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Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 446 Cartersville, GA 30120-0446

Federal award: 57192

Match amount: 14298

Counties served: Bartow

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Bartow County CASA

Project description: VOCA funds will be used to pay 50% of the salaries for our three Advocacy Coordinators, 50% of our printer/copier rent, and for office supplies. The Director and one of the Advocacy Coordinators train community volunteers to become CASA volunteers. All three Advocacy Coordinators supervise volunteers and assist them in advocating for the child victims they are appointed to by the court. The office supplies and the printer/copier are used in training, and in preparing court reports. The mission of Bartow County CASA is to provide screened, trained, and supervised volunteers who speak up for the needs of child victims involved with Juvenile Court Deprivation Proceedings, both in and out of the courtroom. CASA Volunteers are community members who care so much about child victims that they undergo background checks, complete extensive training, spend time getting to know the child victim, meet that child's family and talk with anyone who can tell them about the child/family, attend numerous meetings about the child, write reports for the court about the child and family, and sit in court for long hours. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) volunteers are appointed by Juvenile Court Judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected child victims, age 0 to 18, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social service system, or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes. Volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child victim has a safe, permanent home. For many child victims, their CASA volunteer is the one constant adult presence in their life. When a CASA is involved in a case, more services are ordered for the children and their families, a child with a CASA is more likely to be adopted or reunified with their birth family in a timely manner, and reentry into the foster care system is consistently reduced by half, according to an audit of the National CASA Association conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General in 2007. Child victims need someone to give them a voice in court proceedings, and to ensure that the court is aware of the child's needs and wishes. CASA is the voice for the child victim.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Advocates for Bartow's Children, Inc., CAC

Address: P.O. Box 446 Cartersville, GA 30120-0446

Federal award: 33864

Match amount: 8466

Counties served: Bartow

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: A Better Way Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project description: VOCA funds will be used to pay a portion of the Family Advocate's (FA) salary and allow for specialized training in the area of child abuse for that staff member. Our Family Advocate has completed VAT Online training, the NCAC Family Advocate training, and the Victim Advocate certification program through the University of Georgia. A Better Way CAC endeavors to respond to the emotional and physical needs of child victims; assists primary and secondary victims of crime stabilize their lives after victimization; helps victims understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and assists the child victim in feeling safe. Supporting youth victims begins by strengthening their non-offending family/household members, and directing ongoing intervention efforts on behalf of their entire family system. The FA provides a safe and non-judgmental environment for caregivers to express their feelings about the circumstances. In the initial interview, the FA assesses the family's need for services related to finances, food and housing, health insurance, domestic violence, and any other issues that might cause the family additional hardship. The FA provides aid with housing and public assistance applications, in addition to referrals to social services that can assist the family with other essential needs. A crucial part of the FA's role with the family is to help them locate resources relevant to child maltreatment or stabilization. These linkages include counseling services, subsistence programs, and the Crime Victims Compensation Program. In addition to these resources, non-offending caregivers are also provided with an exhaustive list of nearby mental health, substance abuse, and housing providers. A Better Way CAC will also provide referrals for and coordinates forensic medical exams if it is apparent that a physical exam is necessary. The FA locates culturally appropriate services and referrals for families when necessary. Since 2008 we have served very few individuals with this need, but we have collaborative relationships with other CACs and with our non-English speaking professional community for when language assistance is required. A Better Way enjoys a strong collaborative relationship with the Bartow County Victim-Witness Assistance Program managed by the Office of the District Attorney. Our Family Advocate helps assess the victim's eligibility for victim's compensation, and connects the victim to program staff at Victim-Witness Assistance. The FA is also available to assist with obtaining supportive documentation and completion of the application paperwork if the family requires additional aid. Each family leaves the CAC with a comprehensive packet of materials. The packet includes important information about victim's rights including basic education about rights, a victim compensation application and instructions for application completion, and an explanation of the criminal justice system. Other resources included in the packets are informational brochures about child abuse, education about how to care for victims and family members, a mental health and social services resource directory, and contact information for the Family Advocate so the family may reach out to her in the future. The FA provides transportation to the victim and family if they need this assistance to receive the primary services of the forensic interview, forensic medical exam, or court attendance. The Family Advocate's work with non-offending caregivers nearly always includes crisis intervention. The FA will also engage caregivers in crisis counseling and conflict resolution when appropriate. Our Family Advocate is active in the monthly MDT meeting whose participants are members of our Interagency Agreement (MOU) and include law enforcement, prosecution, medical personnel, and child welfare officials. The Family Advocate's role is to advocate for the child victim/family for services, ensure expedited case processing, and review and track a child's cases in order to ensure the victim's participation in the court process. MDT members are provided with monthly on-site training and/or referrals to relevant off-site training opportunities regarding the effect child abuse and negligence has on their cases. Our Family Advocate offers comprehensive court preparation in conjunction with the District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program, assistance with victim witness statements and

court accompaniment, and is often called upon by families to provide these services. The Family Advocate assists the family members with safety planning within their household, in conjunction with DFCS and law enforcement, and continues to support families throughout the duration of their often lengthy experience with law enforcement and the court system.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Child Abuse Training

Languages spoken: English

Advo-Kids CASA, Inc.

Address: 141 W. Solomon St. Griffin, GA 30223-3017

Federal award: 50000

Match amount: 12500

Counties served: Fayette; Pike; Spalding; Upson

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Advo-Kids CASA

Project description: Funding will underwrite salary and FICA expenses for professional staff who will supervise the work of 30- 35 CASA volunteers who advocate in the community and in the juvenile court for maltreated children. These volunteers operate in very complex and over burdened legal and children's welfare systems. While volunteers do develop and present to the court their independent recommendations, supervisory assistance is needed to guide volunteers through legal procedures, court reporting procedures and in adherence to the strict National CASA standards for high quality child advocacy. Funding will also underwrite operational costs, including mobile communications required to serve a multi-county judicial circuit, necessary liability insurance and office supplies.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); court advocacy, community resource facilitation

Languages spoken: conversational Spanish

Ahimsa House

Address: PO Box 8181 Atlanta, GA 31106-0181

Federal award: 30000

Match amount: 7500

Counties served: Appling; Atkinson; Bacon; Baker; Baldwin; Banks; Barrow; Bartow; Ben Hill; Berrien; Bibb; Bleckley; Brantley; Brooks; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Butts; Calhoun; Camden; Candler; Carroll; Catoosa; Charlton; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Chattooga; Cherokee; Clarke; Clay; Clayton; Clinch; Cobb; Coffee; Colquitt; Columbia; Cook; Coweta; Crawford; Crisp; Dade; Dawson; Decatur; DeKalb; Dodge; Dooly; Dougherty; Douglas; Early; Echols; Effingham; Elbert; Emanuel; Evans; Fannin; Fayette; Floyd; Forsyth; Franklin; Fulton; Gilmer; Glascock; Glynn; Gordon; Grady; Greene; Gwinnett; Habersham; Hall; Hancock; Haralson; Harris; Hart; Heard; Henry; Houston; Irwin; Jackson; Jasper; Jeff Davis; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Jones; Lamar; Lanier; Laurens; Lee; Liberty; Lincoln; Long; Lowndes; Lumpkin; Macon; Madison; Marion; McDuffie; McIntosh; Meriwether; Miller; Mitchell; Monroe; Montgomery; Morgan; Murray; Muscogee; Newton; Oconee; Oglethorpe; Paulding; Peach; Pickens; Pierce; Pike; Polk; Pulaski;

Putnam; Quitman; Rabun; Randolph; Richmond; Rockdale; Schley; Screven; Seminole; Spalding; Stephens; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Taliaferro; Tattnall; Taylor; Telfair; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Toombs; Towns; Treutlen; Troup; Turner; Twiggs; Union; Upson; Walker; Walton; Ware; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Webster; Wheeler; White; Whitfield; Wilcox; Wilkes; Wilkinson; Worth

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: The project we intend to fund with the grant award is the salary for the Program Services Coordinator. This position manages the activities of both of Ahimsa House's core programs, the Direct Services Program and the Outreach and Training Program. Direct Services Program The Direct Services Program includes: A. A 24-hour crisis line open to victims, victim representatives, and referring agencies anywhere in Georgia. Services include crisis intervention, safety planning, safe housing intake, legal advocacy, and referrals, all specific to assisting victims in reaching safety with their pets—e.g., including pets in safety plans and on family violence protective orders. As member program of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Ahimsa House works closely with Domestic Violence Shelter programs throughout the state and many referrals originate via shelter staff. However, often times, Ahimsa House is the first contact for victims with any form of the service system and we frequently serve as the access point for victims by connecting them with other service agencies. Crisis line volunteers are utilized for overnight and weekend coverage of the crisis line with the Program Services Coordinator and the Victim Services Advocate rotating staff backup coverage for volunteers. B. Emergency confidential safe housing for victims' pets (any species, any number) anywhere in Georgia so their owners are able to seek safety at a domestic violence shelter. Ahimsa House uses volunteer foster homes in addition to a network of boarding facilities and veterinarians who provide in-kind donations of services throughout the state to accommodate pets. As part of this service, Ahimsa House covers all costs associated with routine and preventive healthcare (vaccinations, etc.) when necessary. Victims are reunited with their pets once it is safe to do so. C. Transportation services for pets to safety and to/from foster homes and veterinary appointments. Ahimsa House transports pets several counties away in many instances for safety measures when abusers are trying to locate the pets. The transportation service includes coordination and/or financial support to assist getting pets to other states as victims are relocating for safety. Ahimsa House has coordinated multiple cross-country transports (as far as California) to victims who are relocating. In one instance, Ahimsa House paid for a flight for a service dog to accompany a child of a victim with special needs. While the Direct Services Program staff coordinates these transports, Ahimsa House relies heavily on a large network of transport volunteers to perform the transports. D. Veterinary care for victims' pets injured by the abuse, including covering the costs of forensic veterinary examinations and necropsies to substantiate animal cruelty by the abuser and assist in the prosecution of both animal cruelty and domestic violence. E. Financial assistance with pet deposits in rental accommodation, plus advocacy with landlords to waive restrictive pet policies, eliminating a significant barrier to survivors in obtaining transitional housing. F. Follow-up services to victims assisted by Ahimsa House including ongoing safety planning, referrals to other services, referrals to pet friendly transitional housing, assessing needs for pet supplies, and completing exit surveys. G. Support to other domestic violence agencies statewide in addressing this issue, e.g., providing emergency-use dog kennels and pet supplies to domestic violence shelters; consultation to jurisdictions on prosecuting animal cruelty in the context of domestic violence. In addition to coordination of these services, the Program Services Coordinator also recruits, trains, manages the crisis line, foster home and transport volunteers and supervises the Victim Services Advocate. Outreach and Training Program The

Outreach and Training Program includes: A. Outreach in the community to raise awareness about the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty, directly reaching victims and potential clients to let them know about our services, and enhancing public response to this issue. Activities include: a. Outreach booths at public events, such as community festivals, pet expos, health fairs, and events related to violence against women such as those during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week. b. Developing service partnerships with community stakeholders such as law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, victim-witness programs, social workers, counselors, medical personnel, animal control, veterinarians, etc. c. Provide presentations on this topic for community groups, such as Kiwanis, Rotary, faith organizations, and women's clubs. d. Dissemination of brochures and flyers in veterinary offices and other key community locations where they may reach victims in need of services. These brochures explain the link, provide information on how to obtain assistance both with pets and with general victim services, and furnish basic information on protecting oneself and one's pets from violence—e.g., aspects to consider when including pets in safety plans and emergency preparedness kits. B. Professional Training to a broad range of human services and animal services professionals on recognizing the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty, and responding appropriately with collaboration across agencies, through: a. In person training i. In-service presentations at agencies ii. Presentations at domestic violence task force meetings where available and appropriate, given that task forces are already comprised of individuals from an array of professions.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Alcovy CASA, Inc.

Address: 1094 Access Road, Ste. B Covington, GA 30014-2048

Federal award: 54563

Match amount: 13641

Counties served: Walton

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: Our project is a continuation of the CASA program in Walton County, speaking for the best interests of 100% of the children in foster care. The project provides for direct victim services in the form of advocacy for the children in court.

Services provided: Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: Spanish

Appalachian Children's Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1373 Ellijay, GA 30540-0017

Federal award: 64800

Match amount: 16200

Counties served: Fannin; Gilmer; Pickens

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Crimes Against Children

Project description: The Appalachian Children's Center proposes to provide the same services we provided in the past year. These services will include crisis intervention, individual and family therapy, group therapy, non-offending caregivers support and education, information and referral, help with victim's compensation and victim rights, assistance with the criminal justice proceedings, advocacy and community education.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: We work closely with the North Georgia Crisis Network. They have a translator who helps us when we need translators for Hispanic Speaking families. We do have one staff member that speaks French - though that does not help us in this area.

Atlanta Legal Aid Society

Address: 151 Spring Street NW Atlanta, GA 30303-2007

Federal award: 75000

Match amount: 18750

Counties served: Cherokee; Clayton; Cobb; DeKalb; Douglas; Fayette; Fulton; Gwinnett; Henry; Rockdale

Core services: Legal Services Provider

Project title: Atlanta Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

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 a ten-county service area consisting of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, and Rockdale counties. The project is responsible for monitoring the safety and well-being of the over 21,000 residents of the 932 nursing and personal care homes in the service area. VOCA funding has allowed the program to increase the staff of ombudsmen to carry out the three primary components of the program: complaint investigation, unannounced visits to personal care homes, and information and assistance.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English. Translation services are available in more than 100 languages.

Atlantic Area Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 817 Hinesville, GA 31310-0817

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 7246

Counties served: Bryan; Evans; Liberty; Long; McIntosh; Pierce; Tattnall; Ware

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Atlantic Area CASA Child Advocacy

Project description: Atlantic Area CASA will provide advocacy services for children who have been neglected or abused and have been placed in foster care. Atlantic Area CASA mission is to provide a community of trained volunteers appointed by the juvenile judge to advocate for the best interest of

child abuse victims involved in juvenile court deprivation proceedings. Volunteers attend all hearings, staffing and write court reports which will be utilized and become a part of the court files. CASA volunteers specifically advocate for child victims in a system that is often times incomplete or skewed in the direction that is intended for child victims. A child victim of abuse can be confident of the services of a CASA volunteers to measure the success of child victims and give attention to the importance of ensuring child safety.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: N/A

Baldwin County Board of Commissioners

Address: 121 N. Wilkinson Street, Suite 314 Milledgeville, GA 31061-3365

Federal award: 94823

Match amount: 23706

Counties served: Appling; Atkinson; Bacon; Baker; Baldwin; Banks; Barrow; Bartow; Ben Hill; Berrien; Bibb; Bleckley; Brantley; Brooks; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Butts; Calhoun; Camden; Candler; Carroll; Catoosa; Charlton; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Chattooga; Cherokee; Clarke; Clay; Clayton; Clinch; Cobb; Coffee; Colquitt; Columbia; Cook; Coweta; Crawford; Crisp; Dade; Dawson; Decatur; DeKalb; Dodge; Dooly; Dougherty; Douglas; Early; Echols; Effingham; Elbert; Emanuel; Evans; Fannin; Fayette; Floyd; Forsyth; Franklin; Fulton; Gilmer; Glascock; Glynn; Gordon; Grady; Greene; Gwinnett; Habersham; Hall; Hancock; Haralson; Harris; Hart; Heard; Henry; Houston; Irwin; Jackson; Jasper; Jeff Davis; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Jones; Lamar; Lanier; Laurens; Lee; Liberty; Lincoln; Long; Lowndes; Lumpkin; Macon; Madison; Marion; McDuffie; McIntosh; Meriwether; Miller; Mitchell; Monroe; Montgomery; Morgan; Murray; Muscogee; Newton; Oconee; Oglethorpe; Paulding; Peach; Pickens; Pierce; Pike; Polk; Pulaski; Putnam; Quitman; Rabun; Randolph; Richmond; Rockdale; Schley; Screven; Seminole; Spalding; Stephens; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Taliaferro; Tattnall; Taylor; Telfair; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Toombs; Towns; Treutlen; Troup; Turner; Twiggs; Union; Upson; Walker; Walton; Ware; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Webster; Wheeler; White; Whitfield; Wilcox; Wilkes; Wilkinson; Worth

Core services: Counseling Services; Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Georgia's P.o.r.c.h.

Project description: VOCA-Funded Project Activities/Goals/Services: Georgia's P.o.r.c.h. encapsulates VOCA-funded Project Activities within four goals: (1) Maintain the P.o.r.c.h. as a refuge, including overnight lodging: Project Activities include preserving the residence and maintaining a roster of volunteer P.o.r.c.h. sitters. (2) Provide immediate intervention to lessen impact of victimization: Project Activities include providing crisis response, providing immediate referral for at-risk persons, coordinating service delivery with community partners (including refuge for animal companions), serving as liaison with emergency responders, and providing emergency services such as transportation and sheltering. Activities also include increasing early identification of co-victims by maintaining a resource center on victimization, trauma, and grief, as well as providing public presentations and consultations for clinicians. Activities also focus on developing a statewide referral source of clinicians, agencies, and emergency facilities. (3) Lessen the impact of victimization by restoring security through the fostering of adaptation to losses: Project Activities include providing short-term and long-term counseling and/or referral to clinicians within the co-

victim's geographical location, as well as educating persons on traumatic grief and assist with acquisition and/or enhancement of coping skills. Activities also include providing group work (PCP) and justice support and advocacy. (4) Foster individual expression and behavioral integrity: Project Activities include addressing multicultural populations, providing therapeutic and/or educational opportunities for co-victims and emergency responders to partner in community presentations and encouraging participation in restorative justice activities such as Victim-Offender Dialogues and Victim Impact Panels.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); CISM Interventions

Languages spoken: English

Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.

Address: P O Box 5382 Valdosta, GA 31603-5382

Federal award: 120224

Match amount: 30056

Counties served: Atkinson; Berrien; Brooks; Clinch; Colquitt; Cook; Echols; Lanier; Lowndes

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: The Haven plans to provide direct service to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with VOCA funds. The Haven provides direct services to both residential and non-residential victims through Emergency Shelter, Children's Advocacy, Legal Advocacy, Outreach, Rape Crisis and Volunteer Programs that are all active components of our overall services. Battered Women's Shelter, Inc. d/b/a The Haven is the only state certified dual program for both Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis in our nine county service area which includes Atkinson, Berrien, Brooks, Clinch, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties. The core services for Non-Shelter, Shelter-Based, Legal Advocacy and Sexual Assault Programs are all provided and are an intricate part of our services. This project will support a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline offering immediate crisis counseling, safety planning and shelter admission 365 days a year. Collect calls, translation and TTY services are provided to ensure access to shelter and services. Safety planning and assessments are the number one priority of every crisis call. This project will help support the following Haven programs: Emergency Shelter Program – The Haven's Emergency Shelter is a 22 bed facility and is the hub of the agency. The Haven has trained staff to answer crisis calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The first priority is to ensure the caller is safe. After safety has been established the advocate proceeds with the call. Upon admittance into the shelter, staff on duty identifies any critical needs of the victim, completes emergency paperwork, assesses lethality and reviews basic shelter guidelines with victim. The Shelter accommodates women and children in-house and provides transport to other shelters in addition to accommodations at local hotels when capacity is reached or if client is an adult male. Staff provides victim's immediate need for food, clean clothing, toiletries, and a bed to rest. The victim meets with the case manager within three days to complete a comprehensive intake which is the guide in determining the needs to be addressed. The victim's individual safety plan is created based on their unique needs. Age appropriate safety plans are also conducted for children. All information is entered in the ALICE database that is later retrieved for Quarterly VSSR. Outreach Program – The Outreach Program provides domestic violence assessments

for DFCS in all nine counties of our service area. This program provides follow up on crisis calls for victims in need of services but not requiring shelter. Services include but are not limited to the following: parenting classes; advising victims about eligibility for victim's compensation; advocating and providing referrals for social services (TANF), unemployment, supportive follow-up to clients who have exited the shelter; assistance in completing paperwork for a TPO; accompaniment to court; referrals for counseling and therapy; financial assistance for rent, utilities, transportation; non-financial assistance with donated household goods, clothing, paper products; specific services that address the needs of children who have witnessed domestic violence, and collaboration of community outreach and awareness events. Last year the Haven provided 5,365 outreach services in our nine county area. Legal Advocacy – Our Legal Advocacy Program has over 14 continuous years experience and has earned the respect of the judges in both circuits based on knowledge and experience working with victims of domestic violence in need of legal advocacy. The legal advocate's primary role is assisting victims in filing emergency Temporary Protection Orders and Stalking Orders and assisting eligible victims with filing Victim's Compensation applications. The Legal Advocate works with both domestic violence victims and sexual assault victims in two judicial circuits in nine counties helping them understand their role in the criminal justice process and accompanying them to court during hearings; facilitates a weekly legal clinic for adults; documents injuries; provides transportation to assist victims in achieving safety and stability; provides community referrals and resources to victims; and conducts on-going safety planning and lethality assessments during delivery of services and follow-up. In our experience immigrants who are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault often do not understand their rights. Our Legal Advocacy Program is knowledgeable in the resources available to immigrant victims of abuse and is able to offer comprehensive legal and social services advocacy. Last year the legal advocate provided 653 legal advocacy services which included: 67 Temporary Protective Orders, 44 ex parte, 52 second hearings and provided information regarding Victims Compensation to 349 victims. The legal and sexual assault advocates assisted 14 eligible victims in filling out Victims Compensation applications. Rape Crisis Program –This program offers services and activities in our nine county service area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week all year which includes: 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis intervention and emotional support; on-site forensic exams and interviews; medical accompaniment; on-going emotional support; information and referral; empowerment trainings through self-defense classes, assistance with filing for victim's compensation; legal advocacy for assistance in filing protective orders and guidance through the criminal justice system including court accompaniment; referrals for counseling services, support groups; training for at-risk populations and community education. In 2013, the Rape Crisis Program held 42 trainings and events reaching 3,835 participants. RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) and SAFE (Self Defense and Awareness for Everyone) classes are a part of the trainings and held throughout the year; sexual assault trainings for law enforcement and social service providers; presentations focus on the risks of becoming a victim of sexual assault and how to minimize those risks. The Rape Crisis Advocates participates and coordinate SART meetings in the judicial circuits. Volunteer Program –The Volunteer Coordinator recruits volunteers to help provide direct and supportive services at the Shelter and Rape Crisis Center. Volunteers support this project by assisting with the delivery of services proposed in this project. Volunteers assist with: emotional and personal advocacy, hotline coverage, court accompaniment, shelter support, helping children with homework, and distributing agency materials in the community. The Haven's Volunteer Coordinator ensures that volunteers are screened, trained and effectively utilized. In 2013, there were 23 new volunteers trained of which 16 directly served this project.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in
Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Betty's Best Victim Services

Address: 123 Pasta Place Tortellini, GA 30303-2743

Federal award: 32000

Match amount: 8000

Counties served: Forsyth; Glascock; Greene

Core services: Counseling Services

Project title: Trauma-Informed Healing and Empowerment Program

Project description: Our Trauma-Informed Healing and Empowerment Program provides free counseling to victims of crime. We take clients directly or through referrals, conduct intake, and develop an individualized plan for healing and empowerment so that each victim can move forward and lead a happy, healthy life. Services include in-person and telephone crisis counseling, one-on-one and group therapy, and referrals. Betty's Best also offers transportation assistance so victims can access our program and referral services. We prioritize victim's safety, autonomy and confidentiality.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: Spanish, Tagalog

BROOKS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Address: P. O. BOX 272 QUITMAN, GA 31643-0272

Federal award: 31574

Match amount: 6315

Counties served: Brooks

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Legal Services Provider; Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: BROOKS COUNTY VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Project description: The Brooks County Victim Assistance Program has a 20 year history serving victims of crime in Brooks County. The funding will be used to continue to provide domestic violence services, which will include but not be limited to Temporary Protective Orders, safety plans, and therapy referrals. The advocate was certified in 2013 as an Adult Crimes Tech. We have been and will continue to enhance our elder abuse services in Brooks County. Transportation is provided to any victim who is in need to therapy or court.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Emergency Fi

Languages spoken: The Program uses the AT&T Language Line and Volunteer Interpreters

Camden Community Crisis Center, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 5159 St Marys, ga 31558-5159

Federal award: 49348

Match amount: 12337

Counties served: Camden; Charlton

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence Shelter Services

Project description: The VOCA funds will provide funding for 2 full-time and 7 part-time Shelter Advocates. It also will provide funding for a operating expense.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: English Spanish

Camden County CASA Program, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 3047 Kingsland, GA 31548-3047

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Camden

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: This grant will fund the entire salary and taxes for the Advocate Coordinator.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); training

Languages spoken: English

Carroll County Emergency Shelter, Inc.

Address: PO Box 2192 Carrollton, GA 30112-0041

Federal award: 97290

Match amount: 24323

Counties served: Carroll; Haralson; Heard; Meriwether

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: Our VOCA funded project will provide salaries for a Senior Client Manager, Community Victim Advocate and Legal Advocate. These vital staff members provide the following services: Senior Client Manager: responsible for providing victims of domestic violence immediate crisis intervention, intake process, building case plans, assisting clients in developing personal goals, tracking client's progress while providing personal advocacy, referrals and follow-up for each client. Community Victim Advocate: provides in-person victim support to underserved victims of domestic violence in the communities in which they live as well as at the shelter location. This support includes arranging

transportation for victims to secure safe shelter, provide referrals for local services, assist in securing Temporary Protective Orders, employment, child care, job-training or medical attention to meet the victim's immediate needs to reach safety and stability. Legal Advocate: provides support in obtaining TPOs and Stalking orders to residents and non-residents in the Coweta and Tallapoosa Judicial Circuits. This support includes preparation of TPOs assistance in completing forms, obtaining required documentation for Victims Compensation and checking on claims status, transportation, court accompaniment, informing victims of rights and referrals for other community resources and legal representation for divorce, child custody, child support and other legal issues. These three staff members will stay informed of current information, techniques and training to ensure the highest level of services are provided to our clients as well as strengthening our collaborative relationships with all social service agencies throughout our service area to gain their assistance towards identifying gaps in service, underserved victims and facilitate programs and services for victims in the community where they live.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Informat

Languages spoken: English

CASA for Children, Inc.

Address: 100 North Street, Suite G22 Canton, Ga 30114-2779

Federal award: 40909

Match amount: 10228

Counties served: Cherokee

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA Cherokee

Project description: Our advocates serve as a child victim's guardian ad litem in Juvenile Court proceedings. The advocate promotes services for the child's physical, medical, social, emotional and educational well-being during this vulnerable period and serves as a catalyst in the court system to ensure that the child is moved into a safe and permanent home as quickly as possible. Below is a description of the activities that we expect our volunteer child advocates to carry out with the support of Advocacy Coordinators to accomplish those goals. In Person Information/ Referral- This ensures the victim's best interests are presented to the Court through the written court report, court advocacy, recommendations, and testimony to bring a sense of urgency to the child's needs. Specific activities include; 1. Prepare and submit an independent, fact-based, objective written report at every hearing which includes the scope and extent of investigation, findings, recommendations, and sufficient facts to justify the recommendations by; • Reviewing all pertinent documents and records and interviewing the child victim, parents, social workers, foster parents, teachers, therapists, daycare providers and other relevant persons to determine the facts and circumstances of the child's situation. To do this effectively, CASA volunteers spend considerable time getting to know the child and gaining their trust. • Determine the thoughts and feelings of the child about the situation, taking into account the child's age, maturity, culture, religious affiliation, ethnicity and degree of attachment to family members, including siblings. Continuity, consistency and a sense of belonging and identity are also taken into consideration during the assessment. • Identify relatives that may be considered as placement options in order to minimize

the trauma of removal from their homes and placing children in a foster care setting. 2. Appear and participate at all hearings to advocate for the victim's rights and best interests including verbal recommendations or testimony as requested. 3. Monitor the timely compliance with court orders and case plan goals. Ensure that appropriate motions are filed in order that the Court can be made aware of pertinent information and take appropriate action on the victim's behalf. 4. Explain the court proceedings and the role of the volunteer advocate to the victim in terms the child can understand. Provide support for the victim, if applicable, prior to and during the court proceedings Personal Advocacy- This ensures the victim's needs are met through the seamless coordination of service delivery. 1. Meet monthly with victim to ensure placement is safe and emotional, educational and physical well-being needs are being met. The child will also have the opportunity to share wishes, needs, and other information relevant for effective advocacy. 2. Maintain regular contact to offer support and seek cooperative solutions with caregivers, school personnel and other service providers at Family Team meetings, panel reviews, Individual Education Planning meetings, staffings, roundtables and other non-court decision making meetings to foster positive steps toward victim well-being and the achievement of case plan goals. 3. Assist victim in securing victim's compensation benefits including application, collection of necessary documents and following up on status of claim. 4. Ensure that all services are available for persons with limited English proficiency and provide referrals for culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Services provided: Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

CASA Glynn, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 145 Brunswick, GA 31521-0145

Federal award: 25243

Match amount: 6311

Counties served: Glynn

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Court Appointed Special Advocates

Project description: The federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act requires the appointment of an attorney, CASA, or both to serve as GAL. Georgia's new Juvenile Code requires the appointment of both an attorney and Guardian ad Litem for each child in a dependency case. And, while an attorney can simultaneously serve in both capacities, the Code states the judge shall appoint a CASA to serve as GAL whenever possible. Furthermore, when a conflict of interest arises between a child's wishes and best interests, the child's attorney can no longer serve as GAL. O.C.G.A. § 15-11-104. The CASA volunteer is the one individual whose role never changes and remains an unwavering and constant advocate for the child's best interests, which along with the health and safety of the child, are the paramount concerns in all dependency proceedings. O.C.G.A. § 15-11-100(4). This is the exact project in which we are requesting continues funding for. CASA Glynn also maintains a protocol with the Juvenile Court and DFCS. The services provided below are consistent with federal and state law, as well as the national and state CASA Standards for Local Programs. CASA Glynn provides the following project activities: Recruit, Train, and Supervise Volunteers, Initial Assessments, Advocacy, Legal Advocacy, Follow-up Services, and Child Contact/HomeVisits. Through community outreach, collaboration with other agencies, public speaking, media exposure, and Board engagement, the Director and Advocacy Coordinators will recruit,

screen, train and supervise new volunteers and support, supervise and retain current volunteers. The initial assessment will be conducted by the CASA volunteer upon initial court appointment. Each assessment will take an average of 6-12 hours over the 2-4 weeks. The volunteer will visit the child at the child's current placement, conduct interviews with all parties and others at various locations, and review DFCS files, court orders and all other pertinent records. The initial assessment is compiled in a report to the court that includes recommendations on placement, services, and other needs of the family. The volunteer coordinator (staff person) provides support and guidance to the volunteer in their research, reviews and suggests edits to their written report to the court. The CASA Volunteer will prepare and submit an independent, fact-based, objective report. S/he will, with a staff member, participate in all deprivation and post-TPR hearings. The Volunteer will monitor compliance with court and case plan progress, provide verbal recommendations or testimony as requested. In a process that averages 2-5 hours, CASA staff will review the CASA report, prepare the Volunteer for court, and provide any additional support or supervision needed. Each hearing takes approximately 1-3 hours. Court hearings occur approximately every 3-5 months for the duration of the case. CASA Volunteers and staff participate in Family Team Meetings, panel reviews, IEPs, internal and external staffing, MDT, roundtables, and other non-court decision making meetings. The Volunteer and staff share first-hand information related to the children and families. They also address safety issues, advocate for necessary services, and explore permanency options on behalf of the child's best interest. Each Advocacy Activity takes approximately 1-4 hours and occurs on an ongoing basis with planned meetings every 1-6 months. CASA Volunteer maintains contact with caregivers, family, and other agency professionals for the duration of the case to monitor progress, placement, and goals of case plan. This includes, but is not limited to, office visits, phone calls, parental visitation observation, file reviews, emails, etc. Follow up services are conducted in the family's home, school, via telephone, office, etc. and occurs 1-3 times per month, averaging an hour each contact. CASA Volunteers meet monthly with a child to ensure safety and well-being needs are met. The Volunteer will have an opportunity to see the child in his/her placement and talk with the caregivers and others who interact with the child daily. The child will have the opportunity to share wishes, needs and other relevant information needed for CASA advocacy. CASA will offer support to caregivers as needed to support placement stability and transition including trial home visits. Visits of 1-2 hours occur monthly. The Executive Director supervises the CASA staff. The Executive Director is responsible for coordinating/monitoring service delivery, evaluating results, networking with other agencies and service providers, implementing a public education and awareness program, and seeking grants/donations. The Director communicates with staff, board members, and CASA volunteers, assisting in both scheduling and facilitating volunteer trainings, participates in meetings or court hearings involving CASA, maintains up-to-date records of all CASA volunteers and deprived children who are assigned to an advocate, and reviews all recommendations made by the CASA's prior to their submissions to the juvenile court. The Advocate Coordinators are responsible for volunteer management activities, including recruiting, screening, training, supervising and assigning cases to CASA volunteers, and ensuring the completion of family/child assessments and ongoing advocacy efforts. The advocate coordinators review court reports and orders, attend court hearings, work with service providers, and assist with home visits to provide guidance, feedback, resources and supervision of our advocates. Each volunteer, on every case assigned, is required to submit a monthly report that is reviewed by both the Executive Director and Advocate Coordinators. According to CASA Glynn's Inc.'s agency protocol, the Executive Director, Cary Greenfield, is responsible for coordinating/monitoring service delivery, evaluating results, networking with other agencies and service

providers, implementing a public education and awareness program, and seeking grants/donations. Ms. Greenfield comes from a social services background ranging from counselor at a children's home, to a caseworker with DFCS, and later placement supervisor with DFCS. She obtained her BGS degree from Valdosta State University. This education and professional background provides the technical ability to manage the Organization and a deep appreciation for the mission and purpose of CASA. Ms. Greenfield communicates with staff, board members, and CASA volunteers, assisting in both scheduling and facilitating volunteer trainings, participates in meetings or court hearings involving CASA, maintains up-to-date records of all CASA volunteers and deprived children who are served by the agency, and reviews all recommendations made by the CASA's prior to their submissions to the juvenile court. She also attends meetings with Georgia CASA, National CASA, and other community stakeholders and is responsible for staff supervision and quality assurance of staff. Extensive background checks are performed on each prospective staff member. Tracy Cramer works full time as Advocate Coordinator, the requested funding position. Ms. Cramer has a Bachelor's Degree from The University of Georgia in Early Childhood Education. Her past experience has been as an Elementary Education Teacher, with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center as a consultant working primarily with Federal grants and contracts, and as a legal assistant for the Glynn County Solicitors Office. Ms. Cramer has been with CASA Glynn for 1 ½ years. She, in collaboration with the executive director, are responsible for volunteer management activities, including recruiting, screening, training, supervising and assigning cases to CASA volunteers, and ensuring the completion of initial assessment and ongoing advocacy efforts. The advocate coordinators review court reports and orders, attend court hearings, work with service providers, and assist with home visits to provide guidance, feedback, resources and supervision of our 78 advocates. All CASA Glynn, Inc. staff and volunteers regularly attend training and professional development workshops with up to date information on a variety of topics. Since October 1, 2012, CASA Glynn staff and volunteers have been trained in the following areas: Annual Civil Rights Training, Juvenile Code Re-write, Sex Offender Registration Requirements, Mandatory Reporting Requirements, Transition of Youth out of Foster Care, Institutional Care, Cold Case Children, The State of Child Welfare in Georgia, DFCS Practice and Protocol, Mandated Reporter Training, Secondary Trauma, Decision Making for CASA Volunteers, Advocating for Infants, and cultural awareness training. Trainings for the remainder of the year are scheduled for Finding Families for Foster Children, Trauma Informed Advocacy, and Maintaining Relationships with Difficult people, Parent Education Classes, Courtroom Etiquette and Testimony, Decision Making for CASA Volunteers, and Local Services Offered for Delinquency. CASA Glynn also works with partner agencies through a Child Abuse Protocol, guided by a Memorandum of Understanding, to ensure that justice is met for our child crime victims.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

CASA of Forsyth County, Inc.

Address: 875 Lanier 400 Parkway, Box 7 Cumming, GA 30040-2541

Federal award: 40909

Match amount: 10228

Counties served: Forsyth

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: CASA of Forsyth County, Inc. provides advocacy services for child victims of crime with a staff of five and a volunteer base of more than 90. Our Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are trained community volunteer who is appointed by a juvenile court judge to advocate for an abused or neglected child in juvenile court dependency proceedings. The CASA advocates for each child to be placed in a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible. This funding will support one FTE Advocacy Case Manager. Below is a description of the specific activities we plan for the grant year to accomplish these goals. In Person Information/Referral During In Person Information/Referral, CASA identifies child and family strengths, resources and needs, develops an objective, independent assessment of the child's best interest and participates in the development of case plan and other related support for the child victim and his/her family. Specifically CASA will:

- Conduct an independent assessment by visiting with the child in his/her foster care or relative placement, interviewing the parents, guardians and caretakers of the child and other individuals having information about the child and reviewing records related to the family, particularly DFCS, medical, psychological and educational records.
- Participate in all hearings to advocate for the child's rights and best interest and prior to each hearing preparing and submitting an independent, fact-based objective report to the court, which provides the judge with the child's wishes, the CASA's recommendations and information gathered to support these recommendations.
- Explain the role of the CASA to every child for whom they are appointed, keep the child informed about court proceedings in an age appropriate manner and provide support to the child during the proceedings.

