidential manner.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$66,948

Whitfield

NW Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Other

P.O. Box 554

Dalton, GA 30722-0554

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Agency Description

The Gordon County Domestic Violence Outreach office strives to end domestic violence in Gordon County by enhancing the safety and well-being of individuals and families through advocacy and empowerment. GCDVOO also works for social change through education, outreach, and systems advocacy in hopes of creating a community which is responsive to all victims and survivors. Comprehensive services are offered confidentially and free of charge.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$32,494

NW Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Agency Type: Domestic Violence - Non-shelter program, Domestic Violence - shelter

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Other

P.O. Box 554

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Agency Description

The Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center strives to end domestic violence in Whitfield, Murray and Gordon Counties by enhancing the safety and well being of individuals and families through shelter, advocacy, and support. The Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center also works to break the cycle of violence in forthcoming generations through community outreach and education. Comprehensive services are offered confidentially and free of charge.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$79,174

Whitfield County Board of Commissioners

Agency Type: Child Advocacy Center, Sexual Assault Center, Victim Witness Assistance Program - Prosecution

VOCA-Funded Staff Language(s): Spanish

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Agency Description

The District Attorney's Victim Witness Assistance Program is part of the Conasauga Judicial Circuit which comprises Whitfield and Murray Counties. Programs include the DA Domestic Violence Unit, the Circuit Sexual Assault Response Team (housed within the VWAP and CAC/SAC), and the GreenHouse, the circuit's Children's Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center. With the implementation of the Circuit Sexual Assault Response Team, the DA's VWAP, CAC/SAC, and the DV Unit work in partnership with the local hospitals and their SANEs to provide services to both child and adult female victims of sexual assault. The official address is Whitfield County, but the agency has an office in Murray County with a Circuit Child Abuse and DV Advocate. The SART Advocate is bi-lingual, as is the Receptionist/Administrative Staff in the DV Unit. The fiscal agent is the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners.

As a government based program operating as a part of the District Attorney's Office, the VWAP serves all victims as defined under the Georgia Crime Victims Bill of Rights and all of its services are free. The circuit is 38% Hispanic. In addition the CAC/SAC has a full time Forensic Interviewer, Center Coordinator, part time Therapist, and Bi-Lingual SART Advocate. The Murray County Office has a Sexual Assault and DV Advocate who shares her time with Whitfield County and the DV Unit. The DV Unit has a full time bi-lingual Receptionist, a full time DV Advocate provided by the Domestic Violence Shelter, and a full time DV Investigator. The VWAP Office has a full time Director and three VWAP Advocates.

Project Description

Same as above.

Federal Award Amount: \$84,713