Personal Advocacy The objectives of CASA Advocacy work are to ensure the child's current needs are addressed and appropriate and necessary services are provided to the child and family, to ensure that timeliness and permanency remain a focus of the case and to share all relevant information and significant changes to DFCS and/or Court, and to ensure the child's needs and well-being are met while placed outside their home. During their Advocacy work, volunteers will:

- Maintain regular contact with caregivers, family and other agency professionals to monitor progress, placement and goals of the case plan
- Participate in Family Team meetings, panel reviews, IEP meetings, internal and external staffings, and roundtables and other non-court decision making meetings.
- Address safety issues, advocate for necessary services, explore permanency options on behalf of the child's best interest
- Inform the court promptly of important developments including the agency's failure to provide services or the family's failure to participate
- Help victims determine their eligibility for compensation benefits, assist them with application forms and procedures and obtain necessary documentation and checking on claim status

Services provided: Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: Program staff funded by this funding project speak English. To be able to serve clients with Limited English Proficiency, we have developed a plan which utilizes bi-lingual CASA volunteers and community resources. A copy of our LEP Plan is attached.

CASA of Houston County, Inc.

Address: 206 Carl Vinson Pkwy Warner Robins, GA 31088-5832

Federal award: 45567

Match amount: 11392

Counties served: Houston

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA of Houston County, Inc

Project description: CASAs advocate for the emotional, physical, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of the victims served. Throughout our advocacy, we strive to assist with stabilization after victimization and ensure the victims (age-appropriate) understand what's going on during judicial proceedings. This effort is broken down into five major program activities which include: Initial Assessments, Legal Advocacy, Advocacy, Follow-Up Services, and Child Contact/Home Visits. Initial Assessments are for children birth up to age 18, biological parents, foster parents or other caregivers, DFCS, medical and educational providers, and any other individual or agency involved with the case. The initial assessment will be conducted by the CASA volunteer upon initial court appointment. Each assessment will take an average of 6-12 hours over the 2-4 weeks. The volunteer will visit the child at the child's current placement, conduct interviews with all parties and others at various locations, and review DFCS files, court orders and all other pertinent records. The initial assessment is compiled in a report to the court that includes recommendations on placement, services, and other needs of the family. The volunteer coordinator (staff person) provides support and guidance to the volunteer in their research, reviews and suggests edits to their written report to the court. Legal Advocacy include children birth up to age 18, who are involved in juvenile court deprivation proceedings, DFCS, judges, parents, CASA volunteer and staff, and attorneys. CASA volunteer will prepare and submit an independent, fact-based, objective report. The CASA volunteer and volunteer coordinator will participate in all deprivation and post-TPR hearings. The CASA will monitor compliance with court orders and case plan progress. The CASA will provide verbal recommendations or testimony as requests. CASA staff will review the CASA report, prepare the volunteer for court, attend hearing, and provide any additional support or supervision needed. The preparation and review of the report will take approx. 2-5 hours. Each hearing will take approx. 1 -3 hours. Court hearings occur approx. every 3 - 5 months for the duration of the case. Advocacy participants include children birth up to age 18, who are involved in juvenile court deprivation proceedings, DFCS, private providers, teachers, counselors, medical providers, parents, CASA volunteer and staff, and attorneys. CASA volunteers and staff participate in Family Team meetings, citizen panel reviews, IEPs, internal and external staffings, MDT, roundtables, and other non-court decision making meetings. The CASA volunteer and staff will share first-hand information related to children and families. The CASA volunteer and staff will also address safety issues, advocate for necessary services, and explore permanency options on behalf of child's best interest. Activity will last 1 – 4 hours and occur every 3 – 6 months during the case. Follow up services include children birth to age 18, biological parents or other caregiver, DFCS, teachers, private providers, and any other individual or agency involved with the case. CASA volunteer maintains contact with caregivers, family, and other agency professionals for the duration of the case to monitor progress, placement, and goals of case plan. Follow-up services will be conducted in the family's home, school, via telephone, office, etc. Follow-up contact will last on average 1 hour and will occur 1 -3 times per month. Lastly, the Child Contact/Home Visits will include children birth to age 18, caregivers, relatives, and/or parents, CASA volunteer and/or staff. CASA volunteer or staff will meet monthly with a child to ensure safety and well-being needs are met. CASA volunteer will have the opportunity to see the child in his/her placement and talk with caregivers and others that interact daily with the child. The child will also have the opportunity to share wishes, needs, and other relevant information needed for CASA advocacy. CASA will offer support to caregivers as needed to support placement stability and transition. Visits occur monthly and last 1 – 2 hours.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)
Languages spoken: N/A

CASA of Polk & Haralson, Inc.

Address: 102 Prior St., Ste. 207 Cedartown, GA 30125-2945

Federal award: 45584

Match amount: 11396

Counties served: Haralson; Polk

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: VOCA funding is primarily budgeted to assist with personnel expenses of our organization to meet the demands of the Tallapoosa Juvenile Court System and families in crisis in our community. Specifically, VOCA funds will pay 50% of the full time salary of both our Polk and Haralson County Volunteer Coordinator positions. These staff members provide direct supervision, training and recruitment of our volunteer advocates in servicing child victims of abuse and neglect. Additionally, VOCA funding will pay 25% of the Executive Director's full time salary for her role in supervision, training and recruitment of staff and volunteers who service child victims. All three of these positions work hand in hand with volunteers and the victims we serve. A small allowance for office supplies is also included in our budget.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

CASA OF TROUP COUNTY, INC.

Address: 118 Ridley Avenue LaGrange, GA 30240-2724

Federal award: 53192

Match amount: 13298

Counties served: Heard; Troup

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA OF TROUP COUNTY, INC.

Project description: Grant funds will be used to recruit, screen and train community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and/or neglected children in Troup and Heard counties. We are committed to providing each child in foster care with their own CASA to help expedite their permanency plan. The Volunteer Coordinator provides case management for our volunteers. The coordinator consults with volunteers on the recommendations to be made and review reports to ensure that they are in the best interests of the child, conforms to law, court protocol and program policy and standards. The Executive Director will be responsible for the administrative management and fiscal management of the of the agency and grant. Troup CASA holds volunteer trainings twice a year.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: N/A not VAWA funded

CASA Program for the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit, Inc.

Address: 515 Denmark Street Statesboro, GA 30458-3287

Federal award: 37500

Match amount: 9375

Counties served: Bulloch; Effingham; Jenkins; Screven

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA Ogeechee (current funding 9 months)

Project description: As a program, we are singularly focused on the recruitment, training and supervision of community volunteers who will advocate for the abused and neglected children in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit. The funds, prorated for the number of children we serve with VOCA funds and the staff time required to serve those children, will be used for personnel and associated operating costs for the staff and volunteers who will carry out our mission.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; Legal Advocacy, Assessment, Volunteering in office or special events, Training

Languages spoken: VOCA funded only: English, Spanish, German

Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc.

Address: 3510 Shallowford Rd. NE Atlanta, GA 30341-2909

Federal award: 49419

Match amount: 12355

Counties served: Cobb; DeKalb; Fulton; Gwinnett

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: PAWER Domestic Violence Program

Project description: CPACS assists women and their families live violence free lives through comprehensive and linguistically appropriate services offered by the PAWER (Pan Asian Women's Empowerment & Resources) program. VOCA funds will be used for staff salaries and fringe benefits to operate the PAWER program. 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 and free from violence.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation

Languages spoken: Hindi, Urdu, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese

Central Georgia CASA, Inc.

Address: 640 Plum Street, Suite 203 Macon, GA 31201-2859

Federal award: 44932

Match amount: 11233

Counties served: Bibb; Crawford; Peach

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Victim Advocates

Project description: VOCA funds will be used to fund most expenses associated with one of our Volunteer Coordinators. Because there is court in every county and other meetings to attend, the Volunteer Coordinators attend court, panel reviews, Family Team Meetings, DFCS meetings, MDTs, and anything else required of the volunteer. Volunteer Coordinators accompany volunteers to virtually all functions of the volunteers. The Volunteer Supervisor stays in constant contact with the CASA in order to stay up to date regarding the progress of each victim's case. Volunteer Coordinators also train and guide the CASAs to help with written reports. The Coordinator is always available to the CASA. At the closing of the case, Volunteer Coordinators evaluate the survey results and suggest improvements. The job requirements of the Volunteer Coordinator are:

- A. Volunteer Training
 - 1. Assist with volunteer recruitment
 - 2. Screen and interview prospective volunteers
 - 3. Schedule, coordinate, and attend all training classes
 - 4. Assist as moderator or presenter at training class as needed
 - 5. Assist with customization of the training manual
- B. Case Management
 - 1. Coordinate, document, and channel all CASA requests until resolution
 - 2. Match CASA case with appropriate volunteer in consultation with the Executive Director
 - 3. Initiate orders for assignment of volunteer to case and prepare statement to judge
 - 4. Consult with CASA volunteers about problems or concerns
 - 5. Attend Juvenile Court (deprivations calendar) in Bibb County and Peach/Crawford County and maintain records regarding proceedings
 - 6. Initiate orders to release and prepare statement for judge
- C. Volunteer Supervision
 - 1. Make and document a minimum of two (2) monthly contacts with each volunteer
 - 2. Receive a written monthly report from each volunteer
 - 3. Provide assistance and consultation as needed and when requested
 - 4. Schedule, coordinate, and attend ongoing in-service programs
 - 5. Keep necessary and appropriate volunteer records as directed by the Executive Director
 - 6. Consult with appropriated DFCS staff regarding client needs and volunteer assignments
- D. Program Activities
 - 1. Attend all available conferences and workshops for the development of programs for volunteers
 - 2. Assist in orientation of staff as needed
 - 3. Attend staff meetings
 - 4. Assist in public education about volunteer program – i.e. GALs, DFCS employees, public speaking
 - 5. Assist in volunteer appreciation events
 - 6. Attend all fundraising events hosted by the Board of Directors
 - 7. Make program decisions during Executive Director's absence

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Legal Assistance; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Cherokee Child Advocacy Council, Inc.

Address: 9870 Hwy 92, Suite 200 Woodstock, GA 30188-6403

Federal award: 74901

Match amount: 18726

Counties served: Cherokee

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Advocacy Center - Child Abuse

Project description: The mission of Anna Crawford Children's Center is to assist and support children and non-offending family members impacted by child abuse or violence. This mission is accomplished by providing a coordinated, comprehensive, culturally sensitive and multidisciplinary approach to the intervention and treatment of child victimization. This mission is further accomplished by providing a child-friendly facility where children and families receive crisis intervention, education regarding victim rights and the criminal justice system, and therapeutic treatment and support. VOCA funds will be used to pay a portion of the salaries of three staff members: Executive Director, Clinical Director and Child Family Advocate. These VOCA funded staff members will provide the following services: Crisis Counseling: The disclosure of abuse or exposure to violence is often traumatic for the child victim and non-offending family members. Following the revelation of abuse, the child and family are often in crisis as they attempt to deal with the emotional impact of the crime and betrayal. Further, children or family members may be experiencing thoughts of harming themselves or the offender. In response, clinical staff offer private, confidential crisis counseling to address immediate issues that may be impacting the safety of the child and family. Non-Offending Caregiver Therapy Intake: Following the investigative process and before beginning therapy, clinical staff conducts an initial intake session with the non-offending caregiver(s). Children and families often have a natural tendency to want to avoid dealing with abuse and victimization and have anxiety about entering treatment. The purpose of the initial intake session is to reduce this anxiety by providing support and education about the therapeutic process. In addition, the intake session is an opportunity to discuss confidentiality issues and to obtain informed consent to treat the child. The intake session also allows the Clinical Child Specialist to gather information to assist in the development of an individualized family treatment plan. Individual Therapy for Child Victims: Individual therapy is provided based on the notion that early, trauma-focused intervention will reduce symptoms and mitigate subsequent, more serious outcomes. Examples of topics addressed in individual therapy include education about child abuse, affect education, gradual exposure of abuse-related material to address post-traumatic stress symptoms, cognitive reframing to explore and correct inaccurate attributions about cause and responsibility, coping skills, relaxation training, healthy body image and sexuality, safety skills, and self-esteem. The Clinical staff also utilizes play therapy techniques when working with younger children. Play therapy has been demonstrated to be effective in improving the emotional adjustment of abused and neglected children and effective in decreasing aggressive, acting-out behaviors in children exposed to violence. Group Therapy for Child Victims: Abuse-focused group therapy is provided to allow children to come together and share their thoughts and feelings with other victims and share ideas regarding coping strategies. Topics addressed include education about sexual abuse, the possible effects of and reactions to sexual abuse, coping skills, affect education, healthy body image, education about criminal justice system, safety skills, and

establishing healthy relationships. Individual Therapeutic and Support Sessions for Non-offending Family Members: Findings indicate that family support can significantly reduce the long-term effects of abuse. Individual sessions with non-offending caregivers and family members are provided to offer support, as well as information and skills, that will assist them in coping with their own emotional reactions to the child's experiences. Because child abuse is often perpetrated by someone in the home, non-offending family members often need support in dealing with the betrayal and processing the absence of the offender from the home. Non-offending family member intervention provides three major components: gradual exposure to abuse-related material to lessen trauma, behavioral management skills to address maladaptive behaviors that may have developed in response to the abuse, and training on coping skills needed to deal with intrusive thoughts and emotions. Group Therapeutic Support for Non-offending Family Members: Therapeutic support groups for non-offending caregivers are offered to allow caregivers to provide support to one another and gain insight regarding how the abuse and aftermath has affected their families. Topics covered include education on the effects of child abuse, healthy ways to respond to their children, healthy coping skills, education about stress and grief, parenting skills, safety and protection skills, and education about the criminal justice system and victim rights. Family Therapy: Family sessions provide an opportunity for the family to learn to communicate openly regarding the abuse and learn to support one another. Family sessions may be necessary to address maladaptive behaviors and coping techniques that have been adopted while the abuse was happening or after the disclosure of the abuse. Criminal Justice Support and Personal Advocacy for Child and Non-Offending Family Members: VOCA funded staff provide the child victim and/or non-offending family members with information about the status of the court case; notice of upcoming court proceedings; education and information about the criminal justice system; orientation to courtroom personnel and practices; information about availability of and assistance with applying for crime victim compensation; assistance in completing victim impact statements; and emotional processing of verdict and sentencing. Referrals are also provided for assistance with other needed victim services. The staff may also provide the child and family with accompaniment for various court proceedings. Multi-Disciplinary Team Case Review: ACCC facilitates MDT case review meetings to ensure that the rights of child victims are being upheld. MDT case review allows team members to discuss upcoming legal proceedings; child protection and safety issues; prosecution and sentencing issues; treatment needs of child and family; criminal and civil case dispositions; plans to provide court education and court support; and cultural issues that may be relevant. All services are provided in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English, Spanish and Portuguese

Cherokee Family Violence Center, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 489 Canton, GA 30169-0489

Federal award: 40598

Match amount: 10150

Counties served: Cherokee

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Transitional Housing

Project description: The goals of the project are to help the families residing here: (1) obtain the resources, skills and support they need to rebuild their lives, (2) improve their economic situation, and (3) develop a path to safe, secure permanent housing. In order to help these families achieve these goals, CFVC provides holistic, victim centered services that include components of housing, security, safety planning and case management, financial counseling and guidance, Intimate Partner Violence educational classes, transportation assistance, emotional support, comprehensive children's program, and legal assistance delivered in a culturally competent and respectful manner. The VOCA funded Family Advocate will provide supportive services to victims and their children who are inquiring, applying, or residing in CFVC's Transitional Housing Program. This Advocate will work with the two existing GOCF and United Way funded Housing Advocate as well as two Multicultural Advocates. This position is a MSW level position, with a priority on previous experience of working with underserved populations. The Family Advocate's responsibilities include assessing for housing needs and safety; conducting trauma-informed Individual Service Assessments and providing case management and support services for the children of the families residing in the program. Using a trauma-informed lens, the Family Advocate will (1) meet with the victim to gather information on the history of abuse, (2) assess for previous abuse or trauma history, (3) gather information about the children, (4) determine legal needs, (5) assess for victim's personal health and healing needs, (6) gather current and previous financial history, (7) determine housing need, (8) assess educational level and goals and (9) assess the victim for Crime Victim's Compensation eligibility and assist her in obtaining this resource either by completing the application with her or working with the Victim Assistants in the courts. Once the Individual Service Assessment information has been gathered, the Family Advocate will begin working with the victim to develop a move-in plan. The move-in plan includes (1) strategizing with the victim to pay off past due electric bills or past due balances on previous housing situations, (2) develop a plan to save for application fees and moving cost, (3) determine what documents will be needed to apply for the transitional apartments and (4) help her in developing goals while residing in Transitional Housing. For families on the waiting list, the Family Advocate will meet with her monthly if she is in a shelter or bi-weekly if she is homeless staying in temporary housing situations. The Family Advocate's role is to make sure the family is safe and getting their basic needs met while waiting for an affordable apartment. Once an apartment is available the Family Advocate will assist the victim with the application process and move in. Once the family has moved into the transitional apartments the Family Advocate will coordinate with the other Family Advocates to then begin their role in supporting the family's goals. The Family Advocate will design, and facilitate age appropriate groups for children in the Transitional Housing program. Children and teen support groups will be offered by CFVC on topics such as understanding/expressing feelings, building self-esteem, getting along with others, responsibilities, controlling anger, "hands are not for hitting", as well as grieving and growing. Support groups for children will be offered twice a week during the women's support group and the teen group will be offered once weekly. The Family Advocate will also provide in-home counseling services including: play therapy, parenting skills, and individual therapy. The in-home services will be scheduled by the Family Advocate in consideration of the mother's employment, child's school schedule, and other family obligations. The Family Advocate is responsible for identifying and establishing community partnerships with local churches, arts centers, YMCA, boys and girls club, and programs that provide activities the children can attend as field trips. For the community partners that will be hosting events on property the Family Advocate will be the contact person who will assist the providers in establishing

dates, organizing the event, informing the families and ensuring the host has everything they need for the activity. The Family Advocate will search for field trip possibilities identified when working with the teens and children, that will support building self-worth, coping with anger, adjusting to change and experiencing fun. The Family Advocate will schedule either a field trip or a property event monthly. The Family Advocate will attend meetings with other service providers to build partnerships and educate providers on the dynamics of Domestic Violence and the effect it has on families. On an annual basis, the Family Advocate will present information about Domestic Violence including Teen Dating Violence to each local middle and high schools. The presentations will include information on community resources for teen victims of Domestic Violence. We believe that this unique and innovative project addresses High Priority need for the State of Georgia as it is the only Transitional Housing Program for victims of Domestic Violence that combines the supportive services of a Domestic Violence Agency, the self-supporting rental subsidies of Section 8 vouchers as provided by the Department of Community Affairs and the ability to house over 200 women and children which makes it the largest of its type in the United States.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: English

Cherokee Family Violence Center, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 489 Canton, GA 30169-0489

Federal award: 136668

Match amount: 34167

Counties served: Appling; Atkinson; Bacon; Baker; Baldwin; Banks; Barrow; Bartow; Ben Hill; Berrien; Bibb; Bleckley; Brantley; Brooks; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Butts; Calhoun; Camden; Candler; Carroll; Catoosa; Charlton; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Chattooga; Cherokee; Clarke; Clay; Clayton; Clinch; Cobb; Coffee; Colquitt; Columbia; Cook; Coweta; Crawford; Crisp; Dade; Dawson; Decatur; DeKalb; Dodge; Dooly; Dougherty; Douglas; Early; Echols; Effingham; Elbert; Emanuel; Evans; Fannin; Fayette; Floyd; Forsyth; Franklin; Fulton; Gilmer; Glascock; Glynn; Gordon; Grady; Greene; Gwinnett; Habersham; Hall; Hancock; Haralson; Harris; Hart; Heard; Henry; Houston; Irwin; Jackson; Jasper; Jeff Davis; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Jones; Lamar; Lanier; Laurens; Lee; Liberty; Lincoln; Long; Lowndes; Lumpkin; Macon; Madison; Marion; McDuffie; McIntosh; Meriwether; Miller; Mitchell; Monroe; Montgomery; Morgan; Murray; Muscogee; Newton; Oconee; Oglethorpe; Paulding; Peach; Pickens; Pierce; Pike; Polk; Pulaski; Putnam; Quitman; Rabun; Randolph; Richmond; Rockdale; Schley; Screven; Seminole; Spalding; Stephens; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Taliaferro; Tattnall; Taylor; Telfair; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Toombs; Towns; Treutlen; Troup; Turner; Twiggs; Union; Upson; Walker; Walton; Ware; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Webster; Wheeler; White; Whitfield; Wilcox; Wilkes; Wilkinson; Worth

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Statewide Spanish Hotline

Project description: CFVC seeks to ensure that immigrant victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking in Georgia have access to linguistically and culturally competent services through the implementation of a Statewide 24 hour Spanish-language crisis line. Since 2000, CFVC has seen 167% increase in growth of the Latino population in our community. As a result of this growing Latino population, CFVC developed

specific programs and expertise to help better meet the needs of Latino victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking in Cherokee County. These services include the only 24 hour Spanish-language crisis line in Georgia, the only Domestic Violence program in Georgia to receive Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognition, Spanish-language support groups and services with bilingual staff and volunteers, specialized housing assistance, culturally competent Leadership, Financial Literacy and Intimate Partner Education Classes, and a network of collaborations with other culturally specific service organizations. CFVC is proposing to leverage this knowledge and offer this expertise to shelters throughout the State through the implementation of a Statewide Spanish-Language Crisis Line. As part of this program, we are also seeking funding for a Multicultural Outreach Advocate to work with the other shelters to become more fully aware of the immigration relief that is available to this population, as well as the services that we provide, and technical assistance on how we can work together to more fully respond to the needs of this underserved population. The proposed Statewide 24 hour Spanish Crisis Line will be tied into the existing State Crisis Line, 1 800 33 HAVEN. We will coordinate with the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) on the implementation and advertising of this resource as indicated in the MOU, which is included as a part of this grant proposal. Callers to the existing state crisis line will now be given an option to press “2” if they wish to talk to someone speaking Spanish. These calls will be automatically routed to the bilingual 24 staff of CFVC. During normal business hours, these calls will be answered by our two existing BIA certified, Multicultural Advocates. After hours and on weekends, these calls will be staffed by bilingual staff in our shelter. These six Spanish language crisis workers will be trained on the dynamics of domestic violence, lethality assessments, crisis intervention techniques, crime victim rights, legal advocacy procedures, domestic violence laws, shelter and community resources from around the state, and immigration issues concerning victims of domestic violence. Based on current usage of the existing GCADV Statewide Crisis line of approximately 600 calls per month, we initially anticipate 50 calls per month coming from Spanish-speaking victims. We anticipate this number increasing as awareness of this resource increases. If the caller is seeking shelter, the Crisis Line workers will act as a liaison with the local shelter to make sure that the transfer and arrangements are responsive, fluid and culturally competent. If responding to a call from local law enforcement, they will provide translation services between the victim and local law enforcement and, if requesting shelter, with the local shelter staff. These workers will be housed in our Emergency Shelter and be available to provide support services to Spanish speaking clients around the clock. They will be supervised by CFVC’s Program Support Director, Maggie Jackson, who is quad-lingual in Spanish, French, Creole and English. Ms. Jackson holds an MSW and has over 5 years of experience working with immigrant victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking. As part of this grant request, CFVC is also requesting funding for a Multicultural Outreach Advocate. This Advocate will work with shelters and communities across the state to develop policies and procedures for working with immigrant clients from their communities. These activities will include (1) developing a Resource Guide of Services for Immigrants for the State of Georgia, (2) documenting the preferred, local method of admitting a non-English speaking victim to each shelter, (3) training Shelter staff from across the State on immigration remedies and resources, 4) building cultural competency capacity across shelter programs, and (5) cross-training certified Shelter staff on specialized services offered by CFVC for immigrant victims including transitional housing and immigration relief. We anticipate conducting 45 trainings to 180 Shelter Workers and Advocates during this grant period, or an average of four per month. We have grouped the proposed training by Regions as identified by the Governor’s Office on Children and Families in order to reduce the number of overnight stays and maximize regional efforts. This Multicultural Outreach

Advocate will be housed at CFVC's Supportive Services Offices and supervised by Pilar Sarmiento, Multicultural Program Coordinator. Ms. Sarmiento is BIA accredited and has over 8 years of experience working with immigrant victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking. Additionally, this Multicultural Outreach Advocate will work to increase entry points for the underserved Latino population in Cherokee County to access services by conducting outreach in locales where immigrant women feel safe and supported and in a culturally competent format. These locations include the local Health Department, local monolingual churches, laundry mats, ESL classes and a newly formed immigrant family support center and MOU partner, Mi Familia Center. The objectives would be to (1) increase access to safety and support services for victims, (2) to develop partnerships with Latino community leaders to widen the safety net for victims, and (3) to educate local law enforcement about the importance of supporting immigration relief under U-Visas. Materials have already been printed under funding from CFVC's previous VAWA funded grant. We also anticipate using material provided by the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence as part of their advertising and outreach for the existing 1 800 statewide crisis line. We anticipate conducting two outreach activities a month to 300 Latinos through these outreach activities.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, French and Creole

Cherokee Family Violence Center, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 489 Canton, GA 30169-0489

Federal award: 86043

Match amount: 21511

Counties served: Cherokee

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Legal Advocacy Program

Project description: Cherokee Family Violence Center (CFVC) seeks to ensure that victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking will have continued access to protective remedies through the judicial system by providing the only Pro Se legal services in the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. We plan to achieve this goal by offering a comprehensive continuum of legal care which utilizes a coordinated community response model that (1) meets the needs of victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking; (2) educates stakeholders; (3) and improves system response so that victims are safer, batterers are held accountable, and our community is safer. Legal Advocates, Thomasina DeGonzague and Lyndsey Little, are trained in the provision of services to victims, specifically in the assessment for primary victims in intimate partner relationships, and advocacy through the legal system. These advocates have each been certified by the court to provide limited legal services to victims and have both attended the VAWA-funded Georgia Legal Services Temporary Protective Order training and are supervised by Kathie Amspacher, CFVC's Administrative Director. Each possesses intimate knowledge of the needs of survivors, with over 20 years of accumulated direct client experience, they have provided state and local level trainings and advocacy on behalf of the Domestic Violence community. Specifically, VOCA-funded Legal Advocates will (1) create personalized safety plans for each client depending on their individual needs and safety issues, (2) determine what legal services the victim may need, to include any specialized services which

may be required by immigrant or refugee victims (3) assist victims in filing emergency protection orders, (4) accompany and transport victims to Temporary Protective Order hearings as well as other court appearances, (5) educate and advocate with the local judiciary, (6) conduct domestic violence training to local law enforcement agencies and other community entities, (7) make referrals to attorneys, (8) explain court procedures and legal rights to victims and their families, and (9) assist all eligible victims of crime in filing for Victim Compensation. CFVC Legal Advocates provide victims with assistance in obtaining Ex Parte Temporary Protective Orders by preparing a narrative of their abuse, assembling legal documents and documenting the abuse, and escorting the victims to court to meet with a Superior Court Judge. The Legal Advocate ensures that all documents are properly filed with the Clerk of Courts, provides the victim with multiple copies of their order, and takes steps to ensure the perfection of service of the order on the Respondent. Throughout this process, the Legal Advocate provides ongoing emotional support and individualized safety planning for the client. Legal Advocates meet with these victims individually in our Administrative Offices to obtain information regarding their abuse and to determine whether or not they qualify for legal protection under Georgia laws. In addition to the security measures enacted to help protect victims from their abusers, CFVC recognizes the importance of confidentiality and privacy of the persons receiving our services to ensure their safety and their families' safety. As a matter of procedure, we do not disclose personally identifying information to any third party without informed, written, reasonable and time-limited, consent of the person, unless compelled by statutory or court mandate. We also ensure that any aggregate information that we share with other organizations is shared in such a manner that such information does not identify specific individuals. All clients are offered a release of information, so that Advocates can work with other community partners, such as the Department of Family and Children Services, judicial system personnel, mental health, and law enforcement in coordinated service provision. CFVC's Legal Advocacy Program also completes follow-up monitoring on civil cases involving victims of Domestic Violence and Stalking as they move through the courts. As part of long-term safety planning and goal setting, Legal Advocates often play a crucial role in the ongoing safety of victims as they accompany the victims to court, monitor case dispositions and safety plan with victims during routine client follow-up conducted via telephone, online correspondence, U.S. mail and face-to-face contact. Further, Legal Advocates act in a capacity of ongoing liaison to service providers for victims, make referrals to supportive services including medical and mental health providers, as we seek to enhance the array of supportive services provided to victims through partnership with other community partners and stakeholders. Legal Advocates assist victims in contacting criminal justice professionals, including probation and parole officers, particularly with respect to TPO violations, assist victims with advocating for no contact provisions or stay-away bond conditions, assist victims with applying for warrants for their offenders' arrest, and educate victims about their role in the criminal justice process. Additionally, Legal Advocates notify crime victims of availability of victims' compensation, assist them with the application forms and procedures, obtain necessary documentation, and check on claim status. VOCA-funded Legal Advocates work in partnership with CFVC's OVW Legal Assistance to Victims (LAV) funded Legal Advocates to refer victims to legal counsel with respect to custody, divorce, immigration matters and other related cases. Additionally, VOCA-funded Legal Advocates will work with CFVC's Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) certified Multicultural Advocates to ensure that all services are culturally and linguistically competent and are available for persons of limited English proficiency, members of underserved communities and/or victims who need assistance filing T or U-Visas or VAWA self-petition applications. Currently CFVC is the only Domestic Violence agency in Georgia with Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) recognition and

accredited staff members. CFVC actively seeks to build a coordinated community response to victim needs by participating in community educational events and activities such as the Domestic Violence Task Force, the Sexual Assault Response Team, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project, and protocol development teams at the state and local level. Additionally, CFVC's Legal Advocates have a high level of cooperation with the County's specialized Domestic Violence Prosecutorial Units, local law enforcement, local Family Violence Intervention Program providers and other VOCA funded agencies. These individuals have been able to capitalize on these relationships in an effort to reduce the recurrence of Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Dating Violence in our community, through the expansion of knowledge of these issues and their

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: English

Child Advocacy Center of Coffee County

Address: P.O. Box 528 Douglas, Ga 31534-0528

Federal award: 38299

Match amount: 9575

Counties served: Atkinson; Bacon; Clinch; Coffee; Jeff Davis

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: Grant funds will be strictly designated for Victims Services Coordinating staff and MDT staff salaries.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Child Advocate Network, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 768 Avondale Estates, GA 30002-0768

Federal award: 102179

Match amount: 25545

Counties served: DeKalb

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: DeKalb County CASA

Project description: DeKalb County CASA complies with and/or exceeds the requirement by the CJCC to submit this grant application. It is a member of both the National Court Appointed Special Advocates Association and affiliated with Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates Association. The organization is located on the first floor of the Gregory A. Adams Juvenile Court Building, 4309 Memorial Drive, in Decatur, GA and is currently staffed by an Executive Director, a Program Advocacy Manager, and three full-time and one part-time Advocacy Coordinators. The staff works closely with several collaterals including DeKalb Juvenile Court, DeKalb Department of Family and Children Services, DeKalb County

Child Advocacy Center, the Metro CASA Collaborative, and other government entities. Additionally, we have initiated a new partnership with the Fulton County CASA. The DeKalb CASA staff is provided with annual training, either in-house or community-wide, to ensure they are kept abreast with updates and/or skill sets needed to provide direct services to victims of crime. Training is offered via National CASA, GA CASA, DeKalb Child Advocacy Center, Atlanta Junior League, United Way, as well as from other organizations that provide training coordinated to specifically to serve crime victims. DeKalb CASA is proposing to maintain 90% of the funding for the Program Advocacy Manager salary and fringe benefits and 100% of the Senior Advocacy Coordinators salary and fringe benefits. Due to a reduction in funding from the local grant source, the organization is proposing that VOCA fund 60% of the two additional Advocacy Coordinators' salaries and fringe benefits. All Advocacy Coordinators possess a Master's or Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or Criminal Justice, a tremendous amount of organizational skills, supervision, dedication, leadership abilities, and computer skills including: Microsoft Word, Outlook, spreadsheets, data-base input, via Excel, Publisher, and Access. They additionally interview, supervise, support, and assist CASA Volunteers with the skills needed to effectively advocate for children within DeKalb County's Juvenile system. The administration of the proposed services falls under the responsibility of the Program Advocacy Manager and the Advocacy Coordinators. The full-time Program Advocacy Manager and three full-time and one part-time Advocacy Coordinators employed by DeKalb County CASA. The first currently funded position is the Program Advocacy Manager has been employed by DeKalb CASA for more than thirteen years. This individual possesses a Master's Degree and directly supervises the Advocacy Coordinators and the CASA Volunteers, and also maintains her own caseload. She ensures that the necessary support and training is always available to volunteers. The second currently funded-position is a full-time Senior Advocacy Coordinator who is in her fourth year of employment at DeKalb CASA and possesses a Master's Degree in Social Work. She additionally is responsible for providing direct supervision to the Social Work interns. The next two positions are full-time Advocacy Coordinators and is funded via a local grant for the Fy'13-'14 year. Both individuals began as Interns; one pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice (in her third year of employment) and the other pursuing a Masters in Social Work (just completing her first year of employment) from Georgia State University, a local four-year university. After receiving their degrees, they remained interested in the mission of DeKalb County CASA and joined the staff.

Services provided: Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy

Languages spoken: N/A

Child Enrichment, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 12036 Augusta, Ga 30914-2036

Federal award: 46247

Match amount: 11562

Counties served: Burke; Columbia; Richmond

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: With VOCA funding, Child Enrichment's Child Advocacy Center will provide therapeutic and advocacy activities. Activities will include conducting trauma assessments; providing information and education to family members about child abuse; providing trauma-focused therapy services to victims and their non-offending family members; facilitating group therapy to include non-

offending caregiver support groups and therapeutic child groups; providing victim advocacy services to families; providing criminal justice support at court proceeding and advocacy through expert court testimony; assisting clients with filing victims compensation; and case collaboration through telephone calls with other agencies. VOCA funding will assist Child Enrichment, Inc.'s Court Appointed Special Advocate program employees in recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers who provide advocacy for child victims in juvenile court dependency proceedings to ensure their needs and best interests are known and understood by the Court. Project activities will include conducting initial assessments of children upon entering foster care; meeting regularly with foster care children to assess needs; providing criminal justice support and advocacy by attending appropriate court hearings and multi-disciplinary team meetings; monitoring case compliance; collaborating with Juvenile Court and DFCS ; exploring relatives and other adults as possible resources; advocating for needed services and placements; recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Children First, Inc.

Address: 693 N. Pope Street Athens, GA 30601-2331

Federal award: 66160

Match amount: 16540

Counties served: Clarke; Oconee

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Athens-Oconee Court Appointed Special Advocates

Project description: Athens-Oconee CASA trains and supervises volunteers to provide the highest level of lay representation and advocacy for all child abuse victims in DFCS care in Clarke and Oconee Counties, with the goal of promoting and fostering reunification of families. We will effectuate that by helping ensure child victims of abuse are placed in the best situation to achieve permanency, and working to ensuring their final placement is in the best interest of the child.

Services provided: Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: N/A

Childrens Advocacy Cntr-Lookout Mtn Judicial Circuit

Address: 510 North Thomas Rd Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742-3374

Federal award: 74602

Match amount: 18651

Counties served: Catoosa; Chattooga; Dade; Walker

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Clinical Program

Project description: The Clinical Program. Provides funding for the Child Therapist and a portion of funding for the Child Advocate.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information)
Languages spoken: English

Children's Voice: CASA, Inc.

Address: 8700 Hospital Dr. 3rd Floor Douglasville, Ga 30134-2264

Federal award: 40809

Match amount: 10203

Counties served: Douglas

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Douglas County CASA Victim Assistance

Project description: Continued VOCA funding is budgeted to assist with personnel expenses to meet the demands of the Douglas County Juvenile Court System and families in crisis in our community. Specifically, VOCA funds will pay 100% of the salary/benefits for a full-time Volunteer Coordinator position as well as approximately 11% of the Executive Director's wages. These staff members provide direct supervision, training and/or recruitment of our volunteer advocates in servicing child victims of abuse or neglect and thier families. Additionally, there is a nominal amount of approximately \$48.00 requested for office supplies.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Christian League for Battered Women

Address: PO Box 1383 Cartersville, GA 30120-1383

Federal award: 40807

Match amount: 10202

Counties served: Bartow

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Legal Advocate

Project description: This grant will fund the Legal Advocate position and project. Our current Legal Advocate is Dyanne Austin. She is a full time employee devoted to the Legal Advocacy project. She has over a decade of experience and training in the field of Domestic Violence and Legal Advocacy. The Legal Advocate takes crisis calls and works with the shelter and outreach clients with their legal matters. She attends Bond Hearings each morning to assist victims who are in attendance and make sure there is a conditional bond order on the batterer. She talks to the victim about her rights and options. She will do Temporary Protective Orders and assist the client with safety and legal concerns. The Legal Advocate will accompany clients to court for hearings and court cases. She will file the necessary paperwork and give copies to the client. If the client needs temporary shelter she will be brought to Tranquility House for her and her children's safety. If the client needs locks changed so she can stay in her own home, we will help with that. We assist with clothing, food, financial aid, transportation needs, and deposits for housing and/or utilities. We offer Crisis Counseling, Follow Up Contact, Group counseling, Crisis Hotline

Counseling, Shelter, Information & Referral, Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy, Emergency Financial Assistance, Emergency Legal Assistance, Personal Advocacy, Telephone Contacts (information & Referral), Court Accompaniment, Referral and Assistance in filing Compensation Claims, Referral for one on one therapy and counseling. Referrals to attorneys. Our Legal Advocate meets the client's need by advocating for all legal matters for the client - both residential and nonresidential.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: English

Circle of Love Center, Inc

Address: P.O. Box 641 Greensboro, GA 30642-0641

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Baldwin; Greene; Hancock; Morgan; Putnam

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Victim Liasion/Legal Advocate

Project description: Through continued and expanded direct services for victims, VOCA funds will provide Circle of Love Center, Inc. the salary, as well as, court accompaniment costs for a full-time Victim Liaison dedicated solely to providing support and education to victims of domestic violence who are seeking legal services and that are requiring protective or stalking orders. The Victim Advocate will photograph and document any injuries or markings. During the TPO process, the Victim Liaison will provide the client with Victim Rights information, provide necessary assessments, refer client to other shelter services or community resources as needed, and make referrals to Georgia Legal Services. Victims will be provided transportation to and from court if needed; all clients will receive escort services not only for court, but for the purpose of presenting the initial protective order to Superior Court Judges for review and signature, all the way through the filing process with the Superior Clerk's Offices throughout our service counties or Judicial Circuit.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Informatio

Languages spoken: None

Citizens Against Violence, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 2494 Statesboro, GA 30459-2494

Federal award: 59289

Match amount: 14823

Counties served: Bulloch; Candler; Effingham; Jenkins; Screven; Washington

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Legal Services Provider

Project title: Safe Haven

Project description: The activities that this project will undertake will be provided by the legal advocate and shelter case manager. The goals of the project will be to provide effective legal advocacy services to

victims of domestic violence and to provide safety and support for domestic violence victims fleeing their abusers. The legal advocate will provide legal advocacy within 72 hours of requesting services, by assessing the victim's needs during a 60-90 minute assessment in the county of residence, emergency shelter, or transitional housing. The client will be referred, as needed, to agencies in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit or the Middle Judicial Circuit of which Citizens Against Violence has entered into a memorandum of understanding. These agencies include, Office of the District Attorney, Victim/Witness Assistance Program, and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Other agencies that the legal advocate collaborates with are the city and county law enforcement agencies and the attorneys' offices that have agreed to provide assistance with divorces, legitimation, wills and/or contempt orders. Victims in need of legal representation will be linked with Georgia Legal Services or other attorneys when needed. The legal advocate will provide adult individual support/counseling when there is a threat to the victim's safety and the safety of the victim's children. The legal advocate will attend temporary protective order certification or refresher course training annually to maintain certification in Ogeechee and Middle Judicial Circuits. Victims will be assisted by the legal advocate in completing the temporary protective order petitions and obtaining an ex parte order. The legal advocate will provide victims with court accompaniment to court hearings and attorney appointments. All victims provided legal services will be recorded in the ALICE software as well as the client file and will be tracked accordingly as far as participation in the criminal justice system process of any or all services such as ex parte orders, attendance at hearings/appointments, subsequent TPO's, victim violation of TPO, other legal actions; divorces, custody actions, child support contempt's, etc. The shelter case manager will assess the client in a 60-90 minute needs assessment session to develop a service and safety plan within 48 hours of admission to the shelter. The client will be referred, as needed, to agencies in the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit or the Middle Judicial Circuit. These agencies include the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center (SRSAC), The Sunshine House, The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter, and Safe Homes of Augusta and Pineland Community MH/DD/AD. Other referrals will be made to the community for services, such as food stamps, employment, housing, birth and immunization certificates, and enrollment of children in school, and doctors/pediatricians. Other agencies that Citizens Against Violence collaborates with, or has a working relationship with, that the shelter case manager will utilize are: Ogeechee Technical College, GSU, ACTS, the Statesboro Service League, the Child Abuse Council, the Boys & Girls Club and the Hearts & Hands free dental clinic. The shelter case manager will also assess the need for transportation, clothing from the clothes closet, basic financial needs and the children's program to be approved by the director and provided by the shelter. Victims will begin to learn and understand the dynamics of domestic violence through weekly, 60-90 minute support groups, and a weekly 60-90 minute parenting class and individual contacts, as needed. All data will be recorded in the ALICE software using required surveys from the Governor's Office for Children and Families. Both, the legal advocate and shelter case manager, are also responsible for community awareness and education. Each one is assigned to a county to visit at least once a month to speak to community leaders, physicians, lawyers, the judicial system, health department, sexual assault center, DFCS, police departments. When requested they also speak to local churches, schools, the local university and area technical colleges. As of the end of March 2014, Citizens Against Violence had conducted 60 community awareness education contacts and events, 23 adult/general population presentations, and 5 youth targeted presentations. All staff including the legal advocate and shelter case manager also participates in the two annual fundraisers the Freedom Campaign and Dancing With the Statesboro Stars.

Services provided: Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: Spanish

Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc., A/k/a Securus House

Address: P.O. Box 870386 Morrow, GA 30287-0386

Federal award: 84808

Match amount: 21202

Counties served: Clayton

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Legal Services Provider

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: The funds from this grant will be utilized to support the salaries of four positions, (1) Case Manager, (1) Legal Advocate, (1) Bilingual Shelter Advocate and (1) Bilingual Legal Advocate who will provide domestic violence core services and increase direct access to the underserved Spanish speaking clients. Securus House contracts with Certified Languages International for translation services for all languages as needed. Services to be provided by the Case Manger will include answering crisis line calls, emergency shelter assessments, shelter admission and intake, safety planning, individual service plan/case plan development, case management, emotional support, transportation, financial and relocation assistance, advocacy and provide resources and referrals for employment, housing, medical, counseling, TANF and any other resources needed to assist clients in transitioning to a violence-free environment. Services to be provided by the Bilingual Shelter Advocate to English and Spanish speaking clients will include answering crisis line calls, emergency shelter assessments, shelter admission and intake, safety planning, transportation, emotional support and providing whatever in-shelter items/ resources are needed to assist clients in transitioning from in-shelter to a violence-free environment. Services to be provided by the two Legal Advocates will include providing victims with information regarding legal options, procedures, court protocol, referrals to attorneys, victims' compensation program, court accompaniment and other needs. Legal Advocates are available to accompany residents and outreach clients through the legal process. They also assist victims in applying for Temporary Protective Orders and attend court hearings. Legal Advocates refer clients to Securus House for emergency shelter, client assistance and other related services. The Bilingual Legal Advocate will provide the same services to both English and Spanish speaking clients. Both advocates will provide on-site legal advocacy services and referral on-site to in-shelter residents.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: Two of the VOCA funded staff speak English and Spanish (1 Shelter Advocate and 1 Legal Advocate).

Clayton County Board of Commissioners

Address: 112 Smith Street Jonesboro, GA 30236+3539

Federal award: 33472

Match amount: 8368

Counties served: Clayton

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Clayton County CASA Program/ Child Abuse

Project description: The Clayton County CASA Program, a division of 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. These children are in the care and custody of relatives, or are involved in custody dispute cases. VOCA dollars are utilized to employ one full time CASA Volunteer Supervisor, who manages supervision and case management of CASA volunteers. The volunteers advocate, intervene and represent the child's best interests in juvenile deprivation matters and in some cases, crossover youth that are involved in the delinquency system. This management is critical for ensuring that volunteers receive proper training to conduct welfare checks and recognize any continued sign(s) of abuse or neglect. Volunteers also ensure collection of pertinent data for the Court to make decisions regarding the welfare of children. Data may include school related information; medical information; psychological, criminal and previous Child Protective Services involvement; and to ensure that Clayton County CASA is in compliance with mandated National CASA standards (which requires a ratio of one Supervisor per 30 active volunteers assigned to cases).

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person)

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

Coastal Children's Advocacy Center

Address: P.O. Box 9926 Savannah, GA 31412-0126

Federal award: 66816

Match amount: 16704

Counties served: Chatham

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Coastal Children's Advocacy Center

Project description: VOCA funds will be used to provide trauma-informed counseling and play therapy services to children who have been abused or witnessed violence; in addition, support, intervention and education are offered to parents/guardians. Counseling is critical for victimized children—and their non-offending family members—in the wake of abuse disclosures. Victims and their parents often suffer guilt, fear, anger, self-blame, and a tremendous sense of betrayal. Without intervention and treatment, children may develop problems with trust, academic failure, substance abuse, eating disorders, depression, self-mutilation, aggressiveness towards others, early sexual activity, teen pregnancy, and re-victimization. CCAC's counseling services—only possible with support from CJCC—have made a huge difference to hundreds of Savannah-area children and families, who otherwise would not have access to needed clinical intervention.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: N/A

Colquitt County Serenity House Project, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 14 Moultrie, GA 31776-0014

Federal award: 77445.82

Match amount: 19361.36

Counties served: Ben Hill; Colquitt; Crisp; Decatur; Echols; Lowndes; Mitchell; Thomas; Tift; Turner; Worth

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence Victim Support

Project description: Serenity House will use the VOCA grant to fund personnel expenses.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & R

Languages spoken: Five employees are funded by the VOCA grant and the only language they are proficient in is English. However, we do have an interpreter not funded by VOCA.

Columbus Alliance for Battered Women, Inc. d/b/a Hope Harbour

Address: P.O. Box 4182 Columbus, GA 31914-4182

Federal award: 79195

Match amount: 19799

Counties served: Chattahoochee; Harris; Marion; Muscogee; Talbot; Taylor

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: Hotline/Crisis Calls are answered 24 hours a day by trained staff members at all times. All crisis calls are screened for safety and a safety plan is created as needed. Safety plans are modified as necessary for any crisis caller that enters our emergency shelter and/or receives supportive services in the community setting (Outreach). Victims entering emergency shelter go through an intake process that includes discussing policies and procedures while in the shelter; determining victim compensation eligibility; and ascertaining what mainstream benefits are being received or needed. Safe shelter and support services are provided to victims of domestic violence in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. This includes all races, sexual orientation, religious and ethnic groups, disabilities, and teen boys. Male victims are offered safe shelter in a hotel and provided support services in the community setting (Outreach). 3) Case management/ service planning is provided to residents and outreach clients. Clients identify goals and work with victim advocates, to achieve established goals that are modified as needed. Advocates link victims to TANF, public health, social security, and other identified services to include health care. Through partnerships with local community healthcare, an OB/GYN physician and a pediatrician see clients for non-emergent health concerns. Urgent needs are addressed by the local emergency room that is a short distance from our facility. Financial assistance is provided for medical care and prescriptions. Additionally, financial assistance is provided for rent, utilities, car payments, car insurance, child care, and education. Assistance is available to clients in our emergency shelter and those seen through outreach in the community setting. Weekly support groups are held for victims and their children, they include the dynamics of domestic violence, parenting, money management, tutoring,

story time, anger management and more. Legal Advocacy is a major component of domestic violence services. The Legal Advocate, meets with clients to discuss their legal rights and how she can assist them with protection orders and/or court accompaniment. Clients needing legal assistance with child custody/support, divorce, etc. are referred to Georgia Legal Services and attorneys in the community that provide pro bono work for Hope Harbour clients. Follow up with residents is scheduled through Community Outreach as they exit the shelter. This includes continuing their goal plan for success; continuing to attend weekly support groups and individual and family counseling; and utilizing legal advocacy and other community resources as needed. Hope Harbour staff is committed to increasing awareness of the dynamics of domestic violence and its impact on victims, their family and friends, businesses, healthcare and the communities in which they reside. Through Community Outreach we are able to empower individuals as well as train law enforcement officers with the Columbus Police Department on how to assess, identify and report domestic violence.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: VOCA FUNDED

County of Lamar

Address: 408 Thomaston Street Barnesville, GA 30204-1669

Federal award: 27269

Match amount: 6818

Counties served: Lamar

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Lamar County Sheriff Victim Advocate

Project description: The Victim Advocate is certified by the Superior Court of Georgia to prepare temporary protective orders (TPO) and stalking orders. When a TPO is prepared for a victim of domestic violence or stalking, the Victim Advocate accompanies and assists the victim through the legal and court processes. The Victim Advocate provides transportation for crime victims, on a limited as needed basis, for court appearances, medical and counseling services. In cases where a domestic violence victim is seeking to leave the situation he/she is in, the Victim Advocate will find and transport the victim and his/her children to a safehouse.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Paulding County, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 24 Dallas, GA 30132-0001

Federal award: 19881

Match amount: 4970

Counties served: Paulding

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA Paulding Child Advocacy

Project description: The CASA model promotes safety, permanency and well-being for each child we serve. CASA volunteers have three main responsibilities while acting as an advocate for each child. These responsibilities include: to ensure that each child receives the services and supports necessary to address any issues related to the family situation that brought them into care and/or the trauma that they experience as a result of coming into care, including making sure that each child has received assistance applying for victim compensation; to ensure the safety and wellbeing of each child while they are in placement, including making sure that they are not in a placement where they could be re-victimized; and to help assist with in finding a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child as soon as possible. The volunteers have at least monthly contact with each child to assess any needs that they might have. They also attend various meetings on behalf of the child, including: family team meetings; multidisciplinary meetings; school meetings; and follow-up medical, dental and mental health professionals. From information obtained during these activities, CASA volunteer compile a report with recommendations that they believe are in the best interest of each child that is submitted to the Juvenile Court Judge. The CASA volunteer also attends each hearing to ensure that the best interest of the child is heard. They also provide the child with age appropriate information regarding the proceedings and outcomes. Specific activities and goals for the program include: 1. Initial Assessment – Independent review of DFCS records, documents, interviews with the child victim, their immediate and extended family and others connected to the child(including DFCS caseworkers, school staff and medical personnel) to compile data used to complete initial report and best interest recommendations to be submitted to the Juvenile Court Judge that will include custody, placement, visitation, education, health, and the child’s needs and wishes. These assessments will be completed in 100% of all cases (an average of 5 per month/60 for the year). 2. Legal Advocacy - CASA Staff and volunteers will participate in all Juvenile Court proceedings relevant to the children that they serve to represent the best interest of the child. This participation will include: preparation of a written court report with information and recommendations for the judge; attending court, and pre-trial conferences and meetings; and presenting the report and being available to provide testimony and additional information as needed during the proceedings. Legal advocacy will be provided for each hearing for the duration of the case including; the preliminary and dispositional hearings; 45 day review; 90 day review and approximately every three months until permanency is reached (approximately 20 hearings per month for a total of 240 per year). 3. Follow-up Services: CASA staff and volunteers will provide regular (at least monthly) contact with the child and family for the duration of the case in order to monitor progress, placement, and goals of the case and service plan and to assess any needs the child has as a result of the abuse and placement. Contact may be made via in person visit to the child’s placement, family’s home, or the child’s school or via telephone. These visits will be made at least monthly for each child served (approximately 115 monthly/1380 annually). 4. Information and Referral – CASA volunteers and staff will assist in making family members and other caregivers aware of services and supports that are needed to ensure that all victim’s needs and wishes are met whenever possible (5 referrals monthly/60 annually). 5. Assistance with Filing Victim’s Compensation Applications – CASA Staff have/will complete training to assist any child victim who we are serving that are eligible for Victim’s Compensation Benefits. CASA volunteers will also be trained to assist the children that they serve in understanding that they are the victims and not the cause of their abuse and to make recommendations to the court for mental health services that reinforce the child victim’s understanding that they have been removed

from their prior situation in order to provide the safest environment possible for them to not suffer the continuation of the abuse (1 monthly/12 annually).

Services provided: Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy

Languages spoken: English - Staff English and Spanish - Volunteers

Coweta CASA, Inc.

Address: 61 Hospital Road Newnan, GA 30263-1209

Federal award: 36500

Match amount: 9125

Counties served: Coweta

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Coweta CASA, Inc.

Project description: Our goal with this grant is to continue to offer expert supervision to volunteers serving child victims of abuse/neglect/abandonment. We intend to fund 100% of one Full Time Volunteer Coordinator and 25% of a second Full Time Volunteer Coordinator.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Crime Victims Advocacy Council, Inc.

Address: 3101 Paces Mill Road, SE Atlanta, GA 30339-3747

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Carroll; Clayton; Cobb; DeKalb; Douglas; Fulton; Gwinnett

Core services: Counseling Services

Project title: Sanctuary (Previously Underserved)

Project description: Crime Victims Advocacy Council, Inc. (CVAC) proposes to fund the continuation of existing peer support groups, helpline, and video-based technology to provide services to victims of crime. CVAC's helpline is a non-emergency phone line with an answering service that provides a direct transfer to Helpline Responder for quick access; the service is available Monday-Sunday (8 A.M. - 8 P.M.).

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: The language spoken by CVAC staff is English, however, CVAC has contracted with an interpreter service (i.e., Sandra Bravo of International Language Solutions) to provide bi-lingual services for the CVAC staff with non-English speaking callers, when needed

Crisis Line & Safe House of Central Georgia, Inc.

Address: 487 Cherry St. 3rd Floor, Cherry St. Tower Macon, GA 31201-7972

Federal award: 106820

Match amount: 26705

Counties served: Bibb; Crawford; Jones; Peach; Twiggs

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Legal Advocacy Program

Project description: The Legal Advocacy Program is the primary non-residential advocacy program of CL&SH and its staff are funded through this grant. The program helps to guide victims through the justice and social services systems and all of their many processes. The program provides comprehensive services to victims who are seeking a Temporary Protective Order as well as those who are simply seeking emotional support or other supportive services. The program operates out of the agency's outreach office, which is publicly located, allowing us to reach those victims who may not be seeking residential services. VOCA funded project activities and services provided include: Crisis hotline, Telephone and in-person information/Referral, Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, Lethality Assessment, Assistance in Finding Safe Shelter, Emotional Support, Emergency and Non-Emergency Legal Advocacy (Preparation of TPO documents, Court Accompaniment, Legal Services referrals and advocacy, etc.), Referrals to and assistance in accessing Crime Victims' Compensation, Referrals to and assistance in accessing TANF and other social services, Personal advocacy, Follow-up, and other services as necessary to assist victims in achieving safety and stability.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

DeKalb Rape Crisis Center

Address: 204 Church Street Decatur, GA 30030-3328

Federal award: 106539

Match amount: 21308

Counties served: DeKalb; Henry; Newton; Rockdale

Core services: Counseling Services; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Sexual Assault

Project description: The funds for VOCA will be used to provide 24-hour per day 365 day Crisis Line service for sexual assault survivors in DeKalb and wider Georgia communities. The funds will be used for salary cost for our Executive Director who will train volunteers to cover the Crisis Line by providing at least two training classes of at least 38 hours per class annually, and the majority of the funds will pay for the salaries of two therapists who will provide individual and group counseling services.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy;

Languages spoken: Spanish Mandarin

Douglas County Task Force on Family Violence, Inc.

Address: P.O Box 362 Douglasville, GA 30133-0362

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Douglas

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: DV-ALERT

Project description: This project will fund a part-time Sexual Assault Coordinator for 24 hours per week. It will fund 8% of the directors salary to preform the duties of program director and a part-time facilitator.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 893 Springfield, GA 31329-0893

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6260

Counties served: Effingham

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Domestic Violence and Legal Advocacy Assistance Program

Project description: The agency proposes to use VOCA funding for the wages of the 1 full-time Victim Services Coordinator (VSC), for the FICA expenses (personnel fringe benefits) for the VSC position, and for a portion of the agency's telephone, fax, and internet services. These expenses are used to provide legal advocacy and domestic violence assistance to victims of crime.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

Emanuel County Child Abuse Prevention Center, Inc.dba The Sunshine House Regional Children's Advocacy Center

Address: P.O. Box 617 Swainsboro, GA 30401-0617

Federal award: 125842

Match amount: 31461

Counties served: Bulloch; Candler; Effingham; Emanuel; Jefferson; Jenkins; Screven; Toombs; Washington

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: GOAL 1: To provide an array of victims services to all child victims ages 0-17 who are referred to Emanuel County Child Abuse Prevention Center, Inc. d/b/a Sunshine House Children's

Advocacy Center from October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015. D. Project Activities a. See every referred child in the child friendly environment of the Sunshine House CAC to reduce the child's trauma and provide services and resources designed to promote healing. b. Provide crisis counseling to crime victims on initial contact as needed. c. Provide an advocate to assist with confidentiality and other forms necessary for services d. Follow up with victim and caretakers to ensure counseling and therapy with both the child and non-offending caretaker or siblings if needed. e. See that there is an initial multidisciplinary team review of the case and updates following. f. Obtain a rental house if once cannot be donated to open as The Sunshine House of Bulloch County. g. Utilize donated space for counseling Bulloch County children and see that all children are receiving counseling and therapy in Sunshine House CAC sites or other if referred to other providers. h. See that all children are prepared with Court School when indicated by prosecution. See that all families are supported throughout the judicial process and support and assist with the impact statement of the child and/or family. i. Ensure that Victim's Compensation is applied for, if client is eligible at any point during services. One of the reasons VOCA funding is so essential to the well being of abused children is the lack of mental health resources in rural counties. In addition, the need for trauma focused, cognitive behavioral therapy is the gold standard for children who have been abused. While the more populated Bulloch County has a greater number of resources, they are not free to the child and family as are the VOCA funded therapists. Sunshine House services for counseling are in demand. One area we are seeing an increase in the number of children needing services is in rural Jefferson County. By hiring a part-time advocate from Jefferson County, we have seen an increase in investigations and thus child victims needing services. We expect to see a greater number of children from Washington County soon. One impact on these two counties has been the lack of child protection workers from these counties and the changes in DFACS policy where fewer investigations take place. Now that we have a counselor and advocate available in these two counties we are expecting our numbers from here to increase. The area of adult survivors of abuse is an underserved area. Adults do not realize they qualify for services and we will make this known through flyers or advertising. This will be a new undertaking as we normally serve only those family members who indicate they were too abused as children.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Informa

Languages spoken: Spanish

Enotah CASA, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 2198 Dahlonga, GA 30533-0037

Federal award: 56220

Match amount: 14055

Counties served: Lumpkin; Towns; Union; White

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Enotah CASA, Inc.

Project description: Enotah CASA provides trained volunteers who act as child advocates, working with DFCS and the Enotah Judicial Circuit juvenile court system to ensure that at risk children are provided with a safe, stable place to live, whether that place is in the home of the parents or elsewhere. An Enotah CASA staff member is always in court during every Juvenile Dependency hearing. The staff

Advocate Coordinator is there to assist the volunteers and to monitor the cases as they progress through the juvenile court system in order to better assist the volunteer in his or her advocacy duties. VOCA funds are used to support staff in these efforts, and thereby to support our volunteers who act in the best interests of the child/victims of abuse or neglect. The CASA volunteer is often the only voice in the courtroom whose sole purpose is to advocate for what is in the child's best interest. A CASA volunteer has three main responsibilities: 1) to serve as a fact-finder for the judge by thoroughly researching the background of each assigned case; 2) to speak for the child in the court room and to represent the child's best interest; 3) to ensure that the child is placed in a permanent, safe home and provided with all necessary services in a timely manner. VOCA funding helps make this possible.

Services provided: Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

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

Address: PO Box 1964 Clayton, GA 30525-0050

Federal award: 40000

Match amount: 10000

Counties served: Habersham; Rabun; Stephens

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: FAITH's Power House - CAC

Project description: Funds will be used for a Child Advocate to provide crisis intervention, education, support and advocacy to victims and their non-offending family members. Services and Activities include: Intake, Screening and Assessment: Coordination is made with investigative partners and non-offending caregiver(s) to schedule an intake and provide initial investigative services. Initial services may include any of the following: intake, forensic interview, forensic medical exam and advocacy. The advocate meets with the non-offending caregiver to discuss support services such as advocacy, therapy, health care follow up and address any immediate concerns or issues. The Child Advocate is responsible for referrals for therapy, assisting and coordinating any follow up necessary medical care, and referring to community resources. The intake process involves the non-offending caregiver, Law Enforcement investigator, DFCS investigator, Child Advocate, Forensic Interviewer, and (in some instances) Forensic Medical provider. The Child Advocate leads the intake with the non-offending caregiver in order to obtain information about the child, family and, any details about the abuse allegations. The intake process offers the opportunity for the Child Advocate to establish rapport with the caregiver to better understand the situation, assess the child's needs, and determine the family's resources towards healing. Based on the abuse allegations and the child's forensic interview, an on-site forensic medical exam may be conducted. The Child Advocate serves as a support to the child during the exam and assists in coordinating any follow up medical services as needed. The Child Advocate meets with the caregiver following the interview/exam and discusses available support services. The Child Advocate provides caregivers, before they leave, with information about Crime Victim's Rights & Responsibilities, the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation program and contact information for primary team members. The Child Advocate completes referrals for additional services and remains in contact with caregivers during the course of the child and/or family receiving services. The advocate will assist in the application and processing of CVCP applications. Family Engagement and Case Management: The advocate is a MDT member and participates in monthly MDT meetings to discuss and update the legal,

medical, therapeutic, and social service status of assigned children and their family members. The Child Advocate serves as the lead in the coordination of team members and communication with families. The Child Advocate reports directly to the CAC Director. Community Supports and Service Coordination: The Power House for Kids CAC provides intake services, forensic interviews, medical evaluation (if necessary), trauma focused therapy, advocacy and coordination of efforts for a client. These are all direct client services. These services are all confidential and free of charge to the client and their family. Pursuant to FAITH's mission, services are offered via grant funded sources and fundraising efforts. While we are unable to offer monetary resources for clients or families for basic living expenses, food, clothing or housing expenses, we keep abreast of all available community resources and assist with referrals as needed. The Child Advocate is able to assist families in accessing resources available through other nonprofit organizations or government agencies. The advocate provides and/or coordinates training to other team members such as law enforcement, prosecution, judges, DFCS case workers, and medical providers about the effects of child abuse and negligence. FAITH has 4 trained facilitators of the Stewards of Children "Darkness to Light 5-steps to protecting children" program who are actively training MDT members, community professionals, etc. FAITH was the first agency in the state to reach Tipping Point in Rabun County with the goal of reaching Stephens County by 2017. The funds will also be used to provide 273 hours of Trauma Focused CBT therapy to child victims of abuse. FAITH contracts with licensed mental health providers trained in TF-CBT.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (I

Languages spoken: none

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

Address: PO Box 1964 Clayton, GA 30525-0050

Federal award: 58655

Match amount: 14664

Counties served: Rabun

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: FAITH's Domestic Violence Program

Project description: The Domestic Violence Family Advocate is responsible for coordinating all the services for residential and nonresidential clients. Although every FAITH staff member is cross-trained to offer services to clients, the Domestic Violence Advocate is primarily responsible for ensuring all clients have a safety plan and in developing a case plan that meets the individual needs of the victim and his/her children. If FAITH does not have a bed available, the advocate will assist a victim in finding a safe place to stay either in another shelter or, if necessary, a safe hotel stay. Once the client is safe, an Advocate will meet with the victim to help develop a plan to address his/her immediate and long term needs. The Advocate is able to provide the following services for all victims: lethality assessment, safety planning, case management, medical, legal and court accompaniment, emergency food and clothing, short term individual therapy, trauma focused therapy, play/art therapy, support groups, transportation, parenting skills, budgeting, affordable housing searches, information and referrals for other community resources, child school enrollment, child activities, temporary protective orders, stalking orders, TANF and Victims Compensation applications. In some cases, an Advocate will have to

meet with a victim at the ER or sheriff's office. The Advocate will stay with the victim as long as necessary, implementing a safety plan and educating the victim on the services FAITH provides. Advocates accompany victims participating in the court TPO process and provide linkage to community agency resources and referrals for therapeutic counseling services. FAITH strongly believes that by not only educating the victim and his/her family about the dynamics of family violence and victim's rights but by continuously educating the community, victims have more people to assist and support their efforts to leave an abuser. When a client transitions out of the shelter, the Domestic Violence Advocate can offer vouchers to the FAITH thrift store for assistance with furniture, household goods, clothing and toys. The Advocate will also, if safe to do so, follow up with and maintain a rapport with the client as long as that client feels like additional support from FAITH is needed in his/her life. The Volunteer Coordinator, Tammy Hasara, has been with FAITH for 13 years. Ms. Hasara is currently working with 50 volunteers and is always trying to recruit new volunteers through media, social media, speaking engagements, health fairs and community events. She is expected to coordinate and train volunteers on a quarterly basis or as frequently as needed. Ms. Hasara is responsible for tracking volunteer time, ensuring contracts are in place, and that all necessary requirements, such as fingerprinting, background checks and training, are completed. Ms. Hasara links volunteers and their interests to FAITH's programs and needs. Volunteers most often assist in transportation, which can often be a challenge to provide for our clients. At FAITH, we believe "it takes a village to raise a child" and a community to reduce family violence. Volunteers also offer support to victims at our thrift store, peer listening, activities for children and adults at the shelter, cleaning, etc.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: FAITH has one full time staff advocate able to speak and understand basic Spanish.

Family Connection/Communities In Schools of Berrien County

Address: 1015 Exum Street Nashville, ga 31639-2730

Federal award: 38284

Match amount: 9571

Counties served: Atkinson; Berrien; Clinch; Cook; Lanier

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit

Project description: Elaine Grice, CASA Program Coordinator will work up to 90% on the VOCA project. Elaine is responsible for supervising child victim's contact and the proposed services. She is responsible for the day-to-day management of the CASA program and providing proposed services. Other responsibilities include volunteer recruitment, training, supervision; program administration, community education, public awareness, and planning/evaluation. Elaine has a long history of program development and business management. Elaine also maintains community and public relations for the purpose of recruiting CASA Volunteers and increasing public awareness and education about child abuse. Elaine has been with the agency since 2008, hired as the program coordinator for CASA of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit. She has received pre-appointment training approved by National CASA, Georgia CASA, and has completed her OVC training online. Elaine will oversee all CASA Volunteer 30 hours classroom training, management of CASA Volunteers, assigning cases to CASA Volunteers, and ensuring

the completion of surveys. She will focus on fulfilling the goal of serving a higher percentage of the child victims in the deprivation system. Elaine will review all court reports before presenting to the courts. Elaine and/or CASA Volunteer will attend court hearings, Family Team Meeting, Round Table Meetings, Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings, Education meetings, work with service providers, and assist with home visits. In order to accomplish the goal of advocating for all children in CASA's 5 counties in the Alapaha Judicial Circuit who are victims of neglect or abuse, certain objectives must be met. CASA of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit must develop and maintain a force of qualified and trained CASAs to meet the needs of juvenile court when requested. This will include volunteer recruitment, screening, training and supervision, all of which will be staff responsibility. Integral will be the development of new training and in-service materials, counseling, attending all court proceedings and maintaining records to document the success of the program. This will require overall supervision of the volunteer program and will be the staff's primary responsibility. Advocacy in Court: 72 hour hearing, 10 Day hearing, Disposition hearing, Case Plan hearing, Judicial Review, Motion hearings as ordered Non-court Advocacy: Family Team Meeting, Multidisciplinary team meeting, Case Plan Meeting, Visits with child at least once a month, Education Needs, Family visits as needed, Monitoring of case and referrals to resources, and collaborating with child's treatment team. Each report that is submitted to the court will include the number of days the victim has been in foster care, the number of schools the victim has attended while in foster care, and the number of placements the victim has had while in foster care. The reports will include recommendations for custody and recommendations for services needed to achieve permanency. The reports will also include information regarding the physical, mental health and educational achievements of the child. Each report will address what is in the child's best interest, as well as report to the court what the child wishes are, which are at times two different things.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Advocacy in Court, Non-court Advocacy, monthly visits w/child victim, Educational needs, attend all meetings pert

Languages spoken: English - CASA Program Coordinator Spanish - 2 of our CASA Volunteers

Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc.

Address: 277 MLK Blvd. Suite 203 Macon, GA 31201-3470

Federal award: 50510

Match amount: 12628

Counties served: Baldwin; Bibb; Crawford; Houston; Jones; Monroe; Peach; Pulaski; Putnam; Twiggs; Washington; Wilkinson

Core services: Counseling Services

Project title: Victim Counseling & Therapeutic Programs

Project description: Each victim works with their FCC therapist to develop clinical goals, which include a personal safety plan to insure that they are not in any immediate danger. during each counseling session, the victim and his/her therapist, review his/her clinical goal and safety plan to determine if the clinical goals and safety plan need to be revised/changed or to determine if progress is being made. If requested, our agency also provides the victim with assistance with completing required forms for State Victim Compensation funds. We also refer the victim and their family to additional support services (i.e.: Shelter; Housing; DFCS; Food Bank; Clothing Bank; Financial Assistance; Child Care; etc.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Community DV Task Forces, etc.

Languages spoken: N/A

Family Enrichment Group, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 1034 Thomasville, GA 31799-1034

Federal award: 50000

Match amount: 12500

Counties served: Brooks; Thomas

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA Kids Program & Family Support Program

Project description: Our CASA Kids Program and Family Support Program provide needed criminal justice representation and advocacy to children who are victims of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect. We advocate for child victims who have been adjudicated deprived in juvenile court to ensure their needs and “best interests” are known and understood. Our CASA Kids Program serves 100% of the children adjudicated deprived and placed in foster care in Thomas and Brooks Counties. Our Family Support Program primarily serves children, in Thomas County, that exit foster care and are placed in the legal custody/guardianship of a non-offending caregiver. The Family Support Program also serves these non-offending caregivers to ensure they have the tools and resources necessary to properly provide for these children placed in their home. Through VOCA funding, we will be able to provide children and families with services to protect innocent victims of child abuse. Activities include: In-Person Information Referral Staff and volunteers provide In-Person Information/Referral Services through the intake process and on-going case management activities, including child and family assessment, case plan development and permanency planning, contact with child victims and their family for the purpose of obtaining and providing information, making referrals, etc. Our CASA Kids and Family Support Programs provide special needs assistance, referrals, intervention and prevention materials, home visits and monitoring of the court order for all families involved. We maintain contact with the child after the court proceedings until the child is able to return safely home with their own family, relative, or adoptive home. For children whose permanency placement is the home of a relative, our Family Support Program provides services to the child victim and their non-offending caregiver. These services include family-focused monitoring with a goal of keeping the placement stable so that children are safe and never again separated from their families. Notification of Eligibility for Victims’ Compensation Staff notifies every client we serve of the existence of the Victims Compensation Program and it’s requirements. Our goal is to help make the clients aware of this resource. If they are eligible, we are available to assist them with the application process upon request. Follow-up services Staff and volunteers both provide Follow-up services to children and their families assigned to our programs. Follow-Up Services include all in-person contacts, telephone calls, and written communication with victims to check on their progress with a goal of providing emotional support, empathetic listening, and monitoring progress. Non-Emergency Legal Advocacy Staff and Volunteers provide individualized representation and legal advocacy services to children under the age of 21 who are or have been involved in child abuse and neglect deprivation proceedings of the juvenile courts. This involves researching the case prior to the hearing, interviewing all the parties involved (child, parents, teachers, relatives, case managers, doctors, law enforcement, etc.), reviewing records (school, medical, social

services, criminal, etc.), preparing the child for court and being available to them at court hearings, preparing written recommendations for the court, and requesting court reviews as needed to protect a child victim. We also explain the court order to the non-offending relative caregivers accepting custody of their family members and make sure they receive a copy of the order. In addition, we make the court and custodian aware when the court order is due to expire and request that a review hearing be set when appropriate. The goal of Non-Emergency Legal Advocacy is to ensure child victims are receive the best possible outcome in Juvenile Court and their non-offending relative caregiver understand their responsibilities and the Court Order. Personal Advocacy Staff and Volunteers assist victims in securing services from other agencies, locating emergency financial assistance, filling out applications and forms for services such as Medicaid, insurance, food stamps, TANF, child support, etc. Staff and Volunteers are also available to accompany victims to meetings such as Family Team Meetings, IEP meetings, school meetings, etc. The goal of Personal advocacy is to provide a supporting presence and to ensure appropriate actions are taken to get necessary services to victims.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; non-emergency legal advocacy, notification of eligibility for victim's compensation

Languages spoken: We only receive VOCA. Family Enrichment Group, Inc. has a staff person fluent in Spanish who is available to VOCA funded staff. All staff is proficient in English.

Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence

Address: P.O. Box 854 Fayetteville, Ga 30214-1876

Federal award: 86035

Match amount: 21509

Counties served: Fayette; Pike; Spalding; Upson

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Promise Place Legal Advocacy Project

Project description: We intend to use VOCA dollars to fund a legal advocacy project. The legal advocates funded under this project assist victims of domestic violence in preparing and filing the paperwork necessary to obtain a family violence protective order. Victims will also be accompanied by the legal advocates to court. Under this project, victims will be assisted in filing victims' compensation, applying for social services such as TANF and Medicaid, obtaining financial assistance, safety planning and getting assistance from the legal advocates in navigating the judicial system. Legal advocates also serve as the link to resources in the community by providing referrals. A law enforcement training is provided by legal advocates every year to law enforcement officers throughout the Griffin Judicial Circuit.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal

Languages spoken: English

Flint Circuit Council on Family Violence, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 1150 McDonough, GA 30253-1150

Federal award: 164699

Match amount: 41175

Counties served: Butts; Henry; Jasper; Lamar

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Legal Services Provider

Project title: Haven House Shelter & Legal Advocacy

Project description: Our VOCA funded project will support two areas of our work. This funding (and match) will provide our 4 full time shelter staff positions. These are the core service providers in our shelter, providing shelter coverage around the clock on weekdays. They are responsible for providing weekday transportation to and from work, support group and therapy appointments, medical appointments and legal appointments. These positions are largely responsible for the upkeep of the shelter facility and the well-being of the shelter residents. Part time staff employees (not included in the grant) depend on the full time staff to provide some direction regarding rules and overall shelter activity. The other two positions funded by VOCA are out two Legal Advocates. Both advocates are full time and cover our 4 county service area. The advocates have been trained in Victims Compensation and providing Temporary Protective Orders for stalking and domestic violence issues. Mileage is included in the VOCA budget for the Legal Advocates to travel between the 3 Judicial Circuits Haven House covers on behalf of their clients.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: English

Forsyth County

Address: 110 East Main Street Cumming, GA 30040-2471

Federal award: 40702

Match amount: 10176

Counties served: Cherokee; Dawson; Forsyth; Fulton; Gwinnett; Hall; Lumpkin

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Unit

Project description: Grant funds will be used to provide salaries for two full time victim advocates with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Unit. Without these funds we would be unable to provide first responder services to victims of assaults, homicides, domestic violence, child abuse, fatality accidents, and to the many other victims of crimes in our county. The grant award will enable the Victim Advocate Unit to participate in an on-call rotation, with one advocate always being available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Forsyth County Child Advocacy Center

Address: 1480 Bettis Tribble Gap Rd. Cumming, GA 30040-4135

Federal award: 64621

Match amount: 16156

Counties served: Forsyth

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: The CAC is a child focused home like facility that combines the resources and efforts of many local agencies to create a caring, effective team approach to decrease trauma to victims and their non-offending caregivers related to physical/sexual abuse, domestic violence or witness to homicide. The Center provides the team an opportunity monthly to discuss and make decisions about the investigation, treatment and prosecution of child abuse cases. This combined wisdom and professional knowledge ensures the system designed to protect children are able to do so more timely and effectively. The Center's staff who has specific direct victim services training provides direct services or referrals to victims/non-offending caregivers that include mental and medical, social services, victim compensation filing, case review and tracking, training to team partners and the community at large regarding effects of abuse and neglect as well as services for persons with limited English proficiency. At the CAC the child's needs come first. The CAC model encourages the flexibility to serve children and families with the individuality necessary to truly make a difference in their lives.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English Spanish French Italian

Forsyth County Family Haven, Inc.

Address: P O Box 1160 Cumming, GA 30028-1160

Federal award: 66414

Match amount: 16604

Counties served: Forsyth; Fulton

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence Shelter

Project description: VOCA funding will be used by Family Haven to support its domestic violence shelter program for victims of domestic violence and their families, and bilingual legal advocacy. All domestic violence services are provided free of charge to victims regardless of age, race, ethnicity, creed, or marital, social or economic status. The goal is to ensure that domestic violence survivors in Forsyth and North Fulton Counties have access to safe shelter, and support programs, including historically marginalized and underserved populations, such as the emerging Hispanic population which is still struggling to overcome language and cultural barriers in seeking safety from abusive relationships. Services provided by Family Haven in its domestic violence shelter program and bilingual advocacy include but are not limited to: Domestic Violence Shelter Program • 24/7 crisis line answered by trained staff or volunteers • Food and clothing • Safety planning • Children's services • Facilitated medical, mental health, substance abuse, and prenatal care referrals (paid by Family Haven) • Facilitated legal referrals for immigration issues and U Visas • Advocacy and counseling • Transportation • Cell phones • Transitional housing • Rapid re-housing permanent housing Bilingual Legal Advocacy • Explains court procedures and paperwork • Helps victim obtain Temporary Protective Order (TPO) • Provides legal referrals

Services provided: Shelter/Safe House

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

Four Points, Inc.

Address: P O Box1212 Lafayette, GA 30728-1212

Federal award: 56046

Match amount: 14011

Counties served: Catoosa; Chattooga; Dade; Walker

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Four Points, Inc.

Project description: The grant funds will be used to provide staff to assist children who have been victims of domestic violence and abuse.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: It says VAWA but I assume that it means VOCA. A little Hebrew

Fulton County CASA, Inc

Address: 395 Pryor St Suite 4106 Atlanta, GA 30312-2713

Federal award: 91739

Match amount: 22935

Counties served: Fulton

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Fulton CASA

Project description: Fulton CASA uses funds to pay for two full-time employees and 50% of a full-time Program Manager who are all proficient in English. The two Advocacy Coordinators positions funded spends 100% of their time on VOCA- funded activities and the Program Manager spends 50% of time on such activities. Each Advocacy Coordinator is able to supervise up to 35 volunteer advocates with each volunteer advocate assigned to one family. We ensure these young victims have a voice during the court proceedings and their best interest is addressed. Our CASA volunteer advocates play an essential role with providing that voice for the child. At time this process is drawn out and often not in the best interest of children. Assigning a CASA volunteer to advocate for the child's best interest increase the chances of a child achieving safe, stable, permanent placement.

Services provided: Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: Our staff is proficient in English.

Gateway House, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 2962 Gainesville, GA 30503-2962

Federal award: 105433

Match amount: 26359

Counties served: Hall

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Crisis Intervention Project

Project description: The Crisis Intervention Program is made up of three key components: legal advocacy services, emergency shelter and crisis hotline services. All three of these components of the Crisis Intervention Program are designed to meet the immediate safety needs of domestic violence victims. All of these services are offered at no cost to victims, and all of these services are offered in English and in Spanish to meet the needs of this community. The emergency shelter and crisis hotline are both available 24/7 to provide an emergency response to victims at all times. The staff for both the crisis hotline and shelter are at Gateway's confidential shelter location in the city limits of Gainesville. These services are delivered by the Night and Weekend House Managers and the Shelter Manager. Legal Advocates meet with victims who are fearful of a family member to determine if they are eligible for a TPO as well as assisting eligible victims in completing paperwork to apply for a TPO and accompanying victims to a first hearing,

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Person

Languages spoken: Spanish

Georgia Center for Child Advocacy, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 17770 Atlanta, GA 30316-0770

Federal award: 223982

Match amount: 55996

Counties served: DeKalb; Fulton

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: GCCA- Fulton and DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center

Project description: The GCCA Children's Advocacy Center direct service activities are executed through two programs serving abused children: Intervention and Treatment. Intervention begins with intake and crisis assessments. Next all clients receive a forensic interview that is video recorded and used to determine the course of the criminal investigation. GCCA also facilitates the Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) in both Fulton and DeKalb counties and offer trauma focused treatment services to children and their non-offending family members. The agency's Chief Executive Officer will oversee both the Director of Clinical Services as well as the Director of Forensic Services in managing the provision of the organization's Intervention and Treatment Program services. Core philosophy for GCCA is that, in order to effectively treat sexually abused children the entire family must also receive care and support. Thus, our Intervention Program service delivery is also heavily focused on providing supportive services to the child's non-offending caregiver. Once a child victim has been referred for a forensic service, the client and their non-offending family members generally receive; 1) In depth psycho-social assessments to determine both the psychological and supportive the needs of the child and their family; 2) Referrals for Psychotherapy treatment, either on or off-site; and 3) Comprehensive on-going case management to assist the family in following up with clinical recommendations and in identifying and securing appropriate outside resources to meet the family's social needs to minimize the overall trauma to the family and to improve their well-being and mental health during a time of crisis. Although Intervention and Treatment service options do not change, the need for each individual service varies from client to client. The following list completely describes all services that a child and family can receive once

referred and over the course of treatment: 1. Intake Services: An average of 73 reports of sexual abuse are received each month through the Police or the DCFS Child Abuse Hotline, by the GCCA's MDT Coordinator. The MDT Coordinator provides intake by scheduling forensic interviews, medical appointments, and transportation for children and families. For medical services, families are referred to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish-Rite or Grady Health System's Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital. When contacting families, the MDT Coordinator educates them as to what to expect when they come to the Center, answers questions, and begins to assess the family's needs so that the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) is prepared when the family arrives at the Center. The MDT Coordinators convey all case specific information to the MDT members and help facilitate interagency communication. 2. Multidisciplinary Team Case Review: The Intake/MDT Coordinator among other Intervention Program staff facilitates bi-monthly multidisciplinary case reviews and consultation with team members to ensure that each case is expedited in a sensitive and timely manner. These case review meetings promote collaboration and information-sharing, so that no agency must bear the entire burden of investigating or prosecuting such complex and difficult cases. Also and more importantly, these meetings determine the type of support needed from MDT agencies, for the health and well-being of each client. All county agencies involved in the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases, in addition to child protection, attend case review meetings as outlined in each county's Child Abuse Protocol. 3. Child and Family Services: The objective of the child and families services program is to make a child's experience visiting the GCCA less stressful and more empowering. Nearly 1,000 children each year, both clients and siblings, spend time in the GCCA's child services environment before their forensic interviews and therapy appointments. The Client Services Coordinator assists parents and caregivers with completing intake documents, answers questions, inform clients of the next steps in their appointment, provide snacks and developmentally appropriate activities for the clients. This role is designed to ensure clients are comfortable and to maintain services that build trust, relieve anxiety, and better prepares children emotionally to participate in their forensic interviews and other appointments. The Client Services Coordinator is also in a unique position to observe concerning behavior and make referrals to crisis counseling staff. 4. Case Management/Family Advocacy: The GCCA's Advocacy Service is critical to the success of child sexual abuse investigations and to helping children and families receive compassionate care at the Center. Family advocates provide crisis counseling, general support and assistance to children and families experiencing the trauma of abuse. The advocate meets with the non-offending caregiver who brings the child to the Center for the Forensic Interview, while the child is being interviewed. In child abuse, research shows us that one of the greatest indicators for successful healing for the child after abuse is whether or not the child and family feels supported. This includes support by family members, as well as support from other resources. Comprehensive on-going case management is provided to assist families in following up with clinical recommendations and in identifying and securing appropriate outside resources to meet the family's social needs, to minimize overall systemic trauma, and to help navigate the legal and justice systems. Assistance with outside services will include, but not be limited to, helping the family with identifying resources for housing, transportation, and social services; assisting the caregiver in securing other outside counseling for issues such as counseling for the caregiver if they have their own abuse history that was never addressed and/or counseling for substance abuse, domestic violence, and other types of trauma if the family so needs; and providing support and counseling during the criminal proceedings. Clinical staff also maintains contact with families throughout the investigative process and help to inform them about victim services and victim compensation, and to provide referrals to the Victim

Witness Assistance programs at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Offices of the District Attorneys in Fulton and DeKalb Counties. 5. Interpreting: GCCA serves families that do not primarily speak English or who may have a member that is hearing or speech impaired. All of the GCCA's programs employ bilingual staff and, when needed, employ trained interpreters in other languages to facilitate the highest level of communication between our families and partners. Staff and interpreters provide simultaneous interpretation for forensic interviews, medical exams, crisis counseling and all other correspondence between the child, family and professionals at the GCCA. 6. Mental Health Treatment/ Therapy: After a child has received a forensic interview or their forensic evaluation is complete, the child and non-offending family member may receive free therapy services from a trained, Georgia licensed or licensed eligible therapist. The Georgia Center also offers therapy for victims of sexual abuse and a caregiver support to help caregivers and family members through the healing process. These free services are limited to children who were abused in or currently reside in Fulton or DeKalb County, and for whom healing around issues related to sexual abuse is the primary concern. Pre- and post Treatment outcome measures are utilized to evaluate and improve our program on a continuous basis. GCCA uses a protocol designed for the mental health treatment of traumatized children known as Trauma Focused - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), a nationally-recognized, evidence and outcomes-based therapy program, which is widely regarded as the gold standard for therapy services with sexually abused and traumatized children. This therapy involves play therapy for the youngest of children along with educating children about how to recognize, validate and articulate their feelings. Additionally, this type of therapy focuses on educating children about their safety and establishing safe boundaries as they are at higher risk of re-victimization. The focus of prevention of further harm is critical to the healing of a child that has experienced sexual abuse. To achieve our goal of promoting healing for both the child and their family, clients entering into therapy treatment at the Center will be offered the opportunity to receive treatment for as long is determined necessary based on the initial assessment as well as progress made by the child and family during treatment. Even though the length of therapy services provided varies from case to case, the average length of service provided to each family will be 16 weekly sessions (or 4 months, once per week). At each therapy appointment, prior to the child's individual therapy session, GCCA therapists will meet with the caregiver to: 1) assess the child's progress both at home and in school; 2) reinforce effective parenting skills and family stress management skills; 3) give the caregiver an opportunity to discuss other personal and/or family concerns with the therapist wherein the caregiver can receive counseling support; 4) and help the parent understand behaviors and establish goals and boundaries for the child, themselves and the family as a whole. To address the special needs of sexually abused children, GCCA is committed to providing the highest quality clinical care possible to help the child recover from their abuse so that they are less likely to become victims of the subsequent emotional and behavioral problems typically associated with sexual and physical abuse.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English, Spanish and Portuguese

[Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.](#)

Address: 104 Marietta Street, Suite 250 Atlanta, GA 30303-2743

Federal award: 109620

Match amount: 27405

Counties served: Bryan; Bulloch; Candler; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Effingham; Emanuel; Evans; Harris; Lee; Liberty; Long; Macon; Marion; Meriwether; Muscogee; Pike; Schley; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Tattnall; Taylor; Toombs; Troup; Upson; Webster

Core services: Legal Services Provider

Project title: Elder Abuse and Consumer Fraud Prevention Project

Project description: GLSP's Elder Abuse and Consumer Fraud Prevention Project offers legal assistance, advocacy, and community education to assist victims to regain their financial losses and increase their awareness of elder abuse and consumer fraud. The proposed activities are the same in scope and services from the previous grant year. The project will be implemented from our Columbus and Savannah Offices. These offices are opened daily from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday. The offices accept walk-ins on a first come, first served basis during regular business hours. Clients can meet with their attorneys in the GLSP office, or correspond by phone, fax, or e-mail. Outline of Activities We will continue to identify victims through GLSP's Centralized Phone Intake System. GLSP's Centralized Phone Intake System serves as an intake and referral source for the Elder Abuse and Consumer Fraud Prevention Project. Victims are identified through the pre-screening process, and their documentation is entered into GLSP's automated case management system, Legal Server. The project attorneys review this documentation on a daily basis and identify individuals with problems involving consumer fraud and elder abuse. The Centralized Phone Intake System operates seven days per week, and 24 hours per day for callers who need help with a legal problem. GLSP's intake receptionists throughout the state handle all incoming calls on Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Callers can leave messages after hours using a toll free number and receive call backs from the intake staff the next business day. Emergency calls are handled the day of the call. The intake paralegals screen callers for income eligibility and type of legal problem, and they document this information in Legal Server. Callers who are income eligible for services continue to the next stage of the intake process, which involves an attorney reviewing and assessing their problem for the case acceptance process. Callers who are ineligible for services are immediately referred to private attorneys, or to appropriate social services. We will continue to identify victims through GLSP's Benefits Helpline. GLSP's Benefits Helpline for Seniors and People with Disabilities has assisted more than 1,608 individuals in maintaining or applying for more than two million dollars in public benefits since 2012. The Benefits Helpline serves as a referral source for the Elder Abuse and Consumer Fraud Prevention Project seven days per week, and 24 hours per day. The Helpline assists seniors and individuals with disabilities to apply for and enroll in various public benefits programs. Callers can talk to a paralegal by phone on Mondays – Fridays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, or leave messages after hours, using a toll free number, and receive call backs from the paralegal the next business day. A feeder network of GLSP attorneys assist callers with appeals and other matters when their benefits are wrongfully denied. Callers who are victims of consumer fraud or elder abuse are identified through the pre-screening process. We will continue to offer Community Education Sessions. GLSP's Community Education sessions help to raise awareness about consumer fraud and elder abuse. The project attorneys circuit ride to targeted locations accessible for clients, such as churches, assisted living communities, senior centers, and more, to offer one-hour community education sessions on consumer fraud and elder abuse. We distribute GLSP's brochures on consumer fraud and elder abuse. We distribute flyers at grocery stores, public libraries, the local Department of Family and Children Services, and other agencies. We invite organizations to co-present with GLSP as

much as possible. We ask participants to evaluate our sessions by completing forms and providing verbal feedback. We will continue to provide Legal Assistance and Advocacy. The project attorneys circuit ride throughout their geographic areas to provide legal assistance and advocacy to victims who have gone through GLSP's intake and case acceptance. Much of the attorneys' work can be accomplished efficiently in the field through their laptops, portable printers, air cards, and scanners. Some clients will meet with their attorneys at the GLSP office. Our objective is to represent the interests of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the best manner possible. Legal assistance may also include contract negotiation, settlement negotiation, filing legal pleadings, such as answer and defense statements, consent orders, and more. These actions may resolve abusive situations outside of the court system. Before a case is closed, the project attorneys will ask clients to complete Client Satisfaction Surveys. The project attorneys may also follow up with the client several days after a case is closed to determine if the client is experiencing any further problems. All case data, memos, notes, letters, and other correspondence are filed in Legal Server for several years. We assist many victims with securing public benefits and other services from community agencies. We intervene with adverse parties such as employers, creditors, landlords, caregivers, family members, and others on behalf of the senior. We file for losses covered by private and public insurances and connect victims with formal and informal support systems to help them through the crisis and beyond. We advise community leaders about laws and statutes that may cause harm to at-risk seniors and individuals with disabilities, particularly title loans and deceptive lending practices. Policy committees may call upon the project attorneys to serve as guest speakers. We assist many victims with locating emergency food, clothing, transportation, utilities and shelter, including emergency shelter, short-term nursing home placements, and more. We partner with as many local agencies as possible to raise awareness about consumer fraud and elder abuse among seniors and individuals with disabilities. We have a host of agency partners that have been involved with our work for several years. These include Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Adult Protective Services, Area Agencies on Aging, Georgia Department of Human Services, Georgia Department of Community Health, Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, victim witness assistance programs, law enforcement, homeless shelters, and more. GLSP's Savannah Office will work closely with Step Up Savannah, Inc., through a Memorandum of Understanding that defines the role of Step Up Savannah to assist GLSP with case referrals. Step Up Savannah is a collaborative of organizations, businesses, and government agencies, including GLSP, that seek to move families toward economic self-sufficiency. It works in three areas to accomplish this: Workforce development and jobs; wealth building and financial understanding, and work supports. GLSP's involvement with Step Up Savannah began a few years ago when the organization approached GLSP with a request to offer legal assistance to help incorporate Step Up Savannah. GLSP and Step Up Savannah have worked together over the years to develop anti-poverty programs and strategies in Savannah.

Services provided: Emergency Legal Assistance

Languages spoken: English is the primary language spoken by the project staff. Also, we have bilingual attorneys on staff who are fluent in Spanish and can assist with Spanish-speaking clients on the VOCA-funded project.

Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 833 Cornelia, GA 30531+5340

Federal award: 97461

Match amount: 24366

Counties served: Habersham; Stephens; White

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Emergency Shelter and Outreach Services to Victims of Domestic Violence

Project description: This VOCA project provides victim assistance services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Victims served in this project will include those in emergency shelter and those who have chosen not to seek emergency shelter and have a need for services to increase and insure their safety and stability. This project will support one Outreach Victim Advocate who provides direct services to victims not residing in the shelter via one of our three satellite outreach offices. Having satellite offices in our rural service areas removes the isolation and transportation barriers many victims face when seeking services. This project will also support a portion of the Bilingual Advocates salary and two Emergency Shelter Advocates who provide direct services to victims residing in the shelter facility. The following activities are supported through this project: provide crisis intervention, information, and referrals to victims calling the 24-hour hotline, residing in shelter, and accessing non-residential services; provide social system advocacy, emotional support, and case management throughout the delivery of services; gather Family Violence Incident reports from collaborating law enforcement agencies in order to follow up with victims to discuss their legal rights and options; educate victims on legal options including civil and criminal remedies and advocate for victim for desired outcome; provide emergency legal advocacy services including Temporary Protective and/or Stalking Orders and court accompaniment; provide legal representation at Protective Order hearings; assess for Victim's Compensation eligibility and assist with application to program; facilitate weekly adult support groups; document injuries with digital technology; provide transportation to assist victim in achieving safety and stability; provide community referrals and printed resource list to victims; and conduct on-going safety planning and lethality assessment during delivery of services and follow-up.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Adv

Languages spoken: Spanish

Glynn Community Crisis Center, Inc

Address: P.O. Box 278 Brunswick, GA 31521-0278

Federal award: 90677

Match amount: 22670

Counties served: Glynn; McIntosh

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Amity House

Project description: At GCCC, VOCA funds are used at the Amity House emergency shelter to pay salary and benefits for the staff positions of House Managers and the Senior House Manager. These positions are vital to providing a comprehensive shelter program for the victims of southeast Georgia. The shelter staff has front line responsibility for the safety of the victims and their children. For House Managers, qualified applicants understand the need for confidentiality, follow all job requirements to insure the client safety, receive crisis calls, and keep records. House Managers also maintain high standards of security and cleanliness in the shelter. Funding also pays for utilities, particularly electric, water, and

trash pickup which allow the shelter to remain a clean safe place in which to receive supportive services that promote healing. Crisis Hotline Services and Crisis Intervention-GCCC/Amity House receives crisis calls 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Victim Advocates and volunteers are all trained to answer the crisis line and provide intervention services. The person receiving a crisis call states “crisis line, may I help you” and the first question asked is “are you safe?” The crisis line advocate utilizes the program Alice to record pertinent information about the victim, the situation and the outcome of the call. After the information has been gathered from the victim, we retrieve as much information about the abuser as permitted. Lethality Assessment During the call, it is important that the House Managers conduct a lethality assessment; inquiring if there has been any physical abuse, sexual abuse, threats to harm with a weapon, and/or threats to kill. By determining the risk of the present situation, allows for the House Manager to present a safety plan to enhance the victim’s safety. We ask the victim if shelter is needed. If so, we go over the guidelines with them and provide transportation to the shelter if required. At minimum, we provide a non-judgmental and attentive listener to every caller. Referrals Those receiving crisis hotline calls have access to local community resources in which to refer callers. This information is kept current. Callers can also be referred to our Advocacy staff for legal concerns, counseling, and support groups, as well as additional follow up. Emergency Shelter- It is imperative to provide a safe place in which victims and their children reside. It is the House Managers’ duties to provide care and comfort to the residents while maintaining the integrity of the program. They ensure that the program remains in compliance with all certification standards as set forth by the Governor’s Office of Children and Families. Victims Compensation Application All funded staff receive training and are competent in assisting residents with completing the application as required and stipulated in the conditions for VOCA funded domestic violence programs.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: n/a

Glynn County Board of Commissioners

Address: 1725 Reynolds Street, Suite 302 Brunswick, Ga 31520-6436

Federal award: 35650

Match amount: 8913

Counties served: Glynn

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Glynn County Police Dept. Crime Victim Liaison

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 11,000 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 encourages 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 our visitors of vital referral information pertaining to their individual needs. This program funded n the past with VOCA funds has been able to do that. The project

will be managed by Susan M. Greene, CVL with the Glynn County Police Department (GCPD) along with volunteers solicited by the CVL. Mrs. Greene's qualifications are: she has worked with referring victims of crime since January, 1998. She has had the opportunity to avail herself of all the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Annual Conferences since 1998 and also attended training with the NOVA conference in 1998. She has attended training sessions given locally by agencies, along with training sessions given by GCPD. Mrs. Greene has completed the VAT on line training and attended the Georgia Victim's Assistance Academy in 2008. She has held positions on the Rape Crisis Board, Child Abuse Protocol Committee and also on the Child Fatality Review Committee. She is currently a member of the Domestic Violence Task Force. Her compassion and understanding of the needs of victims has been an asset to the agency and to victims of crimes. Volunteers will be utilized to research GCPD's Incident reports and to do follow-up for victims. They will be trained on site using the Priors system. The volunteers will also have access for VAT on line training.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: N/A

Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1329 Duluth, GA 30096-0024

Federal award: 110245

Match amount: 27561

Counties served: Gwinnett; Rockdale

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Legal Services Provider; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Gwinnett Sexual Assault & Children's Advocacy Center

Project description: These funds permit GSAC-CAC to provide 24/7 core and supplemental services that directly serve victims including: personal, family advocacy for victims and families. This also includes medical advocacy and accompaniment with forensic exams of victims; 24/7 crisis line coverage and crisis intervention services and assistance; information and referral; legal assistance and legal advocacy; assistance with crime victims compensation applications and claim assistance; community awareness and outreach; and statewide GA SANE/SAFE training (GA SANE/SAFE training is funded independently of this grant).

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English; Spanish; Tiwanese; Mandarin Chinese.

Halcyon Home for Battered Women, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 1838 Thomasville, Ga 31799-1838

Federal award: 110903

Match amount: 27726

Counties served: Decatur; Grady; Mitchell; Seminole; Thomas

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: The project that will be supported by CJCC VOCA funds will be the following staff that will be funded by CJCC and other funders. CJCC funded staff: 3 1/2 Shelter Advocates, Outreach Client Advocate, Shelter Manager/Client Advocate. Personnel cost for 3 1/2 shelter advocates that work different shifts (4-12, 12-8, 8-4 40 hrs a week each) whose primary responsibilities include providing a safe and supportive environment for shelter residents via addressing needs; providing support and crisis intervention; resolving resident conflicts; and providing support and crisis intervention to victims calling the 24-hour crisis line. Upon admittance to the shelter, the advocates/ staff on duty identify any critical needs to be addressed, complete emergency paperwork and reviews shelter guidelines. The clients meets with a case worker to complete a comprehensive intake, including a Strength and Needs Assessment that helps guide the case worker and client's path in determining needs to be addressed and support services to be provided. In addition, a written safety plan is created with each client and non-resident client based on his/her unique circumstance. The shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The project will also support a portion of Outreach Client Advocate position in which services are provided to residential and non-residential victims. Outreach Client Advocate, will provide and coordinate services for non-residential victims residing in all five counties. Our Outreach Client Advocate is knowledgeable of the resources available to victims of abuse and is able to offer comprehensive legal and social advocacy, information and referral services. The outreach client advocate will also provide legal services in filing emergency Temporary Protection Orders, Stalking Orders and assist eligible victims file for Victim's Compensation applications. Outreach services address safety issues and provide the necessary support services while reducing the need for emergency shelter services. Shelter Manger/Client Advocate will provide direct services to clients in shelter on a daily basis. The Shelter Manager/Client Advocate will also provide legal services in filing emergency Temporary Protection Orders, Stalking Orders and assist eligible victims file for Victim's Compensation applications. The Shelter Manager will provide program oversight and is responsible for supervising the shelter advocates funded under VOCA. VOCA funds will also be used to cover some of the Shelter operations such as (Shelter utilities, Shelter Telephone services, food for clients in shelter, house hold items, beds, shelter repairs and maintenance , Cleaning supplies, paper products, client emergency items (Feminine products, toiletries clothing).

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advoca

Languages spoken: English/ Spanish

Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 907471 Gainesville, Ga 30501-0908

Federal award: 58657

Match amount: 14665

Counties served: Dawson; Hall

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Advocacy for Child Abuse Victims

Project description: One Hundred percent of the grant funds will be used toward salaries of two employees. Our Volunteer Supervisors are responsible for providing direct services to victims by

supervising CASA volunteers and case management follow-up. This includes advocacy and legal representation, coordination and documentation, family assessments, crisis intervention, attending court, reports to the court, supervised visitation, home visits, and helping victims apply for compensation and preparing the children for court. We have one bi-lingual staff person who is proficient in the Spanish language. Our staff is part of the Multi-disciplinary Team, Child Abuse Protocol Member, Stakeholders Team Member, Child Fatality Member. Employees that will deliver the services for this grant project are: Sue Rigdon's is a part time Staff Attorney / Volunteer Supervisor. She attended the University of Georgia School of Law and is a certified Mediator. Cory Buckley is a full time Volunteer Supervisor. She has been with CASA for 19 years. She is responsible for supervision of CASA Volunteers to ensure the direct delivery of services.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: Spanish

Harmony House Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 133 Royston, GA 30662-0133

Federal award: 37720

Match amount: 9430

Counties served: Elbert; Franklin; Hart; Madison; Oglethorpe

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: The Harmony House VOCA project activities will include the following existing programs. 1. Direct victim related services for victims and their non-offending caregivers provided by HHCAC staff include rotation of after-hours emergency phone. This phone is carried 24/7 and all HHCAC employees rotate "on call duty" for continuous crises coverage. The on call staff when receiving a call will contact other necessary professionals and arrive within 45 minutes of the call to Harmony House. This person will then prepare the center for victims, their non-offending caregivers and family members and for other professionals such as the Forensic Interviewer, Sexual Assault Examination medical professional, law enforcement representative and DFCS caseworker. During regular business hours the advocate will also notify professionals and prepare center. The Harmony House Director is in charge of all direct client services. 2. Initial direct services will include on site crises intervention, satellite facility appointments for follow up services, home visit appointments when requested by victim or caregivers, intake interview, personal advocacy, medical advocacy, in person referrals to services, counseling referrals, assistance with the Crime Victims Compensation Funding process and explanation of documentation requirements. The advocate will explain and give a copy of "The Crime Victims Bill of Rights" to the victim or caregiver. The advocate will complete a family assessment to identify on going transportation needs in accessing resources and services. An assessment will be done to identify other resources for which referrals can be made on site or by phone at a later time as required. The advocate will provide the victim or caregiver with complete contact information for all follow-up services. The advocate will explain benefits of ongoing counseling and identify financial needs related to counseling. The advocate will inform victims and caregivers of support group meetings at Harmony House and encourage the Sexual Assault Reduction Intervention program for teens. The advocate will provide

nutritious snacks and meals as necessary to victims and their caregivers/families while at the agency. Transportation assistance will be provided in the form of gas assistance if need is identified through assessment. Emergency food, clothing and safe housing referrals (if related to crime such as domestic violence or human trafficking issues) will be provided if need is identified. All Harmony House staff will also provide court preparation and court advocacy for victims and their families. 3. The Harmony House director will schedule Monthly Multidisciplinary Team Meetings and co-facilitate these meetings with the Northern Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office. The purpose of the meeting is to bring all professionals together for case updates and ongoing service needs of the victims and family members. HHCAC Director will also provide on-site in the new facility training center classes for all disciplines in victim rights, working with families in crises and the special needs of child/human trafficking victims and other best practices in cases of child abuse, sexual assault and child/human trafficking. 4. The Harmony House Director will also maintain and assist staff and volunteers in updating victim's case information in the Multi-Disciplinary Tracking Information System (MDTIS CACGA tracking system) The Director will be responsible for providing reports to all required sources on Victim Statistics. 5. Client information sessions are provided. These sessions are offered on a continuous basis for all clients/caregivers wishing to make appointments for case progression updates, resource meetings. Gas assistance will be provided based on need. The District Attorney's Victims Assistance Office will be at the facility for the session along with other appropriate agency representation. 6. The Harmony House Director will schedule home visits for victims/caregivers that have transportation issues. These visits will be scheduled on a monthly basis as clients request and all three Harmony House staff members will participate in this program. Trained volunteers will also help with the home visits accompanying staff. 7. Harmony House staff attends The National Children's Advocacy Center Symposium on Child Abuse annually which brings professionals from around the country and world to advocate for victims rights.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy;

Languages spoken: N/A

Harmony House Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.

Address: P.O, Box 2925 LaGrange, GA 30241-0060

Federal award: 50000

Match amount: 12500

Counties served: Troup

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: Harmony House is requesting continuation funds to support the core services offered by our program that are provided by our Family Coordinator and our Outreach Coordinator. The Family Coordinator's responsibility is to facilitate each resident's (adult and child) participation into an immediate plan of action. The coordinator works with the participant from the initial point of contact on issues of crisis intervention, domestic violence education and specific short-term goals to make the participant and her children physically and emotionally safe. The Outreach coordinator conducts intake interviews and provides orientation and follow-up to non-residents. She facilitates support groups in the community for non-residents and residents. She is responsible for providing non-

residents with crisis intervention, arranges ongoing crisis counseling and provides domestic violence education as needed including empowerment/self-advocacy education. She provides advocacy for non-residents with primary service providers, such as, but not limited to, law enforcement, court, DFCS, and hospital personnel.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: N/A

Hodac, Inc

Address: 2762 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093-2948

Federal award: 35141

Match amount: 8786

Counties served: Appling; Atkinson; Bacon; Baker; Baldwin; Banks; Barrow; Bartow; Ben Hill; Berrien; Bibb; Bleckley; Brantley; Brooks; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Butts; Calhoun; Camden; Candler; Carroll; Catoosa; Charlton; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Chattooga; Cherokee; Clarke; Clay; Clayton; Clinch; Cobb; Coffee; Colquitt; Columbia; Cook; Coweta; Crawford; Crisp; Dade; Dawson; Decatur; DeKalb; Dodge; Dooly; Dougherty; Douglas; Early; Echols; Effingham; Elbert; Emanuel; Evans; Fannin; Fayette; Floyd; Forsyth; Franklin; Fulton; Gilmer; Glascock; Glynn; Gordon; Grady; Greene; Gwinnett; Habersham; Hall; Hancock; Haralson; Harris; Hart; Heard; Henry; Houston; Irwin; Jackson; Jasper; Jeff Davis; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Jones; Lamar; Lanier; Laurens; Lee; Liberty; Lincoln; Long; Lowndes; Lumpkin; Macon; Madison; Marion; McDuffie; McIntosh; Meriwether; Miller; Mitchell; Monroe; Montgomery; Morgan; Murray; Muscogee; Newton; Oconee; Oglethorpe; Paulding; Peach; Pickens; Pierce; Pike; Polk; Pulaski; Putnam; Quitman; Rabun; Randolph; Richmond; Rockdale; Schley; Screven; Seminole; Spalding; Stephens; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Taliaferro; Tattnall; Taylor; Telfair; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Toombs; Towns; Treutlen; Troup; Turner; Twiggs; Union; Upson; Walker; Walton; Ware; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Webster; Wheeler; White; Whitfield; Wilcox; Wilkes; Wilkinson; Worth

Core services: Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline

Project description: This program will provide every innocent victim in the state of Georgia and those concerned about such victims with one central, toll-free number to call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for accurate, up-to-date information and resource referrals to direct victim assistance services in their geographic area; direct crisis intervention (Houston and Peach Counties only); and information about eligibility and the application process for the Georgia Victim Compensation Program. The program is managed by Sherri Peavy, Hodac Assistant Director, and is staffed by 10 Telephone Information Specialists working various shifts 24 hours a day. The provision of all information and referral services in the Hodac Call Center, where the Victim Assistance Helpline is housed, fulfills the Standards for Professional Information and Referral. In accordance with the standards in this category, Helpline staff provide information and assistance to callers on a live, one-on-one basis 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. When an individual dials the toll-free number to reach the Helpline, the call 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 TIS is trained to utilize active listening skills to assess the caller's needs. Sometimes the caller is a victim; in other cases, the caller is someone who is concerned about a victim. As the TIS talks with and listens to the caller, he or she inputs all pertinent demographic information on the call into the Iris 3.0 database. Next, the TIS will search the Iris 3.0 database of statewide victim assistance programs and related services for accurate and appropriate referrals. Iris 3.0 is specifically created for information and referral (I & R) services and will house all Helpline call data and referral resources. Each TIS is trained to guide the caller through his or her options, with the ultimate goal of helping empower the victim to take back control of his/her life. Each caller is given the option of receiving, via mail, information about crime victimization, the Georgia Victim Compensation program, the Crime Victim Bill of Rights, and Helpline services, as well as informational pamphlets based on what type crime they were a victim of. Before the close of the call, the TIS ensures that the caller has the necessary information about direct victim assistance services in their local community so that the victim can make direct contact at his or her convenience. Each caller is invited to call again if additional assistance is needed. Victims are also able to contact the Helpline through the use of a live chat option housed on the Hodac, Inc. website. Victims are able to interact with a TIS through their computer instead of a phone and will be able to receive the same services as callers do. With the advances in technology made over the last ten years, many people are more comfortable reaching out by way of texting and chatting. Mail-outs of requested printed information are completed two times per week. In addition to traditional I & R services, 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, Peach, and Pulaski 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. The TIS first determines and documents on the call report the location of the victim and record any pertinent information that the calling agency (usually the medical facility) provides, explaining that an advocate will be contacted immediately. The TIS then refers to the monthly call schedule to obtain the name of the advocate that is scheduled to respond. If the call occurs outside of Hodac's regular operating hours and the primary volunteer advocate cannot be contacted, the Helpline staff member contacts the Hodac staff member scheduled to provide back-up. Once contact has been made and pertinent information is communicated to a single advocate, all further action on the part of Helpline staff ceases, and the responsibility for intervention shifts to the Victim Services advocate, who will provide direct advocacy to the victim. The Victim Assistance Helpline mission is to promote increased health, safety, and knowledge of available resources 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 Crime Victim Compensation Program. Victims needing information will never reach a recording or voice mail. The Crime Victim Assistance is answered by trained Telephone Information Specialists 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our goals are to increase crime victims' knowledge of available community resources and to encourage the utilization of these resources. We will maintain a call abandonment rate better than the industry standard, with a rate of 3% or less. Second, we aim to maintain and even improve client satisfaction survey results of 96%, indicating approval of the services offered and received.

Services provided: Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: We have 2 staff members during the week who speak Spanish and we have an account with the Language Line to provide translation services at all other times.

Hodac, Inc.

Address: 2762 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093-2948

Federal award: 68834

Match amount: 17209

Counties served: Houston; Peach; Pulaski

Core services: Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Comprehensive Victim

Project description: The Comprehensive Victim Services Program will offer core services that provides 24 hour/7day on-call accompaniment to all victims of sexual assault and domestic violence reporting to a hospital or medical facility in Houston, Peach, and Pulaski counties. Each victim receives direct advocacy from a volunteer or a Hodac staff advocate who reports to the hospital after receiving an initial call from Hodac's Crime Victim Assistance Helpline phone services. The process of assessing needs begins immediately, and the victim is provided with emergency clothing, shelter, transportation, and prescriptions, as needed. The victim and his/her family receive emotional support, explanation of procedures, information packets, and referral numbers. This program works in partnership with Forensic Nurse Examiners (FNEs) which are contracted by Hodac to provide forensic examinations that can be crucial in providing evidence necessary to garnering a conviction in court. An advocate is present with a victim throughout the forensic exam, providing information, emotional support, and needed necessities such as clothing and toiletries. When a victim is discharged from the hospital, assistance is provided in securing his/her immediate safety. Preparations can also be made to ensure the safe return of the victim to their homes through notification of law enforcement; lock, door, and window repairs or replacements; cell phones to call 911; emergency shelter; and prepaid gift cards for food or other essential items such as prescriptions. The advocate providing hospital accompaniment documents pertinent information about the victim, the type and circumstances of the assault, and services rendered, all of which is later entered into Hodac's Victim Services database and utilized by the Hodac Advocate staff that follow up with the victim. Follow-up phone calls are provided within 24-hours of an incident, during which an advocate continues providing emotional support and information and encourages the victim to make contact with available social services, such as the Family Counseling Center (for counseling services), Salvation Army Safe House (for protective orders or shelter), the Department of Family and Children (for temporary assistance), and other identified services appropriate to the victim's unique situation and needs. Advocates conduct additional follow-up calls at 1 week, 4 months, and 6 months after an incident has occurred. In addition to these referral services, the advocate is also able to become a liaison for a victim with employers, landlords, and others as needed. Personal advocacy may include communication with a victim's employer, regarding his or her absence from work, or collaboration with a landlord to arrange a lock change to ensure a victim's safety. An advocate also has the capacity to work with victim's compensation and a hospital's billing department to ensure all out-of-pocket expenses have been covered without affecting the victim in a negative manner. This program will also offer full services in the office for victims who choose not to report to the hospital when an incident occurs. Advocates will be available in the office for crisis intervention purposes when needed

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telep
Languages spoken: n/a

Hospitality House for Women, Inc.

Address: PO Box 5163 Rome, GA 30162-5163

Federal award: 94504

Match amount: 23626

Counties served: Floyd

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence Victim Services

Project description: As in the previous grant year, the project will support costs for direct service advocate positions, utilities, and supplies for the shelter facility. If awarded continuation funding, this agency expects to serve 350 new, adult and child victims of domestic violence through shelter and related services. Also, it is projected that 120 families and/or single, adult survivors will be served through outreach services offered by the VOCA-funded, Legal Advocate position.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: Spanish

Jewish Family & Career Services, Inc.

Address: 4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30338-6210

Federal award: 80568

Match amount: 20142

Counties served: Clayton; Cobb; DeKalb; Fulton; Gwinnett

Core services: Counseling Services; Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Shalom Bayit ("Peace in the Home") Domestic Violence Program

Project description: Award of this grant will enable JF&CS to maintain its existing Shalom Bayit (SB) program by serving a total of 115 clients. Funding will enable the program to address DV and its impact on adult victims and children by providing intervention, safety planning, counseling, referrals, education about dynamics of domestic violence, and public awareness as a component of addressing intervention, support and advocacy for victims and those at risk for violence. Adults will be offered support groups and counseling. Both adult and youth clients will be offered individual counseling and other integrated services such as crisis intervention and referrals; immediate referrals for shelter and access to supportive services for victims of violence and their dependents, as well as access to additional agency services, including consulting psychiatrists for psychiatric assessment and medication management if necessary. Our direct services for victims often begins at the initial point of crisis, and continues working with survivors, using an empowerment model to assist them to live free from violence. Shalom Bayit works to increase safety, decrease isolation and create opportunities for a community of long term support for survivors. The project plan for program activities is as follows: Intake/Program Entry:

Clients may be referred by clergy, mental health providers, domestic violence and victim services providers, attorneys, law enforcement, former clients, any of our partner agencies, internal program staff, or may initiate contact themselves. The initial intake session involves a meeting with a program staff person (Licensed Clinical or Master Social Worker), with expertise working with victims of domestic violence and/or their children, as well as issues of conflict, grief/bereavement and relevant clinical issues. At the initial appointment, the needs of the victim and her/his children will be assessed, if applicable, including safety and emergency needs, provide immediate crisis intervention and referrals, develop a safety plan, and determine the duration and intensity of services based on individual client needs. We obtain detailed information about client's needs, background, and strengths, assess for and make appropriate referrals, evaluate for client's understanding of domestic violence and work towards establishing individual goals and best options for services to be provided. Description of services: All clients can access culturally and linguistically appropriate services, including safety planning, goal setting, case management, short and long-term trauma-informed, strengths-based individual counseling, support groups, referrals to emergency shelter, governmental, community and social service agencies (i.e. Legal Aid, DFCS, DHS, GA Dept. of Labor, Housing, etc.) and other non-shelter-based services. Services include providing initial information and referrals related to relevant criminal and civil legal protections – including referrals to apply for protective orders and information about Crime Victim Compensation funds. Clients also have access to internal referrals to assist with transportation, job training, employment services, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. Clients are encouraged to explore other programs and services offered by the agency, making JF&CS a “one-stop” option for service delivery. Moreover, child victims and/or children of the victims will have access to licensed social workers who are trained to address the unique needs of children and adolescent victims and witnesses of abuse. These workers utilize trauma-informed methods and a wide array of practice modes, including creative arts and talk therapy. Direct services provided to victims/survivors of DV and their children are offered Mon – Fri between 8am–5pm, with evening times also available. An on-call emergency number is available for assistance on weekends and after hours and Shalom Bayit (SB) counselors provide a domestic violence hotline number on recorded messages. Services are provided at our main office in Dunwoody and are MARTA accessible. Leveraging funds from the CJCC, in addition to the designated program staff to serve victims, we will also offer additional services such as emergency assistance (i.e. emergency safe housing options, Kroger gift cards for food and toiletries, gas cards, and phone cards), translation services, and parenting groups. Community outreach plans and activities: Our program's central philosophy is that domestic violence occurs in a family, community and cultural context and the most effective interventions function at all of these levels. With this in mind, we also focus on community outreach to build a community safety net for victims of domestic violence through education and awareness building for synagogues, clergy, mental health providers, other professional service providers, community partners and community leaders. We propose to expand our focus on community outreach to build a stronger community safety net for victims of domestic violence. Shalom Bayit will continue to build community awareness and provide educational outreach by striving to establish domestic violence programming within particular synagogues and community groups to increase education about abuse and increase the likelihood that individuals will disclose abuse and seek resources to live free from abuse. SB will expand work with these entities to incorporate culturally appropriate programming, policies and procedures around domestic violence and provide them with guidance on ways to incorporate domestic violence prevention education within their respective programming. SB will provide technical assistance for programs and encourage referrals to Shalom Bayit

and/or other local domestic violence programs as opposed to these entities taking on the responsibility of being the first point of entry for victims/survivors of DV. Other community awareness activities will include the following preventative and outreach trainings/activities: (1) Providing community education to professional service providers, community partners and leaders regarding how to identify and address abuse, create an environment where women can disclose abuse, and provide referrals to appropriate resources; (2) Engaging in strategic partnerships (including local synagogues, Family Violence Task Forces in DeKalb, Fulton and Cobb counties) to enhance the system of services for victims of domestic violence; (3) Conduct dramatic presentations, workshops and educational sessions for community members regarding prevalence, dynamics, resources, and response to abuse; (4) Assist clergy/community partners to integrate an agenda of DV prevention and intervention into their programming, encourage them to devote money, time and human resources towards the issue; (5) Proactively address issues of abuse for the purpose of establishing a safe haven around abuse; making sure that survivors are treated with respect, and (6) Educational programs at local synagogues and/or community groups, includes but are not limited to: "Love Shouldn't Hurt" Healthy Relationships Curriculum; "Not So Happily Ever After...the real stories of some American Jewish Families: (Dramatic Reading on recognizing and breaking through myths about DV in Jewish homes); and survivors voices and input on how to respond to domestic violence. Program activities are conducted by a dedicated and experienced staff of licensed clinicians. Staffing includes a Program Director (LCSW), and Program Staff (LCSW) – who provide direct service to adult victims of DV including individual safety planning, counseling, advocacy, support groups, and extensive training and consultation both within our agency and to other agencies on effectively assisting survivors with culturally diverse backgrounds. Staff provide case management, connecting clients with referrals to legal, governmental, community and social service agencies, Crime Victims' Compensation, emergency shelter and non-shelter-based services. Program Director provides overall guidance for program's direction and priorities. LCSW and LMSW in Child/Adolescent program -provide individual and group counseling sessions for youth affected by abuse; addressing safety, relationships, anxiety, depression, stress management, behavioral and emotional needs as a result of abuse or witnessing abuse. Volunteers are utilized. MSW Graduate student interns provide direct services under the supervision of the Program Director; Committee members collaborate with the Program Director on community outreach and education.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy;

Languages spoken: English, Hebrew; The agency has access to translation services for clients that do not read or speak English and agency staff (not funded by VOCA funds)

Liberty House of Albany, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 2046 Albany, GA 31702-2046

Federal award: 26079

Match amount: 5216

Counties served: Terrell

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Transportation/Satellite Office-Pataula Circuit

Project description: Liberty House seeks continuation of funding for our satellite office in Terrell County located in the Pataula Judicial Circuit to create greater awareness of available services for all victims of domestic violence and their children. Providing a local presence where victims can come to receive assistance, advocacy, counseling, and supportive services, including offering transportation where none exists, we increase utilization of assistance through direct service contact. By partnering with local resources and developing improved relationships in these communities, victims and survivors can be best supported to increase reporting, batterer accountability and implement comprehensive strategies to improve safety and prevent domestic violence.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, German

Liberty House of Albany, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 2046 Albany, GA 31702-2046

Federal award: 117246

Match amount: 24.45

Counties served: Baker; Calhoun; Clay; Crisp; Dooly; Dougherty; Early; Lee; Macon; Miller; Quitman; Randolph; Schley; Stewart; Sumter; Terrell; Webster

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter/Outreach

Project description: Liberty Houses seeks continuation of current funding to provide emergency shelter and non-residential services for all victims of domestic abuse and their children, to include males to age 18. Funding will support the 24 hour crisis line and all shelter services, as well as outreach, legal and bi-lingual advocacy services for persons in 17 counties. Service will also include support groups and programs for teens to include Teen Dating Violence awareness.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, German

Mary Lou Fraser Foundation for Families, Inc.

Address: 203 Mary Lou Drive Hinesville, GA 31313-3413

Federal award: 26153

Match amount: 6538

Counties served: Bryan; Evans; Liberty; Long; McIntosh; Tattnall

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Helen's Haven Children's Advocacy Center

Project description: Helen's Haven Children's Advocacy Center operates under the umbrella of the Fraser Foundation. Helen's Haven opened in May 2005 and serves children from Bryan, Evans, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Tattnall counties. Prior to opening, children and professionals from our area had to travel to Savannah, Brunswick, or Swainsboro to access the services of a CAC. The CAC model is a child-

focused, facility based program in which representatives from the following disciplines - law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, mental health, medical and victim advocacy work together on child abuse cases. The combined experience and professional expertise from different disciplines results in a more comprehensive understanding of case issues and the most effective, child and family-focused system response. Helen's Haven CAC has a MOU signed by MDT partners representing the above disciplines in all six counties of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. Terri Liles, LMSW is the Coordinator of Helen's Haven CAC and has been employed in this position since May 2005. The coordinator will provide direct supervision of the Child and Parent Advocate - Counselor and the Child and Parent Worker-Counselor. The staff from Helen's Haven CAC also participates in group peer supervision on a once a week basis at the Fraser Counseling Center. In addition to providing supervision of the Child and Family Advocate - Counselor and Child and Family Worker – Counselor, Terri Liles will also be responsible for all grant reporting requirements including VSSR, semi-annual and annual reports, and satisfaction surveys. Ms. Liles is familiar with these reports as the CAC received a VOCA Recovery Grant in 2009. Our VOCA grant proposes the continuation of Child and Family Advocate at a total of 15 hours per week. The position of the Child and Family Advocate is not funded by any other grant or resources. The Child and Family Advocate will be housed at Helen's Haven CAC in Liberty County, but will be available to provide services for victims in Bryan, Evans, Long, McIntosh and Tattnall counties when needed. Responsibilities of the Child and Parent Advocate will include providing support and information to the non-offending caregiver from the point of in-take, typically the forensic interview. The Advocate will provide educational information about abuse; identify and link the non-offending caregiver to community resources; explain and provide information about victim's compensation; and assist with counseling and medical referrals for the victim. The Advocate will assist the victim with obtaining a TPO when necessary. The Advocate will also serve as a liaison with the District Attorney's Office/ VWAP and provide assistance and support for the victim and non-offending caregiver in court proceedings as requested. The Advocate will attend and participate in monthly Multi-disciplinary Team meetings. The Advocate will be responsible for tracking progress and maintaining the victim's case information in MDTIS. The Advocate has completed OVC's VAT online advocate training. The Advocate also participates in Family Connection Collaborative meetings periodically to build relationships and gain information about community resources in each of the six counties we serve. Work products of the Advocate include documentation in MDTIS of all victim/non-offending caregiver contacts including in person and telephone, all referrals and results of referrals, case updates from monthly MDT meetings, and criminal justice proceedings outcomes. Our project changes the advocate's position from 25 to 15 hours per week for advocacy and includes an addition of 10 hours per week for therapy services to help meet the mental health needs of the victims served at Helen's Haven CAC. This position Advocate - Counselor will be filled by Julianna Giorgianni. Suzette Williams, LMSW holds the position of the Child and Family Worker-Counselor. She has filled this position in September 2013. Ms. Williams previously interned at Helen's Haven CAC. Ms. Williams has completed TF-CBT training via MUSC online. Ms. Williams will continue to provide 24 hours of services via a PSSF contract primarily in Liberty and Bryan County and an additional 6 hours per week via the VOCA grant. The VOCA grant will allow for the delivery of counseling services for child victims and their non-offending caregivers in Claxton/Evans County; Glennville and Reidsville/Tattnall County; and Ludowici, Long County for 6 hours each week. Claxton is located approximately 90 miles round trip from Helen's Haven and Reidsville is located approximately 80 miles round trip from Helen's Haven. These distances make it extremely difficult for the victim's non-offending caregivers to access counseling services and

there is no public transportation available. It is approximately a 15-20 minute drive between Glennville and Reidsville, Reidsville and Claxton, and Glennville and Claxton. While service delivery locations will be adjusted to meet the needs of the victims, the initial plan is to alternate services every other week between Evans and Tattnall counties placing counseling services no more than 20 minutes away from victims and their families. Evans and Tattnall County DFCS has offered office space as reflected in our MDT MOU. The Child and Family Worker - Counselor and the Child and Family Advocate-Counselor both will travel at least one day each week as we build our program to provide outreach services. While we have served child victims in Evans and Tattnall counties, this will be the first time outreach services have been offered in those counties. Helen's Haven CAC currently provides outreach services in Bryan County (Richmond Hill and Pembroke) in a partnership with Bryan County Family Connection and the Bryan County Commission. Work products of the Child and Family Worker-Counselor and Child and Family Advocate-Counselor will include counseling notes from individual and family sessions as well as non-offending caregiver sessions. The Child and Family Worker-Counselor and Child and Family Advocate-Counselor will develop services/treatment plans to establish and monitor therapeutic goals and progress. A UCLA PTSD Index Parent and Child or Adolescent version will be administered to determine the victim's risk of PTSD symptoms prior to beginning counseling services. The UCLA PTSD Index will be re-administered after 6 months of counseling services and then again at the termination of counseling services to monitor a client's progress in counseling services. In addition, the client's self-reports and the parent's reports will be used as well as other information such as report cards, etc. to assess the victim's progress. Other assessment instruments may also be used based on a case by case basis. Feedback via a satisfaction survey is requested from the client's parent/legal guardian approximately 30 days following the termination of services.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: None

Mayo Clinic Health System in Waycross

Address: 1900 Tebeau Street Waycross, GA 31501-5200

Federal award: 179819

Match amount: 35964

Counties served: Bacon; Brantley; Charlton; Coffee; Pierce; Ware

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Counseling Services; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Satilla Advocacy Services

Project description: Over the years, the agency has initiated and made available these services to victims of abuse: a 24/7 crisis hotline; referrals to and assistance with obtaining social and/or legal services; accompaniment to medical evaluations and with client consent or request to police interviews and court hearings; in-house licensed counseling and support groups run by a trained facilitator for both victims of sexual assault and child abuse victims; community education and awareness about the impact of sexual assault, including outreach about available services to victims and criminal justice professionals; act as advocate for both adult and child victims for services and to expedite case processing; review child's court case as well as track it to ensure the case is not lost in the system; provide services to non-offending caregivers and other secondary victims of child abuse; development,

participation and facilitation of multidisciplinary teams (MDTs); provides required training specific to providing direct victim services for both staff and volunteers; provides training for law enforcement, prosecutors and judges about the effects of child abuse negligence and strategies for effective handling of these cases.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); SANE

Languages spoken: N/A

Mayo Clinic Health System in Waycross

Address: 1900 Tebeau Street Waycross, GA 31501-5200

Federal award: 35276

Match amount: 8819

Counties served: Bacon; Brantley; Charlton; Coffee; Pierce; Ware

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Counseling Services; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Satilla Advocacy Services

Project description: This grant will be used to fund a portion of the SANE nurses salary. She will be providing SANE exams for the Waycross Judicial Circuit.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); SANE

Languages spoken: N/A

McIntosh County Sheriff's Office/McIntosh County Board of Commissioners

Address: 12317 Georgia Highway 251 Darien, GA 31305-1231

Federal award: 26349

Match amount: 6588

Counties served: McIntosh

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Comprehensive Victims/VOCA Grant

Project description: The McIntosh County Office of the Sheriff's Victim/Witness Assistance Program provides criminal justice advocacy support to victims and witnesses of crimes. Support includes, assistance in obtaining temporary protective orders, attendance at criminal proceedings and assistance with completion of victim's compensation paperwork.

Services provided: Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy

Languages spoken: The primary language spoken by the McIntosh County of the Sheriff's Victim/Witness Assistance Program staff is English.

Monroe County Board of Commissioners

Address: P.O. Box 189 Forsyth, GA 31029-0189

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Monroe

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

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

Project description: The grant award will be used to provide the salary for our Victim Services Coordinator, Debra Coody. She has 10 years experience and is a NACP Credentialed Basic Advocate. She mails or personally gives a victim/witness package to any victim mentioned in the incident reports from the deputies or the police officers. The package includes a booklet containing victim rights information, a chart with an explanation of the Criminal Justice System, names and contact numbers for local agencies offering services, along with restitution forms, identity theft pamphlets, and victim's compensation information and forms, depending on the crime. She coordinates referrals, assists with filling out Georgia Crime Victims Compensation applications or restitution forms if needed, attends court, and provides victim notification and other direct services to meet the victim's individual needs. She also assist victims in writing victim impact statements. One hundred percent of Debra's time is spent on direct victim services. Jan Humphrey is our Victim Assistant. She enters victims' data, handles grant requirements, and fields calls and visits from victims, in addition to performing some general secretarial duties. Jan also performs the duties of the Victim Services Coordinator in her absence. Fifty percent of Jan's time is spent on the project and is used for the cash match except when she takes on the duties of the Victim Services Coordinator in Debra Coody's absences. During Debra's absences, 100% of the Victim Assistant's hours are used and paid for by the grant. Volunteers assist with the victim follow-up and are used for the in-kind match.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephon

Languages spoken: English and very limited Spanish.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Address: 1000 Circle 75 Parkway SE, Suite 45 Atlanta, GA 30339-3926

Federal award: 37500

Match amount: 9375

Counties served: Appling; Atkinson; Bacon; Baker; Baldwin; Ben Hill; Berrien; Bibb; Bleckley; Brantley; Brooks; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Calhoun; Camden; Candler; Charlton; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Clay; Clinch; Coffee; Colquitt; Columbia; Cook; Crawford; Crisp; Decatur; Dodge; Dooly; Dougherty; Early; Echols; Effingham; Emanuel; Evans; Glascock; Glynn; Grady; Greene; Hancock; Harris; Houston; Irwin; Jasper; Jeff Davis; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Jones; Lanier; Laurens; Lee; Liberty; Lincoln; Long; Lowndes; Macon; Marion; McDuffie; McIntosh; Miller; Mitchell; Montgomery; Morgan; Muscogee; Peach; Pierce; Pulaski; Putnam; Quitman; Randolph; Richmond; Schley; Screven; Seminole; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Taliaferro; Tattnall; Taylor; Telfair; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Toombs; Treutlen; Turner; Twiggs; Ware; Warren; Wayne; Webster; Wheeler; Wilcox; Wilkes; Wilkinson; Worth

Core services: Counseling Services

Project title: MADD Georgia Victim Services

Project description: MADD will provide free services to rural, south & middle Georgia crime victims who are bereaved and injured victims of crashes due to DUI- alcohol, drugs, RX drugs, poly use, and hit & run where DUI is suspected. MADD will provide direct crisis victim/survivor services, a 24/7 National Helpline, public awareness of our services; support groups; peer support networks; extensive literature; victim/survivor vigils and activities. We will take clients directly or through referrals at any time in their healing journey. Services include in-person and telephone crisis assistance, referrals, assistance with criminal & civil justice including victim compensation and the DUI memorial sign program.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); DUI Memorial Signs, Grief Support, Healing Support

Languages spoken: N/A

Mountain Circuit Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Address: 221 N. Broad Street Toccoa, GA 30577-2337

Federal award: 33457

Match amount: 8364

Counties served: Elbert; Franklin; Habersham; Hart; Madison; Oglethorpe; Rabun; Stephens

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Maintenance & Expansion of Child Abuse Advocacy

Project description: With VOCA-funding we intend to continue conducting our project activities and services, while striving to achieve our project goals. The VOCA-funded project activities we offer are those associated with ensuring we have adequate numbers of volunteers to be strong voices for the child victims we serve. These project activities are providing pre-service training to new prospective volunteers, facilitating on going in-service training opportunities for existing volunteers, and supporting our volunteers. Support of our volunteers includes having regular contact with them about the Follow-Ups and Telephone Contact Services they are making on their case(s), screening their reports to the court, appearing in court with the volunteers, and recognizing/appreciating our volunteers for all their time and hard work. Our VOCA-funded project goals are to serve 95% of the children in foster care in our service area and to score 80% or higher on each of our Outcome Performance Measures. Our Outcome Performance Measures assess the recovery of our child victims by gauging if the children's physical and emotional needs were met, if they achieved stability/resolution, if they are safe, and if our agency provided the highest service quality possible. The VOCA-funded services offered are Personal Advocacy, Follow-Up Contact and Telephone contacts. Personal Advocacy includes our CASA volunteers preparing a written report and appearing on behalf of the child at each juvenile court hearing, attending DFCS, school and other meetings on behalf of the child. Through Personal Advocacy our CASA volunteers ensure that the Court and other personnel are aware of what is in the child's best interests and that each child victim receives the services they need. Our Follow-Up Contacts are the face to face contacts that the CASA volunteers make to each child (monthly or more frequently), the parents from whom the child was removed, and other relatives and service providers. Our Telephone Contacts are the phone connections are CASA volunteers make with foster parents, parents, and DFCS case managers. These Follow-Up and Telephone Contacts enable the CASA volunteer to ascertain if the child's needs are being met and if the parents are remedying the situation which caused the child to

become a victim of abuse/neglect. Follow-Up and Telephone Contacts are also when the CASA volunteers provide referrals and suggestions for other resources to help the children.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

NOA'S ARK INC.

Address: PO BOX 685 DAHLONEGA, GA 30533-0012

Federal award: 72661

Match amount: 18166

Counties served: Dawson; Lumpkin

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: NOA'S ARK INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Project description: VOCA-funded project activities include both shelter-based and non-shelter community-based core services as follows: NOA will continue its commitment to the safety, stability and well-being of domestic violence victims and their children by providing shelter and a range of residential and non-residential support services. Victims will be linked to emergency shelter through NOA's 24-hour crisis intervention hotline. They and their children will be sheltered from physical and emotional violence and provided with basic necessities. NOA will enhance victim safety by providing crisis and ongoing personalized safety planning. Family violence exposure and lethality risk will be assessed during intakes and victims will be educated about the dynamics of domestic violence and steps they can take to enhance safety for themselves and their children. Shelter staff will provide legal, social and medical advocacy. Information and referrals to community services will also be provided as well as assistance with Victim's Compensation Applications. The emotional support needs of victims and their children will be met, beginning with development of a case management plan. Individual counseling by licensed, professional counselors will be provided and facilitated support groups for victims will be offered. NOA will offer early childhood assessments and weekly social/emotional groups for children. Even while victims are being helped during crisis, NOA will be preparing to help them move beyond crisis. NOA will help victims establish goals toward independence, such as securing job training, employment and housing. Shelter advocates will provide Life Skills sessions and continue to refer victims to community resources. The goal of the program is to provide residents with comprehensive case management services to facilitate a successful transition to independent living. A significant lack of living skills creates major obstacles to self-determination and the ability to establish or maintain a stable and secure home environment. The program focuses on providing personal skills and tools to improve competencies in basic life skill areas, such as household management, financial management and budgeting, employment skills and job search, tutoring, nutrition, food preparation and parenting skills and other issues that strengthen and preserve families. Housing, relocation, transportation and financial assistance are important components of this program. Staff meets with each resident for a need assessment to identify barriers to housing, current living conditions, employment and other barriers to independent living. This step is followed by a written plan outlining reasonable goals and objectives based on individual strengths and assets. Supportive services include transportation to assist clients' access to community and employment resources. Assistance is also available in obtaining documents needed for employment and housing. Emergency financial assistance is provided with rent and deposits needed for housing, relocation, transportation, and other emergency needs. Thrift store vouchers assist

residents with household and furniture assistance, clothing and accessories as they transition to permanent housing. NOA works with public housing, local landlords, and transitional housing projects in the state to assist victims in obtaining and maintaining housing. To ensure NOA has the capacity to deliver all the services it promises, in-service trainings will be held for all shelter advocates and volunteers who provide direct services to victims, and recruiting qualified volunteers will be ongoing. Program success will be tracked through follow up calls and home visits. NOA staff is required to follow up with clients to update the housing, employment and safety status ninety (90) days after their exit from the shelter. Follow up with clients is also documented at six (6) months and one (1) year after the client's the program. During this time, limited financial assistance is also available to support those victims who continue to be employed as well as engaged with NOA's supportive programs and services.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 1249 Blue Ridge, GA 30513-0022

Federal award: 34552

Match amount: 8638

Counties served: Gilmer; Pickens

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Gilmer Outreach Office

Project description: NGMCN requests continuation funding for the Gilmer Outreach office opened in 2013 to provide core services ,in a culturally sensitive workplace, with a bi-lingual staff member, for the underserved survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault that we have identified as: Hispanic, Elderly, and Men abused as Children. NGMCN will serve other community members in this service area who reach out as either primary or secondary victims as well. The project includes the costs of the office space and the staff to maintain core services.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English/Spanish

North Georgia Mountain Crisis Network, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 1249 Blue Ridge, GA 30513-0022

Federal award: 44554

Match amount: 11139

Counties served: Fannin; Gilmer; Pickens

Core services: Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Sexual Assault

Project description: NGMCN will use grant funds to pay for NGMCN staff to deliver the core services for primary and secondary sexual assault victims. Additionally, the funds will be used for counseling to promote healing and recovery.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

Northeast Georgia Council on Domestic Violence

Address: P.O. Box 814 Hartwell, GA 30643-0814

Federal award: 29801

Match amount: 7450

Counties served: Elbert; Franklin; Hart

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Child Advocate

Project description: Research indicates that the number one protective factor in helping children heal from the experience of domestic violence is the presence of a consistent, supportive, and loving adult that is usually the mother (if the non-offending adult). A successful program will:

- Help mother and child talk about their feelings about the abuse together
- Build a healthy, safe, and stable relationship together
- Provide opportunities for children to talk, be listened to, and feel supported, individually and with other children.
- Teach them what safety is and what they can do to stay safe, and help coordinate their safety plans with their mother.
- Help them develop skills for critical thinking, learn that violence and abuse are wrong, and to learn equitable, nonviolent ways to solve problems and get along with others.

(<http://promising.futureswithoutviolence.org/files/2013/06/Promising-Futures-Infographic-FINAL.jpg>). The activities that we provide are Child & Family Assessments, Parent/Child Enrichment Activities, Support/Educational groups for children and for teens, Structured Esteem Building Activities, and a summer camp for all children. All advocates are being trained to provide trauma informed services. In addition, the Child Advocate provides double coverage at the shelter after school until early evenings to provide support to the children, help mother and child work together on chores, such as dinner preparation and homework, and engage in recreational activities. These activities are often neglected in families with domestic violence, as this can be the most stressful time with the abuser.

Child/Family Assessment The Shelter Manager and Children's Advocate meet with victims (mothers and children) of domestic violence residing in our shelter to conduct a strength-based family assessment that fosters a discussion that enables the client and staff an opportunity to recognize specific areas to be addressed, develop clearly defined goals that are realistic and attainable with reasonable time-lines. The Child Advocate and Outreach Advocate assess non-residential children that seek services. Based on the empowerment model the role of the advocate is to provide support, encouragement, and the resources to the family to achieve their goals, not someone telling them what to do(http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/BestPracticesManual.pdf). Part of this process serves to determine their ability to cope, their perception of threats in the environment, and ability to "move" or likelihood of being immobilized. These meetings take place at the shelter and are conducted weekly for two hours at a time throughout the duration of their stay at the shelter. These meetings are conducted one family at a time. The Individual Services Plan(ISP) will identify the strengths of the family,

what changes are needed, what the family will do to make these changes, what services are needed, who will provide them, how much change is needed, and how progress will be assessed. The Child Advocate will work with the family to achieve these goals. Parent/Child Enrichment Activities The Children's Advocate, with other advocates and/or volunteers, meet with two to five families weekly who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic violence. These families can reside at the shelter or come in for services while living in a different safe environment. These activities are 60 - 90 minutes long and vary depending upon the activity schedule. These activities may take place at the shelter, the administrative office, a park, a theater, a restaurant or another secure location. These activities provide an environment where mothers and children will have the opportunity to explore healthier communication skills and form stronger bonds with each other. The activities also provide an open and non-threatening environment that fosters free expression of feelings and emotions without fear of retaliation or violence. The outcomes will be measured through staff observations and client (adult and child) feedback. Educational/Support Groups The Child Advocate oversees both groups - children with children, and facilitates the children's group. These groups are held off-site in a secure location weekly. They include both shelter and non-sheltered children/teens. Topics include the discussions on what is domestic violence and its effects on the family, bullying, safety (especially using social media), and other topics of their choice. Structure Esteem Building Activities The Child Advocate will meet with assigned children using age appropriate materials to facilitate discussions on topics that will foster self-acceptance, increase self-esteem, create a feeling of well-being encourage participants to interact with each other to overcome feelings of isolation and share coping strategies and experiences. Children and youth are provided the opportunity to participant in constructive age-appropriate group experiences under adult supervision that included activities opportunities for constructive social experiences and leisure time opportunities one time a week for up to 90 minutes. These groups can occur at the shelter, office or on community outings. Summer Camp The Child Advocate plans and provides for camp during summer vacation for the children each year. A week of activities takes place with some including the non-offending parent. Such activities include going to the YMCA for swimming, cookouts, a waterslide, trip to the movies in Anderson and field trips. Activities also include arts, crafts, and gardening. All activities are free for the children through funding from area benefactors. The goals of the program that are measure through a Program Survey are: 98% of mothers report having better understanding of domestic violence and its effects on her life and her children; 98% will report that they are aware of other sources of help available to them 96% will report that they are achieving the goals they set for themselves; 95% will report that they have a better understanding of how, the police, lawyers 99 will report that they know how to manage for their safety; 98% will report feeling believed and not alone

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Parent Training

Languages spoken: English

Northeast Georgia Council on DoPmestic Violence

Address: P.O Box 814 Hartwell, GA 30643-0814

Federal award: 32393

Match amount: 8099

Counties served: Elbert; Franklin; Hart

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Legal Advocacy

Project description: “Legal advocacy focuses on providing information and resources in order to empower the victim to navigate the legal system. The primary job of a legal advocate is to act as an interpreter between the participant and the legal system,” (http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/BestPracticesManual.pdf) and to make sure the victims feels believed and not alone. In addition, the advocate makes sure that victims’ rights are upheld, safety is addressed, and benefits are sought by assisting the victims with a safety plan and filing a compensation claim. This is an invaluable service that helps hold offenders accountable by providing these supports to victims. The Legal Advocate, funded by VOCA since 2003, has provided vital assistance to victims within the legal system. The Legal Advocate works with residential and non-residential clients by providing the agency’s core services and programs in addition to legal advocacy, the advocate provides court accompaniment, TPO preparation, assistance in filing victim’s compensation and victim’s impact statements, assists victims to contact probation or parole, assists in obtaining no contact or stay away orders and obtaining a warrant, assists in retaining legal representation for divorce, custody, and/or immigration and U -visas, and safety planning, and referrals. The advocate also coordinates with other staff to ensure comprehensive services to the victim, serves as a liaison between the victim and the legal system, and assists in working out an action plan that is acceptable to the client. In addition to our staffing our main office, the Advocates provides legal advocacy one day a week in the Lavonia Police Department in Franklin County and one at the Elberton Police Department in Elbert County. The main hours are 9 AM – 5 PM Monday through Fridays. The agency has a 24/7, 365 days a week Crisis Hotline. Our goal is for victims feel more knowledgeable so that this knowledge and confidence will encourage victims to follow through with their legal issues, to hold their offender accountable, and to recognize and stay away from abusive situations.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Northwest GA Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 5143 Rome, GA 30162-5143

Federal award: 60329

Match amount: 15083

Counties served: Floyd; Paulding

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Harbor House

Project description: Harbor House grant funded project activities/services include multi-disciplinary case review, crisis counseling, family advocacy support, Crimes Victims Rights information and filing assistance, referrals for services such as medical evaluation, counseling, support groups and any other needs. Centralizing these services in a warm, home-like environment reduces the anxiety and confusion that may result from evaluating and serving the child in multiple, sterile surroundings with fearful connotations (such as the hospital and police station).

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English only

Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 554 Dalton, GA 30722-0554

Federal award: 32494

Match amount: 8124

Counties served: Gordon

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Project description: The Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center is requesting a continuation of funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund two key project staff members, client advocates, Debbie Lane and Beth Peters. Both positions are full-time. Client advocate, Debbie Lane has over 16 years' experience in social service field, and victim advocacy and holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. All key project staff will maintain a least 40 hours per year of ongoing training. These positions are vital to the day to day operation of our center. The project will be managed by the agency's executive director, Katora Printup, who has a Master's degree in Public Administration and over 13 years' experience in human services. The executive director is supported by the outreach coordinator/client advocate, Beth Peters, who has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and over 13 years of experience working with victims of domestic violence. The agency's management team, which consists of the executive director, assistant director, outreach coordinator/client advocate, and the financial /operations coordinator, meets at least twice a month to evaluate the agency.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: We currently have three bi-lingual staff members employed with the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center. There is one bi-lingual advocate on staff at our Gordon County Outreach Office. Our staff also has access to the language line to assist with tran

Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 554 Dalton, GA 30722-0554

Federal award: 79174

Match amount: 19794

Counties served: Murray; Whitfield

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Project description: The Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center is requesting a continuation of funding from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to fund the following key project staff positions: a full-time legal advocate, part-time client advocate, part-time resident assistant, and part-time volunteer coordinator. Sue Jordan, legal advocate, has over 17 years of experience with our agency. She also has

a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Rosemary Geiger, client advocate, has almost 19 years of experience with working in the victim's services and mental health fields. Brenda Smith, resident assistant, has over 11 years of experience working with our agency. Mandy Hickman, volunteer coordinator, has over 8 years of experience in the social service field. These positions are vital to the day to day operation of our center. The project will be managed by the agency's Executive Director, Katora Printup, who has a Master's degree in Public Administration and over 13 years' experience in human services, and the Executive Director is supported by the Assistant Director, the Outreach Coordinator, and the Financial/Operations Coordinator. The management team, which consists of the above referenced positions, meets at least twice a month to evaluate the agency.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: Our agency has 3 staff members who are bi-lingual. In addition, our staff has 24 hour access to a language line to assist them with translation.

Ocmulgee Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1586 Milledgeville, GA 31059-1586

Federal award: 47343

Match amount: 11836

Counties served: Baldwin; Greene; Hancock; Jasper; Jones; Morgan; Putnam; Wilkinson

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Ocmulgee CASA

Project description: VOCA funds will be used to fund most expenses associated with one of our Volunteer Supervisors. Because there is court in every county and other meetings to attend, the Volunteer Supervisor attends court, panel reviews, Family Team Meetings, DFCS meetings, MDTs, and anything else required of the volunteer. There is almost always a Volunteer Supervisor with the CASA at every function. The Volunteer Supervisor stays in constant contact with the CASA so that they know everything happening on the case. They train and guide the CASAs to help with written reports. The Supervisor is always available to the CASA. At the closing of the case, they evaluate the survey results and suggest improvements. The job requirements of the Volunteer Supervisor are: A. Volunteer Training 1. Assist with volunteer recruitment 2. Screen and interview prospective volunteers 3. Schedule, coordinate and attend all training classes, assisting as moderator and/or presenter 4. Assist with customization of the training manual B. Case Management 1. Coordinate, document and channel all CASA requests until resolution 2. Match CASA case with appropriate volunteer in consultation with the Executive Director 3. Initiate orders for assignment of volunteer to case and prepare statement to judge 4. Consult with CASA volunteers about problems or concerns 5. Attend docket call when necessary 6. Initiate orders to rescind and prepare statement for judge C. Volunteer Supervision 1. Make a minimum of a monthly contact with each volunteer and receive a written monthly report from each volunteer 2. Provide assistance and consultation as needed and when requested 3. Schedule, coordinate and attend ongoing in-service programs 4. Keep necessary and appropriate volunteer records as directed by the Executive Director 5. Consult with appropriated DHS staff regarding client needs and volunteer assignments D. Program Activities 1. Attend all available conferences and workshops for the development of programs for volunteers 2. Assist in orientation of student staff 3.

Attend bi-monthly staff meetings 4. Assist in public education about volunteer program – i.e. GALs, DHS employees, speeches 5. Assist in volunteer appreciation events 6. Make program decisions during Executive Director's absence

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

OPEN ARMS, INC.

Address: 420 PINE AVENUE ALBANY, GA 31701-0000

Federal award: 75666

Match amount: 18917

Counties served: Dougherty; Lee; Mitchell; Sumter; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Worth

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: CHILD ABUSE

Project description: Open Arms, Inc. is a Child Advocacy Center with a mission to bring help, healing, and hope to child abuse victims and their families in the forms of prevention and intervention. Our services include shelter, personal and legal advocacy, crisis intervention, counseling referrals, assistance with completing Victims' Compensation applications, medical accompaniment, transportation, supervised visitation, court accompaniment, group sessions, and referrals to other social service agencies. Open Arms, Inc. was founded in 1991 and has served hundreds of victims through our 4 service programs. Our shelter operates 24 hours per day/7 days per week, with around-the-clock staff members. Non-residential services are provided to families that are at-risk of abuse and training is provided to parents and community partners concerning abuse prevention and coping with the effects of child abuse.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Peace Place, Inc.

Address: PO Box 948 Winder, GA 30680-0948

Federal award: 83131

Match amount: 20783

Counties served: Banks; Barrow; Jackson

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Peace Place

Project description: VOCA funds awarded through this grant would help to fund the salaries of the full and part time employees that perform their duties within the shelter offering direct service to our adult and child clients. The funding would also help to cover the insurance costs of those same employees.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C
Languages spoken: English

Pickens County Board of Commissioners

Address: 1266 East Church Street Jasper, GA 30143-1916

Federal award: 56454

Match amount: 14114

Counties served: Fannin; Gilmer; Pickens

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: CASA of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit

Project description: Appalachian CASA's work plan for Continuation VOCA Grant includes the following components: CASA Volunteer Advocacy and CASA Volunteer Supervision and Support: Each child found dependent in the Juvenile Court of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit is automatically appointed to Appalachian CASA, which in turn assigns an individual CASA who's unique skills can best meet the needs of the child they are appointed to represent.. Advocacy takes the form of a complete assessment of a child's case, including visits with the child, review of case records, interviews with all those involved with the child, discovery of available resources, attendance and participation in Court, Family Team Meetings, and Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings, written and verbal reports to the Court including recommendations for the child's best interest, and ongoing services until the child reaches permanency and the court case is closed. VOCA Grant Program funds approximately half of the abused children in the Appalachian Judicial Circuit.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy; non-emergency legal advocacy and support

Languages spoken: n/a

Piedmont CASA, Inc.

Address: 5000 Jackson Parkway, Suite 210 Jefferson, GA 30549-2991

Federal award: 28896

Match amount: 7224

Counties served: Banks; Barrow; Jackson

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Piedmont CASA

Project description: Piedmont CASA will serve 40 children per month, with up to 70 children served during the grant year. At the beginning of each case, the needs of the child will be assessed, and the appointed CASA Volunteer and CASA staff will develop an action plan. In collaboration with DFCS case managers, the appointed CASA Volunteer will monitor the timely referral of the child to appropriate service providers (e.g., for a psychological evaluation and appropriate treatment to ensure beginning of a healing process). CASA Volunteers will participate in the development of the court-ordered case plans, designed to cure the reasons the child entered foster care. Visits with the child, in addition to building a relationship, serve as a tool to assess the suitability and safety of the foster or relative placement, as

well as detecting emerging needs not previously encountered. CASA Volunteers and staff will communicate with parents, family members, foster parents, school teachers and counselors, service providers, DFCS staff, and all other people involved in the child's case, staying up to date on the child's needs, best interest, expressed wishes and progress in the case plans. CASA staff and Volunteers will attend all scheduled hearings and panel meetings on behalf of the child and will advocate for any needed judicial reviews. They will monitor the timeliness of the judicial process and alert the court to discrepancies that would undermine the child's right to a permanent and safe home. The comprehensive CASA report, reflecting case history, best interest recommendation, and expressed wishes of the child will be given to all parties ahead of any scheduled hearing and submitted to the court as evidence at the time of a hearing. CASA Volunteers and staff will monitor the victims' eligibility for victim's compensation. Staff will ensure that services are available to persons who have limited English proficiency. Volunteer Coordinator staff will assist CASA Volunteers in report preparation and through all aspects of each case until the case has ended in reunification with the family of origin or any other identified permanency goal which is in the best interest of the child.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: Spanish

Polk County Women's Shelter, Inc

Address: PO Box 1647 Cedartown, GA 30125-1647

Federal award: 31669

Match amount: 7918

Counties served: Polk

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: The Legal Advocate position funded by VOCA, provides services to include, crisis intervention, intake/admissions, safety planning, legal advocacy, needs assessments, Temporary Protective Order assistance, court accompaniment, individual support, social service advocacy, referrals to community resources, facilitate or provide transportation, and outreach services. The Legal Advocate also provides information and education on Crime Victims Compensation and assists with filing as needed. The Child Advocate position funded by VOCA provides services to include child intakes, safety planning, children's activities, needs assessments, parenting education and support, crisis intervention, individual support, and coordinates/provides transportation.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Info

Languages spoken: English

Prevent Child Abuse Gordon County

Address: P.O. Box 1312 Calhoun, GA 30703-7013

Federal award: 39170

Match amount: 9793

Counties served: Gordon

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Gordon County Child Advocacy Center

Project description: Advocacy services will be made available to all citizens regardless of the referral source. Any referral made with limited English proficiency will be provided with a translator when deemed appropriate. Once a referral is made, the Child Advocate will meet with the victim and non-offending caregiver to complete the intake process. The intake process will consist of screening for eligibility of victim's compensation and aiding the non-offending caregiver with the paperwork. The Child Advocate will also assess the victim and non-offending caregiver's need for services such as counseling, support groups or other services by providing information and referral. An educational packet will be given to each non-offending caregiver. A Victim Bill of Rights per O.C.G.A. 15-17-1 will be given to and reviewed with the non-offending caregiver. Age considerate educational information will be given to the victim. At the end of the intake, the Child Advocate will set up a follow-up appointment in 20 days. This follow-up contact will allow the Child Advocate to manage the victim's case with activities including: crisis counseling, referral to therapy or other services, safety planning, criminal justice advocacy, assistance tracking compensations, and personal advocacy. The Child Advocate will review the child's court case regularly and advocate for better services and to expedite case processing. A data system will be used to track each victim and non-offending caregiver. Depending on the outcome of the law enforcement or Department of Family and Children Services case, the Child Advocate will offer other services to the victim and non-offending caregiver. Some of these services might include: accompaniment to the medical exam or to court, coordination of volunteers to aid in childcare for non-offending caregiver to attend court, notification of court dates or trial disposition information, and helping them to understand the criminal justice system. The Child Advocate may help the non-offending caregiver to gain emergency food, housing or clothing through referrals to local social service agencies. All pending and ongoing cases will be staffed by the MDT. The MDT will guide the development of each case and allow everyone involved have input into the services the victim should receive. The MDT process also allows for case review and tracking among all interested parties to ensure victims do not get lost in the criminal justice system. Case closure will be determined by consensus of MDT or when the case has reached disposition in court.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

[Project ReNeWal Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Inc.](#)

Address: P. O. Box 1205 Conyers, GA 30012-1205

Federal award: 84468

Match amount: 21117

Counties served: Newton; Rockdale; Walton

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: Projects that we intend to fund with your grant include: (A) Transition Coordinator, Karen Coe: the duties of the Transition Coordinator include: helping individuals and families to transition into the facility and more importantly, transition out of the facility into private stable housing. This is done by meeting with new intakes to determine what their current and future needs will be so as to enable them to live stable, violence free lives. Included in this process initially may be clothing, personal care items and special dietary needs upon entering the facility. Later upon progressing in our program the transition coordinator will assist the client in determining what will be needed as far as goods and services upon leaving the facility. The coordinator will take this information and assist in coordinating with other community partners, food banks, employers, furniture banks, utility companies, housing providers as well as use the resources collected by Project ReNeWal to ensure that the basic needs of the family are provided and that the goal of safety and stability of the family when moving out of the shelter and in the first twelve months of living in their new homes is met. Items that are needed but not able to obtain immediately upon the client leaving will be kept on file by the transition coordinator and the client will be contacted regarding any items that might become available at a later date. One in seven individuals/families return to their abusers due to instability. This transition coordinator helps to guarantee that the family will remain violence free, confident and secure in their homes and decision making. In 2013, 1273 individuals were assisted with transition services by Project ReNeWal staff. (B). Children's Advocate, Laquishia Thomas: the duties of the Children's Advocate are among the most important in the facility. They include: greeting the children who come into the facility with a parent within twenty-four hours of their arrival with a smile and a gift bag and gives them a tour of the children's center. Later the children's advocate will meet individually with the children on a weekly basis, providing the necessary personal care items, school supplies, clothing, and a listening ear to enable them to feel safe and confident. She ensures that counseling is provided and that each child understands that they are special and it is not their fault that they are living in a shelter facility. She works with each child and assesses their needs through an age appropriate coloring exercise that Project ReNeWal developed with the help of a counselor and family violence expert. She develops a safety plan with each child. Ms. Laquishia provides various activities and has a network of community volunteers that provide activities as well, that will encourage and build confidence in the children in our program. In 2013 75 children entered our shelter program. All of them participated in our children's advocacy program. Another 333 children were provided outreach services. Many of the shelter children did not want to leave when the time came. In addition to the shelter client services and outreach client services, the children's advocate also provides age appropriate presentations and programs to day care centers, children's civic groups, schools and faith based children's organizations. In 2013 2313 children were provided information regarding family violence and safety planning. (C) Crisis line advocate, Rebecca Ogles: The crisis line voice is the first voice a victim hears when he/she is making the decision to begin a new life. The importance of the sound of that voice is crucial to the client and vital in assisting them in making the right decision. The crisis line advocate has many hours of training in order to ensure that they are welcoming, encouraging and understanding. The duties of the Crisis Line Advocate include: answering the crisis line; listening without judging; providing a safety plan; ensuring the safety of clients through their journey including entering the facility; provides or arranges transportation and police escort to the facility; answers questions regarding Project ReNeWal's program, counseling, and parenting classes; provides general information about family violence and the mission of Project ReNeWal and provides a welcoming face to those who enter the shelter program. The crisis line advocate also ensures that individuals and families receive their immediate needs by working with the

transition coordinator immediately upon the client entering the program. She provides information to families who have children who are victims of domestic violence and educates them on how they can help their family member without judging them. She provides clients with information regarding victim's compensation and directs them to the case manager for assistance in completing the applications. She also provides information regarding SIDS to all clients entering the facility with infants. In 2013 the crisis line advocate assisted 1496 individuals through crisis line intervention.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English and some Spanish is spoken by staff that are funded by VOCA. However, because we use students from a local college as volunteers for this project we are able to obtain assistance with translating many languages as needed.

Project Safe Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 7532 Athens, GA 30604-7532

Federal award: 52307

Match amount: 13077

Counties served: Clarke; Madison; Oconee; Oglethorpe

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Adult and Child Shelter Services

Project description: The Lead Shelter Advocate and Shelter Children's Advocate work collaboratively to ensure that adult and child residents of PSI's emergency shelter achieve the goals they set for themselves as well as find hope and healing during a difficult, and sometimes dangerous, time in their lives. Since there are several homeless shelters in the Athens area, clients requesting emergency shelter are prioritized based on their need for security, confidential location and support as well as a place to stay. PSI's emergency shelter consists of a small apartment building, where each resident has a key card to come and go at will. We also adhere to Rights and Responsibilities rather than mandated services and rules because PSI does not believe in substituting benevolent control for abusive control. Shelter screening occurs through either a hotline call or proactive contact with a survivor through a police report follow-up (available in Athens-Clarke and Madison counties). Next, we develop an individualized response with the client to coordinate the logistics of getting to the shelter (or getting to Athens if the client is calling from out of town). Once in shelter, the VOCA-funded Lead Shelter Advocate and Shelter Children's Advocate plus their student interns from the University of Georgia, provide the following services: 1. Case management/service planning: Our advocates work closely with each resident to set personalized goals and develop a case plan to facilitate recovery. During case management, the client and staff member determine what specific needs are, and the staff member assists the client in obtaining any external services. 2. Safety planning: From the initial contact with a client, safety is an absolute priority. Clients work with advocates to design a safety plan specific for their situation, which is reviewed and revised during any major life change (i.e.-getting a job or home). 3. Children's activities: PSI prides itself on the wide array of structured children's activities both for sheltered and non-sheltered clients. Staff and intern led activities include cooking with kids, tutoring, crafts, and occasional field trips around Athens. There is also a storyteller who visits with the children once a week. 4. Individual counseling: The Lead Shelter Advocate and Shelter Children's Advocate have several resources to draw

upon when clients desire individual therapy for themselves or their children: a) limited appointments on site are available through one of PSI's licensed counselors; b) appointments on site are available through one of PSI's counseling interns (supervised by an LPC); c) sliding scale fee counseling is available off site at one of several of our partner organizations in Athens. 5. Group counseling: Our comprehensive assortment of almost a dozen different types of group counseling ensures that every client—adult and child—has a group unique for him or her. One of our children's groups, Superheroes, was featured in the October 2012 issue of the Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal in the article, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Intervention for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence: a Preliminary Program Evaluation" (October 2012, Volume 29, Issue 5, pp 357-372. Lee, Kolomer, and Thomsen). 6. Legal advocacy: PSI advocates are sworn in by the courts to provide TPO assistance to our clients. We also partner closely with the Family Violence Clinic at the University of Georgia (UGA) to provide legal advocacy for our clients, in addition to providing a full-time legal advocate for those clients not served by UGA's program (i.e.-those who live outside the boundary covered by their services). Our advocate takes a proactive approach, pulling TPOs from the clerk of court's office and making contact with any unknown petitioner. 7. Social Services Advocacy: Advocates work to aid their clients with any medical or social service needs, helping them obtain SSI/disability, fee reductions for medical services, etc. We also work closely with DFCS especially in outlying counties to reunify kids placed in foster care. All PSI staff are empowered to financially aid our clients through a monthly budget while considering these criteria: if assistance will meet safety needs, if assistance will alter client circumstances, if client can maintain situation after assistance, prior assistance, and client's efforts to obtain other resources. 8. Transportation: Both shelter residents and outreach clients have access to tokens and smart passes to the Athens City Bus system as needed. PSI also has a billing arrangement with a local cab company for cab fares and gas cards to help clients accomplish their goals. 9. Parenting support/education: The Shelter Children's Advocate utilizes the internationally recognized and evidence-based Nurturing Parenting program. Using NPP materials, she meets individually or in groups with sheltered parents. A parents support group is also conducted in conjunction with our Superheroes and Mantra kid and teen groups. 10. Follow-up: In the past, PSI employed a staff member dedicated to follow up services. After 6 years, we found that extensive service fostered a sense of dependence rather than empowerment our clients. Now we help clients attain self-sufficiency by providing quality services for longer periods of time if needed (we do not have a fixed time limit for shelter stay), and then giving our contact information at the time of service completion instructing clients to return or contact us as needed for services through the Family Protection Center. 11. Victims Compensation: The Lead Shelter Advocate helps qualifying clients complete the paperwork for the crime victims' compensation program, as well as helping secure any other forms of economic justice that may be available to the survivor. 12. Crisis Calls: In addition to face to face work with residents of the emergency shelter, both the Lead Shelter Advocate and the Shelter Child Advocate help with answering the hotline. The 24-hour PSI hotline is a free service available to anyone with the hotline phone number. The number is advertised widely throughout our service area. Our staff and interns receive over 40 hours of classroom training, plus role plays and shadow shifts prior to ever answering the hotline. They are empowered to assist callers with whatever services may be necessary, from overnight motel stays to cab/bus travel to pet shelter. Our approach is based on an individualized response. We take a broad view of domestic violence and define "family" however callers define it to validate their situations and better serve them.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Adv

Languages spoken: English

Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

Address: 104 Marietta Street NW Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30303-2743

Federal award: 3673813

Match amount: 918453

Counties served: Appling; Atkinson; Bacon; Baker; Baldwin; Banks; Barrow; Bartow; Ben Hill; Berrien; Bibb; Bleckley; Brantley; Brooks; Bryan; Bulloch; Burke; Butts; Calhoun; Camden; Candler; Carroll; Catoosa; Charlton; Chatham; Chattahoochee; Chattooga; Cherokee; Clarke; Clay; Clayton; Clinch; Cobb; Coffee; Colquitt; Columbia; Cook; Coweta; Crawford; Crisp; Dade; Dawson; Decatur; DeKalb; Dodge; Dooly; Dougherty; Douglas; Early; Echols; Effingham; Elbert; Emanuel; Evans; Fannin; Fayette; Floyd; Forsyth; Franklin; Fulton; Gilmer; Glascock; Glynn; Gordon; Grady; Greene; Gwinnett; Habersham; Hall; Hancock; Haralson; Harris; Hart; Heard; Henry; Houston; Irwin; Jackson; Jasper; Jeff Davis; Jefferson; Jenkins; Johnson; Jones; Lamar; Lanier; Laurens; Lee; Liberty; Lincoln; Long; Lowndes; Lumpkin; Macon; Madison; Marion; McDuffie; McIntosh; Meriwether; Miller; Mitchell; Monroe; Montgomery; Morgan; Murray; Muscogee; Newton; Oconee; Oglethorpe; Paulding; Peach; Pickens; Pierce; Pike; Polk; Pulaski; Putnam; Quitman; Rabun; Randolph; Richmond; Rockdale; Schley; Screven; Seminole; Spalding; Stephens; Stewart; Sumter; Talbot; Taliaferro; Tattnall; Taylor; Telfair; Terrell; Thomas; Tift; Toombs; Towns; Treutlen; Troup; Turner; Twiggs; Union; Upson; Walker; Walton; Ware; Warren; Washington; Wayne; Webster; Wheeler; White; Whitfield; Wilcox; Wilkes; Wilkinson; Worth

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Statewide VWAP VOCA Distribution Program

Project description: The continuation of this award will allow PACGA to maintain a Grant Specialist on staff. This staff member is crucial because of the oversight and governance of service delivery and reporting of all participating prosecution-based VWAP units they provide. The specialist will continue to report as required to CJCC regarding the Victim Services Statistical Report (VSSR), the program's output/outcome measures, and the program's financial expenditures. The Grant Specialist will also continue to: 1) develop and upgrade PACGA's automated reporting system and statewide crime victim database using the Tracker Case Management System; and 2) work directly with PACGA's Victim Services Committee to formulate future allocation of VOCA funds in order to ensure expansion of VOCA-funded advocacy into un-served and underserved regions. Within each judicial circuit or county, VOCA-funded prosecution-based VWAP units will continue to be directly managed by the directors and program staff chosen by the elected prosecutor prior to the program's initiation. Because each judicial circuit and county in Georgia is unique the services provided by each prosecution-based VWAP agency within the program will continue to vary. However, the services provided by VOCA-funded VWAP units will continue to incorporate those mandated by the Victims' Bill of Rights, and will include (without limitation) the following activities: Stabilizing Lives: 1. Coordinate crime scene clean-up services. 2. Provide information and assistance with the return of stolen/damaged property. 3. Provide referrals to and coordinate services with agencies that provide food, shelter, support groups, medical care, and crisis/emergency intervention and long-term therapy/counseling. 4. Provide assistance with

information, application, and document collection for Crime Victim Compensation, ensuring that all victims understand their rights to receive compensation, all applicable eligibility requirements, and all application procedures. 5. Provide assistance with information, application, and document collection for restitution in order to ensure that restitution is made a part of every applicable criminal sentence. 6. Provide assistance with other applications (TANF, Immigration, leases, etc.) and/or other paperwork relating to acquiring services as a direct result of the crime. 7. May assist victims requesting assistance in working with bill collectors/creditors, where expenses directly resulted from the crime or loss of wages due to the crime. 8. May assist victims with employers and/or school administrators when victims lose wages, employment, or time as a direct result of the crime or cooperation with the prosecution.

Meeting Emotional/Physical Needs: 9. Ensure advocates' availability to victims and law enforcement around the clock, ensuring provision of both information about victim options immediately following the crime and first-response emotional support & crisis intervention (homicide, aggravated assault and domestic/family violence cases, and crisis response). 10. Assist with death and serious injury notifications for families of victims. 11. Provide assistance with preparation of Victim Impact Statements and presentation of the Statements in court. 12. Provide assistance with letters, victim impact statements, registration for Georgia Victim Impact Panel, facilitation of/accompaniment to Visitor's Day, clemency hearings and executions, etc. 13. Provide follow-up services to victims at hospital facilities, coroner's offices, and/or funeral homes. 14. Provide personnel availability during interviews to help victims feel more comfortable. 15. Provide emotional support to victims and their families throughout the judicial process. 16. Provide practical assistance to ensure necessary court appearances of victims (e.g., services for disabled victims and translators). 17. Provide appropriate post-sentence referrals and intervention if needed. 18. Provide services and literature in Spanish and other languages.

Meeting Safety & Security Needs: 19. Assist victims with safety planning. 20. Coordinate communication with necessary professionals with on-going activities of the defendant that is putting the victim in fear and/or physical jeopardy. 21. Prompt necessary actions to expedite a stage of the case for victim protection (i.e., alert prosecutors if a case is dismissed in Magistrate Court to initiate the indictment/bond process for victim protection; initiate the process for probation revocation if defendant is violates the sentence terms and jeopardizes victim safety, etc.). 22. Provide information and advocacy regarding Temporary Protective Orders. 23. Assist victims with notification requests to the county jail/Department of Corrections and Parole regarding the defendant's release from incarceration. 24. Provide a comfortable waiting area apart from defendant's family and acquaintances. Assisting with the Criminal Justice System: 25. Assist the victim and family members with understanding the criminal justice system and what to expect at each stage of the process. 26. Assist the victim and family members with understanding all legal terminology and strategy during processing of the case. 27. Advocate for restitution at time of sentencing (this can become part of the sentence and if payment is not rendered, it is a probation violation). 28. Coordinate victim needs for transportation and travel that may include; air, train, bus, auto, accommodations, and meals. 29. Assist victims with warrant application processes and attend pre-warrant court hearings. 30. Serve as liaison between victims, investigators, prosecutors and court personnel. 31. Provide assistance to investigators and prosecutors for initial and ongoing contact with victims (e.g., interviews and scheduling of interviews). 32. Ensuring that contact information and the physical location of the victim is maintained and accurate for continuation of services. 33. Provide courtroom orientation and pre-trial preparation to testifying victims. 34. Escort victims to court and related hearings. 35. Provide ongoing communication and information regarding status of the case, bond hearings, grand jury decisions, disposition options, appellate decisions, etc. 36.

Attend hearings with victims or on behalf of victims when their presence is not required. 37. Assist victims with making contact with the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Department of Corrections to request notification regarding a defendant's entry into the prison system and offering avenues for opinions on early parole release. Education/Collaboration: 38. Serving on community activist committees, boards of directors, and task forces; acting as liaison for prosecutor's offices and judicial system (i.e., shelters, rape-crisis centers, etc.). 39. Represent the office on various victims service bodies including; child fatality review, domestic violence fatality review, elder abuse task force, domestic violence task force, various multi-disciplinary teams, etc. 40. May serve on Victim Impact Panel as member or coordinator, holding monthly meetings, recruiting, training and maintaining victim panel members and speakers. 41. Provide trainings to community, law enforcement, educational facilities and other professionals on victim assistance and victim related issues including, but not limited to family violence, identity theft, sexual assault, child abuse, teen dating violence, elder abuse, the criminal and civil justice process, stalking, and crime prevention. 42. Provide ongoing information and literature to educate victims about the Victim Assistance Program, crime, and other relevant issues through pamphlets, handouts, presentations, referrals, internet, etc. Prosecutorial Assistance: 43. As needed, assist investigators and prosecutors with obtaining reports from DFACS, child advocacy and assessment centers, and other agencies. 44. As needed, assist investigators and prosecutors with completing referral forms and setting up forensic interview at child advocacy and assessment centers. 45. Upon request from investigators, prosecutors, or child advocacy and assessment center personnel, will attend forensic interviews and multidisciplinary team meetings (MDT). 46. As needed, assist investigators and prosecutors with documentation in domestic and family violence cases (pictures of victim's injuries, statements, etc.).

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy;

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Bulgarian, Russian, Macedonian, and Serbian are the languages spoken by funded staff; however, a few offices utilize volunteers that speak many other languages as well (Italian, Japanese, German, and Vietnamese)

Rainbow House Children's Resource Center

Address: P.O. Box 1239 Warner Robins, GA 31099-1239

Federal award: 63138

Match amount: 15785

Counties served: Houston

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse- Child Advocacy Center

Project description: The Rainbow House Child Advocacy Center (CAC) works with the Houston County Multidisciplinary Team and other victims' servicing agencies to offer personal support services to child victims and their non-offending caregivers at onset of referral to the CAC from Law Enforcement and/or Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS). The following activities describe the services offered at Rainbow House CAC to the child victims and their non-offending caregivers: o a neutral, child friendly atmosphere where alleged child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers can come to enhance the disclosure process and begin the healing experience; o welcome and orient children to the

Rainbow House Child Advocacy Center; o forensic interview of the alleged child abuse victim facilitated by a specially trained, neutral, forensic interviewer and video recorded to further reduce the traumatization; o immediate advocacy services to include crisis counseling, explanation of crime victims' rights and explanation of the investigatory and judiciary processes; o schedule, coordinate and attend (representing the child) the Houston County Multidisciplinary Team case review; o crisis intervention and support at all stages of the investigation and prosecution of the case; o education on re-victimization prevention strategies; o encourage mental health treatment for the child and the non-offending caregivers; o accompaniment to forensic medical examination at Crescent House (Child Advocacy Center in Bibb County) to ensure continuity of advocacy representation; o follow up contacts with the non-offending caregivers offering emotional support, education, therapeutic and community referrals; o accompaniment to court hearings and meetings with the District Attorney's office; o update family on case status, continuances, dispositions, sentencing and offender release from custody; o support and follow up care extended throughout the judicial process and as long as the client needs after resolution of the case; and o assist in procuring concrete services (food, clothing, crime victim compensation, public assistance, children's special needs, utility funding, housing , protective orders, domestic violence intervention). Additionally, Rainbow House advocates work closely with the Houston County's District Attorney's Victim Advocate Unit to ensure that all child victims in Houston County have a voice and received advocacy services and representation. Furthermore, Rainbow House Children's Resource Center contracts with a private therapist to offer on-site, after-school, trauma focused, individual counseling services for the victim and their non-offending caregiver; as well as a teens girls support group and a non-offending caregiver's group as interest arises. The Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) therapy is provided free of charge to the clients and is paid for by this Victims of Crime Act grant. Rainbow House Victim Advocates refer clients who have no insurance or other means of payment to either the Rainbow House therapist or to the Family Counseling Center who accepts reimbursement from Georgia Victims of Crime Act Grant for payment of services provided to qualified victims. The following outcomes from the CJCC survey reflect the goals and project activities of Rainbow House Child Advocacy Center. o I am now more aware of other sources of help for my child in my community o I now have a better understanding of child abuse and its effects of child abuse on victims and their families. o My child understands that the changes in the family following the abuse are not his/her fault. o My child is better able to cope with his/her situation. o I now have a better understanding of how the police, lawyers and courts work. o I now have a better understanding of the rights of child abuse victims o I now know ways to manage my child's safety. o I am satisfied with the services my child received. o I am satisfied with the level of respect, dignity and fairness my child received from Rainbow House staff and MDT members. The target outcome measures are that ninety percent of the caregivers completing the survey will report satisfaction levels of agreement or strong agreement.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Informa

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

Rainbow House, Inc.

Address: 879 Battle Creek Road Jonesboro, GA 30236-1919

Federal award: 62533

Match amount: 15634

Counties served: Clayton

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child and Family Therapy (CAFT)

Project description: VOCA will continue to provide funding for the Child, Adolescent, and Family Therapy (CAFT) Program. Victims, secondary victims, and their non-offending caregivers will receive all or some of the following services at no charge: specialized therapeutic services, individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, crisis management, referrals and explanations of victims compensation program, expert testimony in court proceedings, and ongoing support throughout court proceedings. Therapeutic services will be provided by Masters level interns.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); assistance with

Languages spoken: English

Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire

Address: P.O. Box 8492 Savannah, GA 31412-8492

Federal award: 63120

Match amount: 15780

Counties served: Bryan; Chatham; Effingham; Liberty

Core services: Counseling Services; Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Sexual Assault-Advocacy

Project description: VOCA funds will be used to support staff advocacy positions; to include the Advocate/Counselor position and the Advocate position. The Advocate/Counselor is responsible for the coordination of all efforts to support victims of rape, and assure the provision of core services. In addition, the Advocate is responsible for scheduling and organizing volunteers for victim response.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims;

Languages spoken: English

Rape Response, Inc.

Address: PO Box 2883 Gainesville, GA 30503-2883

Federal award: 63106

Match amount: 15777

Counties served: Dawson; Forsyth; Habersham; Hall; Lumpkin; White

Core services: Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Sexual Assault

Project description: VOCA funds will be utilized to provide direct victim services and ensure core sexual assault services for all clients and counties served by RR. Core services are maintained and provided by a victim service team of staff advocates: Anjana Freeman, Shannon Hughs and Erica Autry, and

advocate/volunteer coordinator, Gale Adams. Executive director, Jeanne Buffington, provides direct victim services as well. Additionally, staff recruit, train, coordinate and supervise an average of 34 volunteers who assist staff with direct victim services during nights and weekends by answering the 24/7 crisis line and responding to the hospital when victims present for forensic exams between 6:00pm and 7:00am Monday - Friday and 6:00pm Friday - 7:00am Monday. All services are available for persons with limited English proficiency utilizing bilingual volunteers or the use of interpreters through a paid Language Line and for the hearing impaired through a TTY machine. Staff and volunteers adhere to the training guidelines set forth by CJCC. Staff is cross trained to ensure continuity in service delivery and advocate availability to clients. Regularly scheduled staff meetings keep all advocates and the executive director current regarding the status and needs of victims ensuring their needs can be met by all in the office. Core services include but are not limited to the following: 24/7 crisis hotline; referrals to and assistance with obtaining social or legal services; notifying and assisting the victim about their eligibility for victim's compensation; accompaniment to medical forensic exams; and with client consent or at their request, accompaniment to law enforcement interviews and court hearings; referrals to licensed therapists, as well as collaborative professionals and agencies as requested or necessary; community education and awareness including outreach about available services to victims and criminal justice professionals; participation on Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs). Additionally, RR has a very unique and effective partnership with local County Health Departments called "Aftercare." All victims needing follow-up "Aftercare" (medical exams & STD testing) are referred by RR to the Health Department. Aftercare exams are free and confidential. If victims have their initial exam at the hospital then RR pays for one Aftercare exam, otherwise two exams may be paid for to ensure victims' physical health is adequately checked. The Health Department bills RR directly for services provided to victims. Core services are provided in the following ways: Initial advocacy and crisis intervention typically begin with a call to the 24/7 crisis hotline, although clients and professionals may walk in during regular business hours (M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm) seeking services. Staff answers the crisis hotline M-F from 7:00am – 6:00pm. Evening and weekend crisis hotline calls are answered by trained volunteers with staff providing backup. Due to the website and 1-800-721-1999 crisis hotline number, RR receives calls for assistance from victims outside of the service area. RR staff and volunteers ensure each caller receives information to help connect them with agencies and resources in their communities regardless of their location. Requests for information and services may be initiated by victims, secondaries, hospital, law enforcement personnel or other professionals. Requests may be over the phone or in person. Following the initial contact, staff works to ensure the individual needs of each victim are met. Community education, prevention and awareness about the impact of sexual assault, including outreach about available services to victims, law enforcement, medical and criminal justice professionals is provided on an ongoing basis. Prevention education and Safe and Healthy Relationship programs are provided to middle schools, high schools and universities.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Inform

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

[Rockdale County CASA, Inc.](#)

Address: P. O. Box 484 Conyers, GA 30012-5405

Federal award: 38210

Match amount: 9553

Counties served: Rockdale

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: Rockdale CASA will use VOCA grant funding to provide a salary for a full time Advocate trainer and supervisor and well a part of the rent of our advocacy office and training facility. The activities of Rockdale CASA in support of victims of child abuse include: 1. Conduct new volunteer training and continuing education events. CASA will hold two training classes for new volunteers each year. A minimum of six continuing education events will be conducted each year including a Georgia CASA conference each spring. The training events will be conducted at the CASA office in Conyers. The Executive Director, Lynn Wetzel, oversees all aspects of the activities of the program, including training. New volunteers must complete 40 total training hours which consist of 30 classroom hours and 10 hours of courtroom observation. CASAs are required to complete 12 hours of continuing education each year. 2. The Advocate Coordinator, Lena Flowers, will oversee the activities of the CASAs. Management takes place at the CASA office and in juvenile court. The Coordinator attends all hearings and reviews all reports, meeting with the CASAs prior to the hearings to edit and offer advice for the recommendations. All CASAs report to the Coordinator who is supervised by the Executive Director. The Executive Director is ultimately responsible for all CASA activities and manages grant services. The Coordinator monitors the activities of the CASAs on an ongoing basis, staying abreast of the case developments, and offering advice and direction to the volunteers. 3. The CASAs conduct independent investigations of the assigned cases. The CASA attends all meetings with DFCS, schools, or other parties involved with the child's case, reviews all court orders and other documents, and maintains regular contact with the child. The program assists victims with Victim's Assistance when required, but all children under this grant are in state custody, therefore most do not qualify. 4. CASAs attend hearings for the cases they represent and submit a written report to the judge regarding the child's best interests. Prior to the hearing, the CASA composes a report to the judge with recommendations for the child victim's best interests based on the information gained in the investigation. The report will recommend specific actions and give reasons for the actions. The CASA meets with the Coordinator to discuss the report and make any edits required. The Coordinator will be familiar with the case, having attended some of the staffings with DFCS and service provider meetings with the CASA or in place of the CASA. The Coordinator can offer constructive input for the recommendation as required. Outputs for the Activities: • New volunteers recruited to maintain an adequate volunteer pool to assure 100% representation of the cases. • Two new volunteer training events per year and a minimum of six continuing education events each year for staff and volunteers. • CASA activity logs from volunteers records hours, mileage, and list of activities including contact with the child. • Written recommendations to the court for the victim's best interests as the CASAs attend court hearings.

Services provided: Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

[S.H.A.R.E House, Inc.](#)

Address: P. O. Box 723 Douglasville, GA 30133-0723

Federal award: 103709

Match amount: 25928

Counties served: Douglas; Paulding

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: S.H.A.R.E House will utilize the VOCA funding to support the emergency shelter staff who provides the management of the shelter and the 24/7 coverage. The emergency shelter provides a safe Haven for women and children who are fleeing Domestic Violence. Upon admission into the shelter, the shelter advocate completes an initial intake that includes demographic information, a summary of the Domestic Violence, and other required documents. The shelter and crisis line is available 24/7, 365 days a year, in multiple languages and is answered by professionally trained staff capable of managing crisis situations. The shelter advocates are also responsible for responding to the crisis line that includes the development of a safety plan, coordinating safe housing, and providing appropriate intervention services. The shelter coordinator is responsible for managing the day to day operations of the shelter to include safety, shift coverage, maintenance, scheduling of staff, and approval of admissions into the shelter, leads peer support groups, and the development of resources needed for the emergency shelter. The shelter manager assists the coordinator in providing back up supports, developing the monthly shift schedules for the advocates, to fill in emergencies, to help identify the needs of the victims. The shelter manager also responds to the crisis calls, assists in coordinating safe housing for victims, complete intakes, develops safety plans and distributes supplies to victims. The shelter manager also provides emotional supports to victims and assists with intervention as appropriate.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referr

Languages spoken: All of the VOCA funded staff main language is English. A Language line is available to staff 24/7.

Safe Harbor Children's Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1313 Brunswick, GA 31521-1313

Federal award: 119263

Match amount: 29816

Counties served: Appling; Camden; Glynn; Jeff Davis; Wayne

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: Project activities funded by VOCA include: (1) to provide a coordinated, multidisciplinary and humane approach to child physical and sexual abuse (2) to provide a centralized, home-like facility that minimizes trauma and anxiety for the child victim and non-offending family members, (3) to maximize investigation, (4) to provide therapy for the child, and (5) to provide counseling for the families. Funding will pay for a portion of the Program Manager salary, a portion of the Advocate/Intake Coordinator salary, 100% of two Residential Treatment Worker salaries and a portion of the counseling expenses. The Advocate is available to respond to the needs of the child and/or family with a range of services that along with the required Child Advocacy Center Core Services may include: basic shelter services, crisis intervention, therapeutic services, victim advocacy, parenting

support and education, information and referral, education support, family reunification services, and medical interventions. The array of activities 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 Advocate develops a case plan with the family, accompanies the family to court, acts as the family's advocate through the legal process and with the Multidisciplinary Team. In this important role, the Family Advocate guides the victim and family through the process into recovery, coordinates the victim's compensation paperwork process and ensures that case plan is progressing. Eight professional and licensed counselors are on staff to provide for crisis intervention, individual and group therapy, mentoring, psychosocial assessments, and master treatment planning. Two counselors have more than 20 years' experience in sexual abuse and assault counseling. If the child is admitted as a resident of Safe Harbor, immediately after the intake assessment, youth are assigned to a Residential Treatment Worker. The RTW provides for the child's physical and psychological safety. Safe Harbor provides structure that is developmentally appropriate, with clear expectations, increasing opportunities to make decisions and to take on leadership roles.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English/Spanish

Safe Haven Transitional Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 501 Conley, GA 30288-0501

Federal award: 50929

Match amount: 12733

Counties served: Bibb; Butts; Cherokee; Clarke; Clayton; Cobb; Coweta; DeKalb; Douglas; Fayette; Forsyth; Fulton; Gwinnett; Hall; Henry; Lamar; Lumpkin; Rockdale; Spalding

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Victim to Victor

Project description: The Safe Haven Transitional "Victim to Victor Program" will strengthen services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims regardless of race, disability, sexual orientation, age, gender expression, religion, or creed. We are requesting funds for; one Part Time Transitional Advocate, one Full Time Victims Advocate, and one Part-Time Case manager/License Counselor. So that we can continue providing longer term housing and a range of proficient supportive services; that will equip women and children with the necessary tools to re-enter society as healthy, educated, and interdependent persons. Our focus is to break the intergenerational cycle of abuse, through preventing further victimization in the lives of women and children, and raising awareness within the community.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English

SafeHomes of Augusta

Address: PO Box 3187 Augusta, GA 30914-3187

Federal award: 113977

Match amount: 28494.96

Counties served: Burke; Columbia; Glascock; Jefferson; Lincoln; McDuffie; Richmond; Taliaferro; Warren; Wilkes

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Victim Services Program

Project description: The Victim Service Project is a project that enables SafeHomes to fulfil its mission of transforming victims of domestic violence into survivor through awareness, education and advocacy. The monies received for this project provides salaries for our outreach and shelter advocates as well as a contracted therapist. The Victim Service Project enables SafeHomes to offer the following services: 24 hour crisis hotline, safe and confidential shelter, case management/service planning, crisis counseling, safety planning, support groups, social service and personal advocacy, transportation, parenting support/education, follow up and assistance with applying for victims compensation. It is SafeHomes' goal to offer programs that give the clients understanding of their own personal safety planning, an understanding of the criminal justice system through legal advocacy, and available community resources to ensure stabilization and self-sufficiency. Through the Victim Service Project, It is SafeHomes' goal to maximize victim's access to domestic violence services by enhancing collaborative partnerships among SafeHomes and other victim's service agencies as well as ensure coordinated community response that is effective by partnering with the District Atty., judges, sheriff's offices and victims service agencies in three Judicial Circuits defining roles and responsibilities to help end the cycle of violence.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: Currently SafeHomes utilizes a 24 hour translation service. However, SafeHomes is currently in the process of hiring a bi-lingual advocate. Interviews start first part of June.

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Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: Currently, SafeHomes utilizes a 24 hour translation service. However, SafeHomes is currently in the process of hiring a bi-lingual advocate. Interviews start first part of June.

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

Address: 736 Whitlock Avenue, Suite 600 Marietta, GA 30064-0001

Federal award: 148098

Match amount: 37025

Counties served: Cobb

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: SafePath's provides a safe, child-friendly, centralized location for the following services, provided by VOCA funding. VOCA funds the salaries of the intervention and clinical staff who provides these services. • Crisis intervention, assessment and crisis counseling services • Mental health evaluations and therapy services • Medical referrals • Information and referrals for social services and community resources • Education in the criminal justice system and victim's rights; court assistance services • Notification of and assistance with Crime Victim's Compensation claims • Assist victims in securing their rights, services and financial assistance • Communication with victims offering support, checking progress and follow through All services are provided free of charge. Non-emergency services are available during normal working hours and emergency services are available after hours.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: Spanish French English

Savannah Area Family Emergency Shelter, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 61119 Savannah, GA 31420-1119

Federal award: 84507

Match amount: 21277

Counties served: Chatham

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: SAFE Shelter Outreach Program

Project description: The Outreach Program is staffed by two Victim Advocates, one of whom is bi-lingual. This program was implemented in 1996 to assist those victims of domestic violence who need legal advocacy, but not necessarily shelter. The Outreach Program not only assists victims with

Temporary Protective Orders, but they provide support and referrals to other local social service, law enforcement and criminal justice agencies. Advocates work closely with law enforcement officers, the District Attorney's Office, Victim Witness Assistance Program and the Sheriff's Department in order to provide comprehensive victim services. Advocates also assist victims who qualify for the Victim Compensation Program.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

Savannah/Chatham Co. CASA Program

Address: 428 Bull Street Suite 205 Savannah, GA 31401-4900

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Chatham

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Savannah/Chatham Co. CASA Program

Project description: The funding from this grant will fund one Advocacy Coordinator position for the Savannah/Chatham County CASA program. The Advocacy Coordinators assist in the recruiting, screening, interviewing and training of new volunteers, review new cases and assign appropriate volunteers in consultation with the Executive Director. The Coordinators are an integral part of the case from the time of shelter hearing until the time of permanency by maintaining family/client contact and recommending providers for direct delivery of services. Staff attend all Court Hearings, Citizen Panel Reviews, Family Team Meetings, Permanency Round Table Meetings, Utilization Reviews, and IEP meetings with the volunteers. Funding will support the activities of the Advocacy Coordinator to be able to effectively perform their duties and functions.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

Southern Judicial Circuit Family Violence Council, Inc.

Address: PO Box 702 Americus, GA 31709-0702

Federal award: 51800

Match amount: 12950

Counties served: Lee; Macon; Schley; Stewart; Sumter; Webster

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Family Violence Council

Project description: Once need and evidence of violence or the threat of violence has been reasonably demonstrated through the performance of a risk and domestic violence assessment, the FVC begins providing legal advocacy, personal advocacy, and information and referral services. The FVC currently has a full-time attorney who provides legal advocacy to all qualified victims of domestic violence in the SWJC. The FVC legal advocate is Tami Peavy-Owen. Ms. Peavy-Owen is an alumna of Georgia

Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. She graduated cum laude from the University of Tennessee/College of Law with a concentration in advocacy and dispute resolution. Ms. Peavy-Owen is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia. Ms. Peavy-Owen has experience advocating for victims through her work with Legal Aid of Middle Tennessee and through her participation in multiple legal practice clinics while studying at the University of Tennessee/College of Law. Additionally, Ms. Peavy-Owen has completed Victim's Assistance Training through the Office for Victims of Crimes. Ms. Peavy-Owen also serves as the Executive Director, providing fiscal and operational management. Additionally, as Executive Director, she oversees community collaboration efforts and public education and outreach on behalf of the FVC. The FVC maintains dedicated volunteers and interns, typically at least two at any given time, to assist in most areas of victims' services. The FVC utilizes volunteer time to ensure consistent availability and access to services for victims. Generally, the FVC recruits volunteers and interns from Georgia Southwestern State University's psychology, sociology, and nursing programs. Interns and volunteers receive training from the FVC's staff and participate in Victim's Assistance Training through the Office for Victims of Crimes. Interns and volunteers receive five hours of court training and observation prior to performing any court-based advocacy. Upon initial contact with victims of domestic violence, the legal advocate, or a trained intern if the legal advocate is performing advocacy services elsewhere, will assess the victim's situation. Upon completing the assessment, the legal advocate will determine the appropriate services to be provided for the victim. The services and options will be described and explained to the victim and the appropriate actions will be taken, including but not limited to: filing petitions for protective orders, providing referrals for additional services, and providing access to safe housing options. If seeking a protective order is the appropriate service to offer a victim, the legal advocate will prepare a petition for an ex parte protective order, prepare a proposed ex parte protective order, and attend the ex parte hearing for a temporary order. If the judge grants an ex parte protective order, the legal advocate will ensure that the proper procedure is followed for setting a hearing on the protective order and for having the order served on the respondent. The legal advocate will also prepare all documents necessary for the hearing for a twelve month protective order and will represent the interests of the victim at the hearing for the twelve-month protective order. Additionally, the staff of the FVC, including volunteers, interns, and the legal advocate, monitors each victim's situation through regular contact. The legal advocate provides revisions to protective orders and advocacy for extending protective orders as needed. The legal advocate also works with local law enforcement agencies to help provide proper service of protective orders on the respondents to ensure that enforceable protective orders are in place to protect victims. The legal advocate and trained interns or volunteers also provide follow-up services to victims in order to encourage continued safety. The FVC staff provides regularly scheduled peer meetings for domestic violence victims that have sought the services of the FVC. The meetings provide victims with support and encouragement and educate victims about the truths of domestic violence. The meetings also provide a platform for open discussion of safety plans. Additionally, the FVC staff provides information to victims regarding numerous resources that can assist victims in successfully leaving abusive relationships and provide referrals to resources for victims as needed. The FVC strives to provide a holistic approach to reducing domestic violence in the SWJC in an effort to ensure that victims are removed from and do not return to abusive relationships. If the victim served meets the eligibility requirements of Victim Compensation funds, the advocates are knowledgeable of the program and can assist the victim in completing the required forms. In addition, FVC works closely with other VOCA-funded programs to collaborate efforts in order to ensure those eligible for the resources are assisted in accessing them as needed. In the event a victim

calls the FVC after hours, a voicemail will direct callers to dial either 911 if there is an emergency or the state's domestic violence hotline at 1-800-33-HAVEN (1-800-334-2836).

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English with access to Spanish-speaking volunteers.

SOWEGA CASA, Inc.

Address: PO Box 732 Americus, GA 31709+0732

Federal award: 31500

Match amount: 7875

Counties served: Ben Hill; Crisp; Dooly; Lee; Macon; Randolph; Schley; Stewart; Sumter; Terrell; Webster; Wilcox

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: SOWEGA CASA, Inc.

Project description: SOWEGA CASA's mission is to recruit, screen, train and supervise volunteers who advocate for deprived children with open dependency cases. Goals and objectives include: maintaining regular face-to-face contact with the child; ascertaining the child's needs, circumstances and views; conducting an independent assessment of the child's issues; communicating the child's needs to appropriate individuals; advocating for child at all court hearings and other proceedings; contacting the child before and after changes in his/her placement; requesting and attending judicial or judicial citizen reviews; providing written reports to the court and appropriate parties, and monitoring compliance with the case plan and court orders. In order to accomplish the goal of advocating for all children who are victims of neglect or abuse coming before the juvenile courts, certain objectives must be met. SOWEGA CASA must develop and maintain a force of qualified and trained CASA volunteers to meet the needs of child victims when appointed by the juvenile courts. This will include volunteer recruitment, screening, training and supervision, all of which will be staff responsibility. SOWEGA CASA staff attend trainings throughout the year to develop the skills that will them in training volunteer advocates to make the best possible recommendations for the child victims they serve. CASA staff (including the executive director) will facilitate four to six 40-hour training sessions (which includes ten hours of court observation) per year. SOWEGA CASA's proposed training conforms to national and state best practices for advocating for the best interests of a child victim. SOWEGA CASA's method of training advocates is more effective at creating objective eyes and ears for the court system. CASA's methods – including screening processes like criminal background checks – have been employed on thousands of volunteers who have proven that the system works and helps child victims who are thrust into the deprivation court system. Since child victims often see themselves as the cause of removal from their homes, the program will ensure the CASAs are trained to: a.) assist them in understanding they are victims and not causes of their abuse, and b.) make recommendations to the court for services that reinforce the child victim's understanding that they are victims who have been placed in the safest environment possible. Once trained and sworn in by a Juvenile Court Judge, the volunteer will be eligible for assignment to a child victim. The intake process begins when a Juvenile Court judge assigns SOWEGA CASA to a case/child and the staff/volunteer creates a folder in the office for the case and begins the documentation process. CASA coordinates the information gathering process by initially contacting DFCS and scheduling a time

to review the state's case file and available information or by accessing the SHINES database information through CPRS2. The CASA representatives then schedule visits with the child(ren), family and other appropriate individuals. During the evaluation and information-gathering process, CASA utilizes a resource/deficit (strengths/weaknesses) assessment which has been approved by National and Georgia CASA and taught in the pre-appointment training. After this initial assessment, the organization makes written recommendations to the Courts and other parties to the case, works with DFCS to bring appropriate local service agencies and community supports into the provision of services for a child and his/her family and continues to meet regularly with the child to ensure his/her wishes are understood and safety and permanency is achieved as quickly and appropriately as possible. Each report that is submitted to the court will include sections regarding the needs and current issues surrounding the following areas: medical, educational, psychological and familial behaviors and dynamics. Reports will include recommendations for custody (both short- and long-term), visitation with the family (including other siblings) and recommendations for services needed to achieve permanency. CASAs will ensure child victims are aware and informed of court decisions in an age-appropriate manner, while ensuring the child's wishes and needs are heard by the Court and others involved in the system. As an important side note, rarely does CASA work with the child victim in assisting with the Victim's Compensation Fund. This is because DFCS is providing services for the child and is the "payee". However, in the event they are unable to provide (or pay for) services which the child victim is qualified to receive through Victim's Compensation Fund, CASA staff (and numerous volunteers) are trained to assist the victim in understanding his/her eligibilities, as well as the completion of the application. All activities are completed by CASA staff and volunteers who have received pre-appointment training approved by National and Georgia CASA. This training for volunteers includes 30 hours of classroom facilitation, 10 hours of court observation, 12 hours annually of in-service training. For staff, the coordinators must also complete volunteer supervisory training provided by Georgia CASA. All staff and appointed volunteers have also completed mandated reporter training as part of their in-service training process. All staff and volunteers must also submit an application, undergo an interview process and pass a background check, which includes researching the sex offender registry. The program currently has over 120 trained and active volunteers. With a volunteer retention rate exceeding 80%, SOWEGA CASA has volunteers who have been active and serving children for the program since its inception in 2002.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English Spanish

SOWEGA CASA, Inc.

Address: PO Box 732 Americus, Ga 31709+0732

Federal award: 37500

Match amount: 9375

Counties served: Lee; Macon; Schley; Stewart; Sumter; Webster

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Lighthouse CAC

Project description: The Mission of the Lighthouse CAC is to coordinate a comprehensive and multidisciplinary response to suspected victims of child abuse in a safe and child friendly setting. In order to ensure quality mission adherence and continuum of direct victim services for all crime victims

served at the Lighthouse CAC we will provide additional training (OVC) to current Volunteer Advocates regarding the dynamics of child abuse; court advocacy for families; crisis intervention techniques; child abuse protocols; community resource and referral information; medical accompaniment for procedures etc. We will track each child's case through the point of closure to ensure all services are provided and no victim is 'lost in the system'. We will determine the level of service the victim will require and meet that need with comprehensive services. We will assess the emotional, psychological, financial, advocacy and medical needs of primary and secondary victims of child abuse at the time of intake; make appropriate therapy referrals for all primary and secondary victims; follow up with all clients within 72 hours of initial service and thereafter as indicated in family assessment of need; information, referral and crisis intervention will be made available to the public. We will assist crime victims with obtaining appropriate health/mental health care; lost wages, recover costs of therapy, medical care, wages etc. via applications for Medicaid, TANF, and Victim's Compensation Applications. We will provide access to bi-lingual materials, translators and assistance for non-English speaking clients; provide Public Education regarding Crimes Against Children to include Child Sexual Abuse, Child Physical Abuse and Issues surrounding Children witnessing Violent Crimes and the Impact

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information)

Languages spoken: English

Spalding County Board of Commissioners

Address: P.O. Box 1087 Griffin, GA 30224-1087

Federal award: 465912

Match amount: 9183

Counties served: Spalding

Core services: Victim Witness Assistance Program (Law Enforcement or Prosecution)

Project title: Victim Service Unit

Project description: Salary of Victim Service workers

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center

Address: 18 North College Street Statesboro, GA 30458-5368

Federal award: 51282

Match amount: 12821

Counties served: Bulloch; Jenkins; Screven

Core services: Sexual Assault Program

Project title: SRSAC Direct Victim Services

Project description: SRSAC's direct victim services program will strive to ensure that no sexual assault victim goes unheard in a community that understands the impact of sexual violence on its members.

This will be done by increasing awareness of SRSAC and services provided for victims of sexual assault, making improvements to the existing volunteer advocate program, developing a sexual assault survivors support group and a secondary victims support group, and hosting the 5th annual Sexual Assault Survivors Conference.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone

Languages spoken: n/a

Stepping Stone Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Address: PO Box 4122 Dublin, Ga 31040-4122

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Bleckley; Dodge; Johnson; Laurens; Montgomery; Telfair; Treutlen; Twiggs

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: Stepping Stone will offer all of our referred victims from the Dublin-Judicial Circuit a child-friendly, safe place for evaluation and interview of the alleged abuse. The Victim Advocate will have the team of professionals in place for the interview process. Stepping Stones Victim Advocate will be available to help our victims and their families with their physical and emotional needs. The Victim Advocate will become a supportive contact for the victim and their family throughout the whole process. The Victim Advocate will assess the victim and their family on the case disposition, explain the legal process, advocate for the victim in the multidisciplinary team meetings, attend and support the victim and family in court proceedings. The Victim Advocate will assist the family in filling out victim compensation forms.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts

Languages spoken: none

Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.

Address: PO Box 11 Blairsville, GA 30514-0011

Federal award: 83779

Match amount: 20945

Counties served: Towns; Union

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: SAFE-Domestic Violence

Project description: S.A.F.E.'s goals are to provide services, advocacy, training and education to create safety and support for adult and child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This includes case planning, budgeting, safety planning, legal advocacy, transportation, and emergency shelter. The emphasis of this year's project will be to continue and enhance services to both residential and non-

residential victims by increasing safety, support, advocacy, education, and access to services provided in both Union and Towns Counties.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone

Languages spoken: English

Tapestri, Inc.

Address: PMB 362, 3939 Lavista Rd. Ste.E. Tucker, GA 30084-5164

Federal award: 43737

Match amount: 10935

Counties served: Clayton; Cobb; DeKalb; Forsyth; Fulton; Gwinnett; Henry

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Advancing Advocacy Through the Eyes of Refugee & Immigrant Communities Program

Project description: Our proposed Advancing Advocacy through the Eyes of Refugee & Immigrant Communities Program will ensure that survivors of violence from the refugee and immigrant communities have access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Grant funds will be used to help refugee and immigrant victims to access safe shelter, assist with application for TPO's, provide legal advocacy and referrals, assist with victim's compensation application, conduct community outreach, and assist survivors of violence with immigration matters.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claim

Languages spoken: Arabic, Amharic, Bosnian, and Spanish.

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

Address: 200 W. Moore St. Valdosta, GA 31602-2919

Federal award: 36954

Match amount: 9239

Counties served: Berrien; Brooks; Cook; Echols; Lanier; Lowndes

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: Specific activities the project will continue to undertake are (1) clinical assessment, (2) individual and family therapy including parent education, and (3) criminal justice support/advocacy including information and referral. Evidence-based practices and service models will be utilized in the provision of services, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Play Therapy techniques. Evidence-based assessment tools including the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) and Parent-Child Relationship Inventory (PCRI) will be utilized during the intake assessment, midway progress review, and at discharge. Project activities will be executed by the Executive Director and Clinical Director. The Executive Director (ED), Deborah Maine, LMSW, has eleven years of experience working with abused children and their families, with extensive clinical training including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Additional training includes the

ChildFirst Georgia and Advanced Forensic Interviewing protocol. For this project, the ED will continue to be responsible for coordinating and monitoring service delivery, evaluating results of the proposed project, as well as assuring quality service provision. The ED will ensure the continued positive working relationships between the CAC and the other agencies represented by the Memorandum of Understanding that will be provided as requested. The Clinical Director, Allison Owen, LMFT, has over 8 years of clinical experience working with victims of child abuse. The Clinical Director (CD) was licensed as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) in June 2008 and a Registered Play Therapist (RPT) in 2013. The CD has extensive training in working with sexually and physically abused children and their families, and children who have experienced other types of trauma. For this project, the CD will continue to provide ongoing support and supervision for therapists and intern volunteers, including weekly group and individual clinical supervision meetings during which cases are discussed and reviewed. The CD will periodically observe clinical sessions in order to provide feedback during supervision meetings and for quality assurance purposes. The CD will conduct case reviews of all clinical cases and will monitor the caseloads of all therapists. The CD will also conduct mental health therapy sessions for the clinical therapy program including individual, family, and group therapy.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: All staff members speak English but can utilize a Spanish speaking court certified interpreter if needed.

The Children's Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.

Address: PO Box 907401 Gainesville, GA 30501-0907

Federal award: 42568

Match amount: 10642

Counties served: Banks; Barrow; Dawson; Forsyth; Habersham; Hall; Jackson; Lumpkin; Rabun; Stephens; Towns; Union

Core services: Counseling Services

Project title: Adult Services Program

Project description: The Children's Center for Hope and Healing Victims Services Program provides counseling, advocacy and education to adults, both men and women, over the age of 18 who had been victims of child sexual abuse. Licensed Masters Clinicians and Student Interns from Master degree programs provide core services including individual, family and group counseling from a trauma-based perspective, and seek to reduce re-victimization through education, and reduce and eliminate cognitive distortions. The overall goals of the program is to increase individual safety while reducing trauma related symptoms so that the individuals effected can live healthy, happy, productive lives.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Case management

Languages spoken: English Spanish

The Children's Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.

Address: PO Box 907401 Gainesville, GA 30501-0907

Federal award: 92412

Match amount: 23103

Counties served: Banks; Barrow; Dawson; Forsyth; Habersham; Hall; Jackson; Lumpkin; Rabun; Stephens; Union; White

Core services: Counseling Services

Project title: Comprehensive Victims Services Program

Project description: The Children's Center for Hope and Healing Victims Services Program provides counseling, advocacy and education to children ages 3-17 who have been victims of child sexual abuse and to their families. Licensed Masters Clinicians and Student Interns from Master degree programs provide core services including individual, family and group counseling from a trauma-based perspective, and seek to reduce re-victimization through education, and reduce and eliminate cognitive distortions. The overall goals of the program is to increase individual and family safety while reducing trauma related symptoms so that the individuals effected can live healthy, happy, productive lives.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral); Preparation fo

Languages spoken: English Spanish

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

Address: 3019 Lexington Road Athens, GA 30605-2444

Federal award: 108216

Match amount: 27054

Counties served: Clarke; Madison; Oconee; Oglethorpe

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Victim Advocacy

Project description: The Cottage will use VOCA funding to continue our Adult Advocacy Program along with our Family Advocacy Program. The Adult Advocacy Program works with adult survivors of rape and child molestation by offering crisis counseling, legal and medical advocacy along with individual and group therapy. The Family Advocacy Program works with victims of child abuse and their families to provide crisis counseling, legal and medical advocacy along with individual and group therapy.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy;

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

The Lily Pad SANE Center, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 70938 Albany, GA 31708-0938

Federal award: 45527

Match amount: 11382

Counties served: Baker; Calhoun; Decatur; Dougherty; Grady; Mitchell

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Oak House and Firefly House Children's Advocacy Centers

Project description: The Child Advocacy Center's operate under the umbrella of Lily Pad SANE Center, which is a comprehensive sexual assault and child abuse resource center serving Dougherty County and Southwest Georgia. The overall operations are governed by a board of directors comprised of community members from the Dougherty County area. Mary Martinez-Allen is the Executive Director of the Lily Pad SANE Center and will be the direct supervisor of the Regional CAC Director. The Regional CAC Director will be the direct supervisor to the Oakhouse CAC Program Director. The Regional CAC Director is experienced with the development and operation of a CAC and supervises the forensic interview staff and interns. The Regional CAC Director and Program Director conduct forensic interviews, provide expert witness testimony for the prosecution of child abuse cases, peer review for other forensic interviewers, oversee the organization of the case tracking and the corresponding agenda for the multidisciplinary meetings, co-facilitate multidisciplinary team meetings, and oversee the therapy referral and follow up process for victims. The Forensic Interviewers for the CAC must have a minimum of: a four year college degree, preferably in the social sciences field, and Basic Forensic Interview Training provided by a Nationally accepted method. The CAC's are instrumental in providing assistance in the investigation, prosecution, and victim's services in child abuse cases in all of the judicial circuits it serves. When the child makes the initial allegation of abuse, law enforcement or DFCS will contact the CAC's. A forensic interview will be completed on the primary victim and (if applicable) any child witnesses of the alleged crime within an appropriate amount of time, often right away. A DVD will be made of the forensic interview for law enforcement for evidentiary purposes and a courtesy copy will be made for the Department of Family and Children Services Child Protective Services Investigator when DFCS services are applicable. Crisis intervention is available if necessary after a disclosure is made. Referrals for counseling or in house support group services for victims and non-offending caregivers will be made at the time of the interview or the next business day. The CAC project has specific goals and objectives that can be met by the activities the project will be involved in with regard to investigation, tracking, prevention, and prosecution of child abuse cases that take place in the Dougherty County and South Judicial Circuit. Our forensic interviewers provide information regarding their cases at the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). The Firefly House CAC is a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Team of Dougherty County that meets twice monthly to combine all information and efforts of all the agencies/disciplines that are integrally involved in the prosecution of child abuse cases and the aftercare of the victims. The members of the Multi-Disciplinary Team of Dougherty County are: Albany Area Community Service Board, Albany Police Department, CASA, Department of Family and Children Services, District Attorney's Office, Dougherty County Juvenile Court, Dougherty County Police Department, Dougherty County School System Police, Dougherty County Sheriff's Department, Lily Pad SANE Center and CAC, Marine Corps Logistic Base, and Victim's Assistance. (Please see attached copy of the Child Abuse Protocol.) The Oak House CAC organizes a MDT meeting once a month. The information provided at this MDT is crucial to not only prosecution, but to the follow up, mental health, and placement care of victims and their long term outcomes. The CAC's compile and organize all cases to be reviewed (new and follow up cases) and disperses a meeting agenda with all pertinent information for each agency on each case. All review information is documented at each meeting and filed appropriately to bring back cases that have a continued need for review. All cases are reviewed until they are closed due to the case being satisfied and closed by all agencies involved. Statistical information is kept and tracked on all victims served by the CAC's regardless of the judicial circuit served. Site reviews performed by the Georgia Child Advocacy Center for membership, accreditation and oversight/evaluation of quality of services. The Firefly House has the primary role with the creation,

implementation, and update of the Dougherty County Child Abuse Protocol Team. This team forms and amends the court mandated document that defines the protocol all agencies are to use when a report of child abuse occurs. Also, volunteers are an integral part of the CAC's. The volunteers are recruited on a continual basis and used in various capacities. Social Work students from Albany State University who take an elective course in Forensic Interviewing will assist in Multi-Disciplinary Team Meeting organization and data entry. They will also assist with the organization and cataloging of the videotaped evidence generated at the CAC's. The interns go through an application process, sign a confidentiality agreement, and consent for criminal background check. An initial in-house training is provided by Lily Pad SANE Center staff that encompasses the organization of the agency, the function of each division of the agency, and the viewing of forensic interviews of closed cases. These volunteers have many opportunities for informal question and answer sessions with the CAC's staff. The CAC's will continue to be instrumental in making the public aware of the prevalence of child abuse via interviews with local media, participation in abuse awareness campaigns, participation in Victim's Rights Week activities/fundraisers held by Dougherty County Victim's Assistance Office. Prevention and awareness presentations will be conducted by the CAC's for health service and school personnel that work with children closely every day.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims;

Languages spoken: English Spanish

The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.

Address: PO Box 853 Vidalia, GA 30475-0853

Federal award: 45120

Match amount: 11280

Counties served: Emanuel

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence-Emanuel County Outreach

Project description: Operations for the outreach office including 1 full-time staff are being requested through this VOCA project. The outreach office will be open Monday through Friday 8am-5pm. for face to face appointments and to answer crisis calls. This office will have its own dedicated crisis line and will roll-over to our Vidalia office when that office is closed. Staff will ensure each client receives an initial safety plan and updated as circumstances change and will be given referrals to the needed resources. A resource card for the county has been developed by our agency and will be given to the client. Core services that this project will provide through the outreach office are: a) Safe confidential emergency shelter is available 24/7 through the Vidalia shelter. All the basic needs are provided to residents free of charge. There is a trained advocate available at the shelter 24 hours a day to provide support and crisis intervention. If shelter is needed, transportation will be provided from the outreach office to our shelter by the Outreach Advocate. b) Case Management/Service Planning: The Outreach Advocate will serve as the case manager for Emanuel County. She will provide needed referrals and advocacy to help the client meet goals they have established for themselves. c) Safety Planning is vital in increasing a victim's safety. If time allows, a safety plan is developed while on the crisis call. If the client needs to leave the location quickly, a safety plan will be done when she reaches the office. This applies to both resident and

non-resident clients. These plans are ongoing and change as her situation changes. Age appropriate safety plans are developed for children. d) Children's Advocacy program is for resident and non-resident children. The Outreach Advocate and trained volunteers will conduct bi-weekly structured support group and other activities. The child advocate will be made available to travel to Emanuel County to assist the outreach advocate with support group and family enrichment programs. e) Individual and Group Counseling and Support for resident and non-resident clients. Each client is asked if they would be interested in receiving individual counseling. If they want this service we refer them to either the county mental health or a private Christian counselor. They decide which they would prefer. The Outreach Advocate is trained and expected to give individual support to a client that needs it. The outreach advocate and/or volunteers will provide support groups in Emanuel County. f) Legal Advocacy - We assists with protection and stalking orders, transport clients to court, accompany victims for interviews and other legal matters (when requested), inform victim of rights, options and compensation, and seek legal representation on behalf of victim for 12 month orders, contempt, child support and custody issues. The outreach advocate will be trained in all these issues and assist victim with any paperwork and filings. g) Social Service Advocacy- During case management it will be determined what services the client is in need of. The advocate will make the necessary referral or if needed make a call for the client. The outreach advocate is trained in assisting with TANF, childcare and food stamps with the local DFCS office and will assist with any paperwork the client may need help with. h) Transportation Access- of 1,267 transportation services, 273 were provided by our agency for FY13 for Emanuel County residents. Transportation is provided for victims seeking employment, court accompaniment, doctor's appointments, employment, school etc. The outreach advocate will provide emergency transportation for Emanuel County. She will also provide transportation to Vidalia for those needing shelter. Her hours will be flexible in case of an emergency and transportation is needed after hours. i) Parenting Support and Education addresses how DV affects children, effective discipline, helping with homework, building confidence and self-esteem in child, effective communication, etc. Parenting group is provided bi-weekly and individual parenting as needed. j) Follow-up The Refuge policy is to follow-up with all victims within a reasonable amount of time with their permission to check the status of their progress and to see if they have a need for any continuation of services. A permission form is signed by all clients as they exit the program. k) Community Outreach and Awareness- The Outreach Advocate and volunteers conduct outreach presentations to bring awareness to the crime of domestic violence/sexual abuse. A newsletter is published and sent to individuals, groups, and agencies in the five county service areas. The Refuge has a Facebook page and a website to educate and bring awareness. We provide brochures and tear offs in English and Spanish for the courthouses, law enforcement agencies, hospital, health department, and DFCS in Emanuel County. The outreach advocate will ensure these are maintained. A table is set up at health/job fairs with domestic/teen dating violence information and has trained staff/volunteers available to speak with participants. (All services are confidential and free)

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: Spanish

The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.

Address: PO Box 853 Vidalia, GA 30475-0853

Federal award: 102483

Match amount: 25621

Counties served: Emanuel; Montgomery; Toombs; Treutlen; Wheeler

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: We are requesting three full-time staff positions (Child Advocate, Bilingual/Legal Advocate, and Assistant Shelter Manager) to be funded with VOCA funds for this project. The 3 VOCA funded staff are trained to answer crisis calls. The crisis line is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. TTY and translation services are available for any crisis call. The first priority is to ensure the caller is safe. A lethality assessment will be conducted and after everything has been established on the crisis call an individualized safety plan will be developed with the caller. If the caller needs shelter, arrangements will be made for transport. If the caller needs outreach services an appointment will be made. All information is put in to the ALICE database that is later retrieved for the quarterly VSSR. Other activities included in this project that will be provided through the three VOCA funded employees and direct service volunteers are: a) Safe confidential emergency shelter is available 24/7. Every staff, volunteer, visitor and client is required to sign a confidentiality form during their first visit to the shelter. All the basic needs are provided to residents free of charge; for that reason a portion of food, shelter supplies, electricity, and shelter monitoring of the security system are being requested through the FY 14/15 VOCA grant award. b) Case Management/Service Planning: Each client is assigned a case manager. The case manager provides needed referrals and advocacy to help the client meet goals they have established for themselves. They will meet weekly to check the status of goals; they will update goals and determine what support services are needed from our agency. c) Safety Planning is vital in increasing a victim's safety. If time allows, a safety plan is developed while on the crisis call. If the client needs to leave the location quickly, a safety plan will be done when she reaches the office. This applies to both resident and non-resident clients. Age appropriate safety plans are developed with the child by the child advocate. d) Children's Advocacy program is for resident and non-resident children. The child advocate first meets with the mom to go over the child intake forms so she can get a better understanding of each child and then works one-on one with the child. During this one-on one she goes over the welcome packet to make certain the child knows what to expect in shared living and answer any questions they may have. She facilitates a children's weekly structured support group and other activities during the week. She arranges family enrichment activities such as a fall festival, Christmas Party, Easter. During the summer months she arranges to take the moms and children to different outings. For FY 13, 504 childcare services were provided while mom met with her case manager, went to group meetings, DFCS, doctor, etc. The child advocate helps the mom enroll the children in school. e) Individual and Group Counseling and Support for resident and non-resident clients. Each client is asked if they would be interested in receiving individual counseling. If they want this service we refer them to either the county mental health or a private counselor. They decide which they would prefer. Adult support and parenting groups are conducted weekly and facilitated by the Shelter Manager and/or direct service volunteer for resident and non-resident victims to receive support as well as gain knowledge and skills to assist them in becoming self-sufficient. f) Legal Advocacy - We cover three judicial circuits and assists with protection and stalking orders, transport clients to court, accompany victims for interviews and other legal matters (when requested), inform victim of rights, options and compensation, and seek legal representation on behalf of the victim for 12 month orders, contempt, child support and custody issues. All staff is trained in informing victims of their rights, options and assist

in filing for victim's compensation. The Executive Director, Bilingual/Legal Advocate, and Child Advocates assist with legal advocacy. g) Social Service Advocacy- During case management it will be determined what services the client is in need of. The advocate will make the necessary referral or if needed make a call for the client. All case managers are trained in assisting with TANF, childcare and food stamps with the local DFCS office. Staff assists with any paperwork the client may need help with. h) Transportation Access-1,907 transportation services were provided for 154 clients by our agency in FY13. Transportation is provided for victims seeking employment, court accompaniment, doctor's appointments, employment, school etc. Because we are rural, public transportation is not available. Shelter residents and some non-residents depend on our transportation service. i) Parenting Support and Education addresses how domestic violence affects children, effective discipline, helping with homework, building confidence and self-esteem in children, effective communication, etc. Parenting group is provided weekly and individual parenting is offered through the child advocate for those in shelter. j) Follow-up The Refuge policy is to follow-up with all victims within a reasonable amount of time with their permission. A permission to contact form is signed by all clients as they exit the program. The purpose of following up with each client is to check the status of their progress and to see if they have a need for continuation of services. k) Financial Advocacy/Assistance- We assist with deposits, rent, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation issues. All case managers can request financial assistance for the client. l) Community Outreach and Awareness- The Refuge conducts outreach presentations to bring awareness to the crime of domestic violence/sexual abuse. We provide brochures and tear offs in English and Spanish to all the courthouses, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, health departments, DFCS in our service area. PSA's are run on the radio on a regular basis. A table is set up at health/job fairs with domestic/teen dating violence information with staff and/or volunteers available to speak with participants. The Child Advocate speaks at area schools/colleges on teen dating violence.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: Spanish

The Salvation Army Safe House

Address: PO Box 2408 Warner Robins, GA 31099-2408

Federal award: 33650

Match amount: 8413

Counties served: Houston; Peach; Pulaski

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: The Salvation Army Safe House

Project description: VOCA funds awarded to The Salvation Army Safe House will be used to pay the salary of the Shelter Manager and the Legal Advocate. The Shelter Manager is a full-time position and the Legal Advocate is a part-time position.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: Spanish

The Sexual Assault Advocacy Center

Address: PO Box 5407 Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 37402-0607

Federal award: 40618

Match amount: 10155

Counties served: Catoosa; Dade; Walker

Core services: Sexual Assault Program

Project title: Sexual Assault

Project description: By continuing the funding provided by the CJCC Victim Services Grant, the SAAC will be able to continue to expand its services and offer more comprehensive coverage for victims of sexual assault as well as providing more opportunities for victims and/or family member to have access to services as well as resources. The need for a Victim Advocate was identified through the SAAC working closely with the community and understanding the need. One of the counties served by the SAAC is Dade County, who has a population of 15,154 and the poverty level of 12.2%. They are also geographically isolated from the remainder of the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit. The World Health Organization lists poverty and a lack of community resources as contributing factors for a higher risk of sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. It is the desire of the SAAC to provide expanded services to victims in this area. By having a Victim Advocate that is allotted time to spend in Dade County, this community will have better resources for assisting, educating and preventing likely victims of sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The CJCC VOCA grant will allow the SAAC to continue to provide this desperately needed and frequently requested resource. Additionally, the SAAC is currently working closely with the schools in all three of the counties we serve and has identified the need for education/prevention and outreach regarding teen dating violence. The National Council on Crime and Delinquency found that one in three adolescent girls is a victim of violence in a dating relationship. The 2010 Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review report tells communities across the state that more than 50 percent of the victims in the reviewed fatalities were between the ages of 16 and 24 when the relationship began. It is imperative that we reach our teens and educate them early regarding the cycle of abuse and how to protect themselves and get help. Through hiring a Victim Advocate, we will be able to continue to reach more teens to educate/assist and prevent teen dating violence.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referra

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

The Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center

Address: PO Box 1788 Jonesboro, GA 30237-1788

Federal award: 50000

Match amount: 12500

Counties served: Clayton; Fayette; Henry; Spalding

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: The proposed project will use a multidisciplinary approach to provide core child advocacy services to victims, families, and their non-offending caregivers. The overall goal is to coordinate services that are child-focused in an effort to reduce trauma to the victim. These core

services begin with crisis line response and referrals leading to legal and personal advocacy. Program activities will include accompanying victims to forensic medical examinations and criminal justice proceedings, advocacy, and implementing appropriate services and referrals based on the needs of the child and the family.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information

Languages spoken: English

The Tree House, Inc

Address: P. O. Box 949 Winder, Ga 30680-0949

Federal award: 72295

Match amount: 18074

Counties served: Banks; Barrow; Jackson

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Counseling Services

Project title: Child Services Program

Project description: Grant funds are used to provide an array of services to child victims of abuse and their non-offending caregivers. Children in the Piedmont Judicial Circuit are getting the very best treatment available, ensuring better outcomes later in life. Individual counseling begins with a non-offending caregiver intake and UCLA PTSD trauma assessment which determines the length of counseling needs. Utilizing the evidenced based TF-CBT Model, children create a trauma narrative working through issues created by the abuse. The purpose of individual counseling is three fold: (1.) To facilitate the healing process, reducing some of the negative effects of child abuse. (2.) To put safety measures in place to ensure no further abuse occurs. (3.) To help children establish a strong sense of self and a positive future reducing a victim mentality. Once a child has completed individual counseling, they are eligible for group. Children between the ages of 5-11 who have been sexually abused are eligible for the Heroes Great and Small group which builds safety skills and self esteem. Children between the ages of 12-17 are eligible for our teen Survivors to Thrivers group which allows teens to share their traumatic experience with other victims, reducing the feelings of isolation and loneliness caused by abuse. The Rock non-offending caregivers group allows caregivers to come together to draw support from each other and gain a better understanding of the criminal justice process. These three groups run simultaneously for 8-10 weeks, 2-3 times per year depending on need, providing all family members with the needed support to move forward. Domestic Violence victims are eligible for the STARS group for children. STARS is an acronym for Stop, Think, Accept, Respect, and Safety, teaching children that they can break the cycle of domestic violence and encouraging healthy relationships. Grant funds also allow us to provide criminal justice support, medical accompaniment, crisis counseling, and follow up services to families in need.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English Spanish

TheTree House, Inc

Address: P O Box 949 Winder, Ga 30680-0949

Federal award: 33393

Match amount: 8348

Counties served: Banks; Jackson

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC); Counseling Services

Project title: Commerce Satelitte Location-Child Services Program

Project description: Grant funds are used to provide an array of services to child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers. Children in the Jackson and Banks county area are getting the very best treatment available ensuring better outcomes later in life. Individual counseling begins with a non-offending caregiver intake and UCLA PTSD trauma assessment which determines the length of counseling needs. Utilizing the evidenced based TF-CBT Model, children create a trauma narrative working through issues created by the abuse. The purpose of individual counseling is three fold: (1.) To facilitate the healing process, reducing some of the negative effects of child abuse. (2.) To put safety measures in place to ensure no further abuse occurs. (3.) To help children establish a strong sense of self and a positive future reducing a victim mentality. Once a child has completed individual counseling, they are eligible for group. Children between the ages of 5-11 who have been sexually abused are eligible for the Heroes Great and Small group which builds safety skills and self esteem. Children between the ages of 12-17 are eligible for our teen Survivors to Thrivers group which allows teens to share their traumatic experience with other victims, reducing the feelings of isolation and loneliness caused by abuse. The Rock non-offending caregivers group allows caregivers to come together to draw support from each other and gain a better understanding of the criminal justice process. These three groups run simultaneously for 8-10 weeks, 2-3 times per year depending on need, providing all family members with the needed support to move forward. This year, the Child Services Program will be offering its first ever SOARS day camp for sexually abused girls ages 11-17. This camp is designed to bring sexual abuse survivors together for intensive counseling and self-esteem building. Domestic Violence victims are eligible for the STARS group for children. STARS is an acronym for Stop, Think, Accept, Respect, and Safety, teaching children that they can break the cycle of domestic violence and encouraging healthy relationships.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English & Spanish

Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 2727 Tifton, GA 31793-2727

Federal award: 25000

Match amount: 6250

Counties served: Irwin; Tift; Turner; Worth

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Child Abuse

Project description: The project that will be supported by CJCC VOCA funds will be the position of Services Coordinator for The Patticake House. The current Services Coordinator, Jennifer Barnes, has

been with the program since its inception and her role at the child advocacy center includes the following: takes initial information from the referral source and coordinates the interview schedule with the forensic interviewer; during the interview she obtains intake and follow up information from the parent or caregiver; assesses the need for a mental health referral for the victim and/or caregiver; gives information about services to the parent or caregiver and contacts the possible provider of such services; follows up with both the caregiver and the provider to make certain that an assessment has been done and that services are being provided; assesses the need for additional services (income based housing, Medicaid, and food assistance, etc.) referring them directly while at the center; provided information concerning victim's compensation and assists with application when applicable; accompanies victim and caregiver to appointments or court appearance when needed; enters all program service data into the MDTIS tracking system for statistical reporting; attends each monthly multi-disciplinary team (MDT) meeting held in each county of the circuit to discuss progress on child abuse cases; and provides community education, training and outreach through presentations to groups and participation in community events. In addition to all the roles above, the added bonus is in our Services Coordinator being bi-lingual, thus insuring that we need the needs of all our service area clients. The Services Coordinator has also been trained to do forensic interview in the event The Patticake House should encounter a non-English speaking child needing an interview.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

TLC Children's Services, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 16322 Dublin, GA 31040-6322

Federal award: 51132

Match amount: 12783

Counties served: Bleckley; Candler; Dodge; Emanuel; Jefferson; Johnson; Laurens; Montgomery; Pulaski; Telfair; Toombs; Treutlen; Twiggs; Washington; Wheeler

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: TLC CASA

Project description: VOCA funded project activities, goals, and services: Trained and supervised CASA Volunteer Advocates and Advocacy Coordinators provide direct services to child abuse victims and advocate for their best interests. The assigned CASA Volunteer and Advocacy Coordinator will remain involved with a child abuse victim the entire time the child is in out of home care, will make at least monthly visits with the child victim to monitor the child's welfare and service needs, will be a support for the child throughout the time the child victim is involved with the Court, and will advocate for the child victim at all meetings and court hearings convened to discuss the child's welfare and future. The CASA will provide the Court with first-hand, objective information and recommendations regarding the child victim's best interests. The CASA represents the child at all court hearings, advocates for needed services, and focuses the case upon the child and his need for a permanent family and home. CASA speaks for the child and works to ensure that child victims who have been removed from their home because of abuse are placed in safe, permanent loving families as soon as possible. The goals of CASA are to lessen the trauma suffered by the child abuse victim, decrease the amount of time the child

spends in out of home care, ensure the child achieves permanency no later than 18 months after initial removal from the home, remains safe while in out of home care, has all physical and emotional needs met, and is placed in a safe, stable home where he/she will flourish and will not be the victim of repeat child maltreatment.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English Limited Spanish ; court certified interpreter in Spanish is available when needed

Tri-County Protective Agency

Address: P.O. Box 1937 Hinesvilles, GA 31310-8937

Federal award: 53217

Match amount: 13307

Counties served: Liberty

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence Shelter

Project description: the following activities are provided to both residential and non-residential victims. The goals are to provide crisis intervention services that are responsive to victim's needs and help stabilize their lives and provide legal advocacy services that increases safety and access to crime victim resources. The project's intended impact is that victims will have a better understanding of their legal and resources, will feel more confident about managing the effects of violence, will know ways to manage their safety, and will feel safer because of the legal remedies received. This project will support a 24 hour crisis line in which crisis intervention, lethality assessment, safety planning, case management, advocacy, follow ups and referrals for all victims and collect calls are accepted. Safety assessments and planning are the number one priority of any crisis call. Emotional support, community resources and options are also provided. This project funding will provide and fund three positions: House Manager: This position will be responsible for day-to-day operation of shelter, direct services with victims and their children, case supervision, safety planning, child advocacy, case planning, case management, task force partner, community collaborative partner, awareness activities, support groups, house meetings, facility over sight, data entry supervision and advocate oversight. Legal Advocate: This position is designed to assist victims with legal process. The advocate will discuss with the victim their legal rights and options; safety planning, emergency legal advocacy services including Temporary orders and/or Stalking Orders and court accompaniment; access victims to legal options Compensation eligibility and assist with applications to program, education victims on legal options including civil and criminal options, advocate for and support victims as they navigate civil and criminal justice system, facilitate weekly support group for adults; document injuries with digital technology; provide transportation to court, lineups and assist victims in achieving safety and stability; provide community referrals and printed resources list of victims; and conduct on going safety planning and lethality assessment during delivery of services and follow-up. House Parent: This position will support a 24 hour crisis line in which crisis intervention, lethality assessment, intakes, comprehensive case management, safety planning, social services advocacy, safety planning and referrals provided. to ensure accessibility, TTY and translation services are provided and collect calls are accepted. Safety assessments and planning are the

number one priority of any crisis line. Emotional support, community resource referrals, and options are also provided. This position will also provide transportation for clients including picking up donations, purchasing food and supplies for shelter clients as needed.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: English, and interpreter line.

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services Inc. - Chattahoochee Court Appointed Special Advocates

Address: 18 9th Street, Suite 504 Columbus, GA 31901-2761

Federal award: 38750

Match amount: 9688

Counties served: Muscogee

Core services: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Project title: Chattahoochee Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA

Project description: The Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) requires “that in every case involving an abused or neglected child which results in a judicial proceeding, a Guardian ad Litem who has received training appropriate to the role, and who may be an attorney or Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) who has received training appropriate to that role (or both), shall be appointed to represent the child in such (I) to obtain first-hand information and a clear understanding of the situation and needs of the child; and (II) to make recommendations to the court concerning the best interest of the child.” The Official Code of Georgia Annotated §15-11-9.1 clearly outlines the requirements and role and responsibilities of a CASA Volunteer. Funding from VOCA pays for 80% of the salary of the Volunteer Coordinator and 20% of the Program Coordinator's salary. Both are responsible for the recruitment, training and supervision of up to 40 CASA Volunteers. Volunteers visit the child on a monthly basis, read the Social Services and Judicial records, interview all relevant persons with first hand knowledge of the case and report their findings and recommendations to the court in the form of a court report and verbal testimony if requested. Volunteers advocate for the services and needs of child abuse victims to ensure their physical health, mental health and well being are adequately being provided while in DFCS custody. They monitor the case plan, compliance with court orders and present recommendations and options to the court to increase wellness and minimize the length of time a child remains in the state's custody. The Volunteer Coordinator supervises all volunteer efforts and provides on-going feedback and assistance to Volunteers as well as helping them make effective recommendations in their court reports which address safety, stability, physical and emotional needs of the child, and identifying community resources. The Volunteer Coordinator and Program Coordinator are accessible by cell phone at all times to assist volunteers. A small percentage of the requested funding will support administrative cost in providing office supplies, stamps and note cards as well as copier lease, training for staff and volunteers and national and state membership annual dues. Membership in National CASA and GA CASA allow staff and volunteers access to webinars, training materials, support and the newest and latest topics and training specific to the work and mission of Volunteers and staff.

Services provided: Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 1526 LaGrange, Ga 30241-1526

Federal award: 56856

Match amount: 14214

Counties served: Harris; Marion; Muscogee; Talbot

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Children's Tree House

Project description: Funding through the VOCA Continuation Grant is earmarked for the enhancement of victims' rights and services through the currently funded project, the Children's Tree House (CTH). The federal award of \$56,856 (\$14,214 match) is critical to sustaining an array of core and ancillary services for child victims of abuse and/or non-offending caregivers that meet both the emotional and physiological needs of these victims. Approximately, 100% of victims are afforded linkage to trauma-informed counseling regardless of ability to pay as well as linkage to other direct victim services including, but not limited to, other community-based social service programs. Moreover, all victims are tracked through final case disposition through regular multi-disciplinary team (MDT) staffing and through a case tracking data base to ensure that no victim is lost throughout the judicial process. A healthy and functioning MDT is the cornerstone of all victim services offered through the CAC and much emphasis is placed on shared information that the seven core disciplines (law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, mental health, victim advocacy, law enforcement and the CAC) bring to the table during monthly staffing. The Victim Advocate has received training specific to direct victim services that are both culturally and linguistically sensitive and advocates on the behalf of all victims and/or non-offending caregivers to ensure timely linkage to services and expeditious case processing. CTH has maintained full accreditation for the past decade through the National Children's Alliance as well as Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 1526 LaGrange, Ga 30241-1526

Federal award: 55905

Match amount: 13976

Counties served: Carroll; Harris; Heard; Meriwether; Troup

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: Children's Advocacy Center of Troup County

Project description: Funding through the VOCA Continuation Grant is earmarked for the enhancement of victims' rights and services through the currently funded project, the Children's Advocacy Center of Troup County (CAC). The federal award of \$55,905 (\$13,977 match) is critical to sustaining an array of core and ancillary services for child victims of abuse and/or non-offending caregivers that meet both the emotional and physiological needs of these victims. 100% of all victims are afforded linkage to

trauma-informed counseling regardless of ability to pay as well as linkage to other direct victim services including, but not limited to, other community-based social service programs. Moreover, all victims are tracked through final case disposition through regular multi-disciplinary team (MDT) staffings and through a case tracking data base to ensure that no victim is lost throughout the judicial process. A healthy and functioning MDT is the cornerstone of all victim services offered through the CAC and much emphasis is placed on shared information that the seven core disciplines (law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, mental health, victim advocacy, law enforcement and the CAC) bring to the table during monthly staffings. The Victim Advocate has received training specific to direct victim services that are both culturally and linguistically sensitive and advocates on the behalf of all victims and/or non-offending caregivers to ensure timely linkage to services and expeditious case processing. The CAC obtained and has maintained full accreditation through the National Children's Alliance as well as Children's Advocacy centers of Georgia since 2006.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Information & Referral (In-Person); Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English

Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 1824 Waycross, GA 31502-1824

Federal award: 97304

Match amount: 24326

Counties served: Bacon; Brantley; Coffee; Pierce; Ware

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Magnolia House Domestic Violence Shelter

Project description: Magnolia House plans to provide direct service to victims of domestic violence with VOCA funds including services to both residential and non-residential victims through Emergency Shelter, Children's Advocacy, Legal Advocacy, and Outreach/Family Advocacy, that are all active components of our overall services. Waycross Area for Abused Persons Inc. d/b/a Magnolia House is the only state certified shelter in the five county services area. The core services for Non-Shelter, Shelter-Based, and Legal Advocacy are all provided and are an intricate part of our services. This specific grant award will fund salaries for direct service personnel/staff for victims of domestic violence. Funded staff include Shelter Technicians I & II: staff who operate a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline offering immediate crisis counseling, safety planning and shelter admission 365 days a year, collect calls, and offer translation and TTY services. The Shelter Technicians also maintain safety and security of the shelter and its residents in the Emergency Shelter Program. Magnolia House's Emergency Shelter is a fourteen bed facility is the hub of the agency. Advocates/Technicians facilitate crisis calls understanding that the first priority is to ensure the caller is safe. After safety has been established the advocate proceeds with the call. Upon admittance into the shelter, staff on duty/technician/advocate identifies any critical needs of the victim, completes emergency paperwork, assesses lethality and reviews basic shelter guidelines with victim. The Shelter accommodates women and children in-house and provides transport to other shelters in addition to accommodations at local hotels when capacity is reached or if client is an adult male. Staff provides victim's immediate need for food, clean clothing, toiletries, and a bed to rest. Next, this specific funding will provide a certain percentage of salary for the position of Family Advocate who oversees case management and outreach services. The outreach program provides domestic violence

assessments for DFCS in our service area. This program provides follow up on crisis calls for victims in need of services but not requiring shelter. Services may include but are not limited to the following: parenting classes, support groups, advising victims about eligibility for victim's compensation, advocating and providing referrals for social services (TANF) or other community linkages, supportive follow-up to clients who have exited the shelter, referrals for counseling and therapy, emergency financial assistance, non-financial assistance with donated items, specific services that address the needs of children who have witnessed domestic violence, and collaboration of community outreach and awareness events. The Legal Advocate is also funded by this sub-grant award. Our Legal Advocacy Program has over 20 years experience in law enforcement and has been legal advocate for four years. She has earned the respect of the judges in the judicial circuit based on knowledge and experience working with victims of domestic violence in need of legal advocacy. The Legal Advocate's primary role is assisting victims in filing emergency Temporary Protection Orders, Stalking Orders, and assisting eligible victims with filing Victim's Compensation applications. The Legal Advocate works with both domestic violence victims and sexual assault victims in five counties helping them understand their role in the criminal justice process and accompanies them to court during hearings. Our Legal Advocate is knowledgeable in the resources available to immigrant victims of abuse and is able to offer comprehensive legal and social services advocacy. Last year the Legal Advocate provided many emergency and non emergency services including the filing of 27 Temporary Protective Orders, 6 stalking orders, and 5 protection orders. The Legal Advocate assisted 7 eligible victims in filling out Victims Compensation applications in which 4 were approved. Lastly, the position of Victim Advocate will be funded by this sub-grant. The Victim Advocate has the lead role in operating the children's program at this time. Also, the Victim Advocate participates in answering the crisis line, keeping safe shelter, providing safety planning, is the liaison for children who are primary and secondary victims with other community partners, provides children intakes, provides transportation for victims/residents, participates in any and all other client/victim related advocacy services.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing C

Languages spoken: Although all employees of Magnolia House speak only English, the agency has a contract with Language Line Services to provide translation services for numerous languages. In addition, our agency has a TTY machine in operation for victims who are non-heari

Wayne County Protective Agency, Inc.

Address: P. O. Box 1153 Jesup, GA 31598+1153

Federal award: 92550

Match amount: 23138

Counties served: Appling; Jeff Davis; Wayne

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Domestic Violence

Project description: WCPA's project contains a daily sound work plan using competent, fully-trained and compassionate staff to: man a 24-hour crisis line 365 days a year; provide immediate transportation to safety, food, clothing and emotional support in a confidential emergency shelter; seek alternate sister shelter or hotel if shelter is full; provide and implement individualized case management and follow-up;

and implement a children's and teen program. Activity: Manned crisis line, 24 hour state-certified emergency shelter. The VOCA-funded shelter manager mans the crisis call line from 7am – 4pm, Monday - Friday and is on call on the week-ends. Crisis calls are screened for eligibility and then: transportation is arranged for victim to enter shelter; if shelter is at capacity, nearby shelter is obtained and WCPA provides transportation there; or victim is safely housed in a hotel where case management services occur. Goal is to alleviate stress and trauma of domestic violence on victim and their children; therefore, victims arriving at shelter are comforted and greeted with open arms by shelter manager. 100% of shelter manager's time is focused on clients' needs and ensuring shelter is safe and clean. Victims' immediate needs are met first by attending to any injuries, food and drink is offered and short shelter tour given. Victim is given toiletry container holding all personal needs and children are given their own personal age/gender appropriate toiletry container. Shelter manager talks with victim in shelter manager's office or in victim's room to obtain basic needed information for her safety and safety of staff. During victim's entire stay in program, the shelter manager conducts activities by: creating weekly grocery lists while making use of current inventory, taking clients' grocery shopping and cooking with clients; obtaining prescription medicines out of the lock-box at the correct times; transporting clients and children to special functions, after-school clubs/meetings, etc.; meeting daily, on-going needs; conducting life skills and support groups; coordinating special holiday meals and activities; inputting all data and activities into ALICE; ensuring the shelter is spotless, sanitary and exceeds State requirements. The shelter manager conducts herself with empathy and compassion and then with encouragement and empowerment. The shelter manager sets the tone for the positive and happy atmosphere which builds clients self-esteem, increases sense of safety and security, and stimulates desires to be strong, capable and independent women focusing on the their children's needs. Shelter manager's daily presence is vital in running a trouble-free, solid shelter project. Activity: Individualized case management: The VOCA-funded case manager meets with every victim within a day of entering the shelter, but if injuries are severe, case management is postponed until victim is ready. Through one-on-one conversations, the case manager builds a trusting rapport with the victim where open and honest dialogues take place to obtain the best possible outcomes. 100% of the case manager's time is focused on: assisting victims with the Victim's Compensation Program; conducting victim/family assessment including a housing and lethality assessment; implementing victim's service plan through weekly case management meetings; arranging appointments with attorneys for TPO's and court representation beyond our scope; referring to counseling and therapists using community partners and advocating on the victim's behalf with community service agencies to ensure the most effective, beneficial and long-term outcomes for victim and her family. The victim/family assessment is very thorough yet involves implementing the least intrusive service delivery methods to reduce any further trauma on family. Assessment results provide a pathway to form an individualized and unique service plan driven by the victim. Service plan contains: a safety plan that is updated as circumstances change; goals which may include: securing housing, employment, transportation, a childcare plan, an education plan that may include returning to school, obtaining GED, or completing a program such as nursing; the service plan may also include parenting and substance abuse classes, counseling/therapy for the client or family, legal advocacy and court representation, past bill and credit repair, medical and social support advocacy and the transportation to make it all possible. Case manager obtains all victims missing paperwork, ID's and documentation preventing goals from being reached. Activity: Children's and Teen Program: The VOCA-funded part-time child coordinator's first service is to assist parents in enrolling their child/ren in school and obtaining records from former school. Child coordinator transports mother and child/ren to

school and attends conferences with teachers and/or counselors if mother requests it. Child coordinator plans, implements and monitors a service delivery program for victims' dependent children who have witnessed abuse and/or experienced abuse from the battering parent. Curriculum used is an outcome-based model called, Parenting the Love and Logic Way. Services are geared to repair social, emotional, psychological and behavioral problems stemming from living in a violent home. "Families under stress produce children under stress. If a spouse is being abused and there are children in the home, the children are affected by the abuse." (Ackerman and Pickering, 1989). "Recent research indicates children who witness domestic violence show more anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, anger and temperament problems than children who do not witness violence in the home" (ACADV.org). Child coordinator prepares and conducts activities with children to lessen the trauma and stress of witnessing and/or experiencing domestic violence. Child coordinator shows compassion, concern and love for the program's children. She conducts parenting meetings using Love and Logic and conducts weekly parent support groups in the shelter. Child coordinator uses a research-backed dating abuse prevention curriculum, Safe Dates, which is outcome-based with teen-agers in the shelter. The curriculum raises youth's awareness of healthy and abusive relationships, its' causes and consequences and equips youth with skills to help themselves or friends in abusive dating relationships. Our program is also presenting Safe Dates to our 3 service county's high school 9th graders. Activity: Volunteers: Volunteers receive a 24-hour volunteer training period including information from GCADV's 3-day training conference. Volunteers submit to background and reference checks. Volunteers provide immediate crisis intervention, emotional support and safety planning through manning the 24-hour crisis hotline. Volunteers assist victims with needs while living in the emergency shelter such as having someone to talk with, having someone to mentor them in life skills and being non-judgmental.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in

Languages spoken: English

Women In Need of God's Shelter, Inc.

Address: PO Box 8277 Dublin, GA 31040-8277

Federal award: 55329

Match amount: 13833

Counties served: Bleckley; Dodge; Johnson; Laurens; Telfair; Wilcox; Wilkinson

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: WINGS

Project description: WINGS work plan has been designed to address the agency's overall program goals of safety, advocacy, and empowerment. All support services are available to resident and non-resident clients alike and all clients are provided with follow-up services for at least one year to encourage continued participation in support services as well as to monitor their progress. To facilitate every family's full participation in the program's services, transportation will be provided for each activity. Transportation and child care is also provided to enable clients to fulfill case management tasks such as job search. Safety: • Crisis Line (Crisis Hotline Counseling) – WINGS operates a twenty (24) hour crisis line which is manned by trained staff. WINGS has a TTY machine for responding to hearing impaired as well as a contract with a telephone interpreting service for responding to non-English speaking victims.

WINGS is part of the state-wide domestic violence hotline sponsored by Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is listed with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. All Requests for Service are received through the crisis line. During the call, the victim is provided with crisis support, safety planning, and information. The caller is assessed for suitability of services and directed to the appropriate program within the organization.

- Emergency Shelter (Shelter/Safe House) – WINGS operates a secure and confidential facility located just inside the city limits of Dublin. The shelter contains five bedrooms (15 beds), living space, children’s activity spaces, and staff offices. Victims entering shelter are escorted or transported by law enforcement from each of the counties served. Families can reside in the shelter for up to ninety (90) days.
- Advocacy: • Personal Advocacy – As victims of domestic violence and their children enter WINGS services, staff and client work together to complete a comprehensive family assessment and develop an appropriate and beneficial case plan. Clients are assisted with identifying which agencies within the community can best meet their needs. Staff then advocate for service provision including working collaboratively with the client’s established case managers in other organizations such as Department of Family & Children Services to ensure that the victim is receiving all services available.
- Legal Advocacy & Court Accompaniment (Emergency Legal Assistance) – Client Advocates inform victims of all the legal options available and assist them in exercising their rights within the justice system. This usually includes help obtaining a Temporary Protective Order and accompanying the client to all court appearances related to the application. Staff may also provide court accompaniment for other legal matters such as divorce or custody hearings in order to give emotional support.
- Empowerment: • Support Group (Group Treatment) – WINGS offers weekly support groups for adults to build awareness of healthy relationships, enhance coping skills, and foster the development of a support system. Staff conduct weekly support groups with children of adult clients to promote positive behavior and self image. Child groups typically address topics including but not limited to self-esteem, dealing with peer pressure, and conflict resolution. Both groups serve as a forum for the women and their children to express and explore their emotions and receive support from fellow victims.
- Life Skills & Parenting Classes (Group Treatment) – WINGS offers family life skill and parenting classes on a weekly basis so that clients can learn or enhance basic life skills thereby improving the likelihood of self-sufficiency and stability. Volunteers and/or staff conduct classes on a variety of topics designed to develop basic living skills. Workbooks such as Hope & Power For Your Personal Finances (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence), and Knowing & Understanding Your Credit (Fannie Mae Foundation), as well as the Nurturing Parenting Curriculum are being used. These are supplemented by presentations from local experts (collaborative partners from the county health department, Healthy Start, Capital City Bank, Cooperative Extension Agency, etc.)
- Financial Assistance (Emergency Financial Assistance) – Clients are provided with items needed such as clothes, prescriptions, and copies of vital records as well as gasoline for their car.
- Follow Up – WINGS provides follow up services for up to one year as long as the client is receptive and it is safe to do so. This may consist of continuing individual support, case management, information and referral, and participation in support groups and family activities. Contact will be made once month for the first three months and then at least once a quarter for the remaining time. Contact may be a phone call, text message, Facebook message, office visit or home visit. Under the direction of the Executive Director (Heather Mullis), services will be provided by Client Advocates (Michelle Baggett, Barb Johns, and Tmetria Montgomery), Volunteer / Activity Coordinator (Melody Watson), Support Group Facilitators (Faith Bishop and Tanya Brown), and numerous volunteers

The Executive Director (1 FT – 0% VOCA) is responsible for oversight of programmatic administration, financial management, and evaluation of the

program. She monitors expenditures and service delivery on a monthly basis comparing them to yearly projections and making adjustments as needed. The director also meets with all staff at monthly meetings to provide support, training, and supervision. The Client Advocates (2 FT – 50% VOCA, 1 PT – 100% VOCA) are responsible for the majority of case management. They assist with needs identification and goal planning and monitoring. They also advocate for clients within the community, conduct educational classes, support groups for children, and assist with transportation and child care when needed. The Volunteer / Activity Coordinator (1 FT – 0% VOCA) is responsible for the planning and implementation of parent / child activities and life skill classes whether she does it herself or through the use of volunteers and may assist with transportation as needed. She is also responsible for volunteer recruitment and supervision. The Support Group Facilitators (0% VOCA) are responsible for facilitating weekly adult support group sessions using the Women Seeking Change and Tending Your Garden curricula. Volunteers (about 30 active) teach family life skills, provide childcare, provide transportation, and assist with parent / child activities. VOCA-funded staff members are proficient in English only.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Emergency Financial Assistance; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy

Languages spoken: English

Women Moving On, Inc. dba Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence

Address: PO Box 171 Decatur, GA 30031-0171

Federal award: 78942

Match amount: 19736

Counties served: DeKalb

Core services: Domestic Violence Programs

Project title: Legal Advocacy Program

Project description: The mission of WRC's Legal Advocacy Program is to empower survivors of domestic violence and stalking with knowledge about the criminal justice system, to provide support to survivors as they navigate that system, and to work with survivors to find alternative solutions for safety. Primary activities of the program include assisting victims with Protective Order applications, providing support and advocacy during Protective Order hearings, working with the courts to ensure Protective Order compliance, assisting victims filing for criminal arrest warrants, assisting victims in overcoming barriers that prevent court access, assisting victims with applications for Crime Victims Compensation, safety planning and crisis counseling, support groups, and providing legal guidance through a weekly legal clinic. Activities to be funded by VOCA include the following: Protective Orders WRC provides on-site advocacy for victims of domestic violence or stalking who wish to file a Temporary Protective Order. In our office at the DeKalb County Superior Courthouse, a legal advocate meets with each Petitioner (victim) to assist her with writing her narrative and completing the paperwork. The legal advocate guides Petitioners through decisions about their Orders, such as whether she would benefit from supervised visitation or whether she can afford rent on her own if she retains the residence. The legal advocate also assists Petitioners in planning for their safety before, during, and after the Protective Order is served. The legal advocate will access the language line (a telephone interpretation service provided by

Magistrate Court) or will contact a legal advocate from a partnering agency to provide culturally- and linguistically-appropriate services as needed. After the paperwork has been completed, the legal advocate accompanies the Petitioner to Magistrate Court for an ex parte hearing. In DeKalb, Magistrate Court judges hear Protective Orders by the designation of Superior Court. The judge may ask questions about the victim's application or request additional information. The legal advocate remains with the Petitioner for emotional support. If the Order is issued, the judge will schedule a hearing within 30 days, for which the Respondent will also be summoned. If the Order is denied, the legal advocate will engage in safety planning and brainstorming alternative solutions. Crime Victims Compensation WRC legal advocates actively encourage all qualifying clients to apply for compensation benefits. All legal advocates are trained to provide individualized assistance to victims with the application forms and procedures, obtaining necessary documentation and checking on claim status. Additionally, victims without computer access can use a workstation in WRC's community office to download and print the Victims Compensation application at no cost. Safety Planning and Crisis Counseling Safety planning is an important service provided by clients in all of WRC's services. Legal advocates, both in person and over the phone, and women's advocates answering the crisis hotline utilize a lethality assessment tool to help a woman determine her level of danger and to plan accordingly. Safety planning discussions include legal options available, community programs and resources available, safety while staying with an abuser, safety while leaving, safe places to stay, gathering needed records and medication, etc. WRC's crisis hotline is available 24-hours per day for peer support, safety planning, referrals and information, and access to WRC's safehouse if needed. Free Legal Clinic Women's Resource Center has collaborated with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society for many years to make free legal guidance available to survivors of domestic violence. Attorneys are available every Tuesday evening from 6pm – 9pm at our community office to provide legal advice on civil legal matters. Up to ten women each week receive a private, thirty-minute consultation to discuss a variety of issues including child support, divorce and custody issues.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Crisis Hotline Counseling; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: English, Spanish

youthSpark, Inc.

Address: 395 Pryor Street, Suite 2117 Atlanta, GA 30312-2713

Federal award: 42136

Match amount: 10534

Counties served: Fulton

Core services: Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

Project title: CEASE Voices Project

Project description: The CEASE Voices Project addresses the “supply side” of child sex trafficking by providing direct services for girls to prevent them from being further abused by making sure they never become victims of child sex trafficking through education and intervention. The girls in the program meet in group sessions at our specially designed, family-friendly center inside the Fulton County Juvenile Court (also the home of youthSpark) for two hours each week (with regular individual contact throughout the rest of the week). They receive intervention services in responding to their needs (often

including victim assistance and advocacy on the child's behalf for services, including mental health services) and identify issues that cause vulnerabilities for involvement in child sex trafficking and impact their safety. The girls engage in activities that support developing solid skills in communication, conflict resolution and decision-making to increase overall stability in their lives. The educational programming includes specialized child sex trafficking education, self-esteem building, team building, goal setting, appropriate sexual behavior and adult relationship boundaries; group and individual mentoring; expressive journaling; sessions featuring professionals providing hands-on educational enrichment; financial literacy programs; community arts programs; health and wellness activities; and special educational field trips. After a year of receiving these services and evidence of positive behavior changes, the girls go through a special recognition ceremony and can join the Alumnae Leadership Institute. Girls in the alumnae program attend work individually with staff and, as a group, address higher learning exploration/college-readiness, life skills, workforce experience and continued leadership skills. The main goal of the alumnae program is to provide assistance that will help propel Voices graduates into the world as successful young adults and give them the tools they need for job-readiness, while cultivating their hidden talents and engaging in community service. Grant funds will be used to support youthSpark staff (CSEC Program Manager, CSEC Program Coordinator and CSEC Care Clinician) who will carry out the following activities: 1) Identification and Intake Activities Referrals of girls who are at risk for the further abuse of child sex trafficking come from the judges and probation officers of the Fulton County Juvenile Court, Georgia Cares and the Department of Family and Children Services. After the girls are referred to the program, the Care Clinician manages the intake process, which includes meeting the girl and her parent(s) or guardian at the youthSpark offices, creating individual case management files, implementing initial assessments and completing her Individual Client Action Plan. All of these activities are overseen by the Program Manager and they take place throughout the year as girls come into the program. 2) Program Sessions and Contact Once the girls are in the program, they participate in the weekly sessions (held on Tuesday afternoons). The logistics of planning the sessions are normally a group effort between the Program Manager, Care Clinician and Program Coordinator. Program preparation includes gathering curriculum materials, setting up dinner (a healthy, full meal the girls share together at our dinner table), arranging for transportation for the girls to the session (via drivers and/or MARTA transportation cards), and prepping other supplies needed to make the sessions a success. For each session, attendance records are kept and the Care Clinician, who runs the individual sessions (sometimes with the support of volunteers and the Program Manager and/or Program Coordinator), completes and files the overall weekly session reviews and any weekly individual clinical notes. Volunteers and workshop presenters who help with the program are recruited and managed by the Program Coordinator and her efforts happen throughout the year. In between sessions, the curriculum can be refined to meet the individual needs of the girls and the current issues they are facing. The Care Clinician and staff reach out to each girl with regular weekly contacts to ensure that the girls are safe and do not require additional assistance. Through regular contact with the girls, the Care Clinician also works to identify if they, or their family members, need any referrals for other outside social services, such as mental health services. Probation reports and school reports are obtained on a monthly basis by the Program Manager to monitor any incidents of running away and/or truancy. The probation officers also immediately reach out to the Program Manager if there are any issues, including emergencies. In addition, if an individual girl faces involvement with court proceedings and court advocacy, the Program Manager and/or Care Clinician will support her. Throughout the year, Voices girls participate in several other special events, including the annual Summer Celebration (where

family members and friends can experience how well the girls are making progress), the annual Recognition Ceremony (celebrating the completion of the program for girls who are at that point in the program) and various holiday parties and field trips. The implementation of these events is mainly managed by the Program Manager and Program Coordinator. 3) Follow-up As girls roll out of the program (although girls are always welcome back to visit with the program staff and the motto of the program is “Once a Voices Girl, Always a Voices Girl”) post- assessments are conducted and analyzed. All of this data is critical to the long-term monitoring of the program and measuring its success. This work is conducted primarily by the Care Clinician, but overseen by the Program Manager. Each girl’s specific evaluations and Individual Action Plan is reviewed and all information is stored in a secured location. To regularly monitor the success of the program and whether or not objectives—including target levels—are met, each quarter the program staff meets with the Executive Director and youthSpark’s Grants Officer to go over the reporting data and to assess it against whether the program goals are being met.

Services provided: Follow-up Contact; Group Treatment; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Telephone Contacts (Information & Referral)

Languages spoken: N/A

YWCA of Northwest Georgia, Inc.

Address: 48 Henderson Street Marietta, GA 30064-3208

Federal award: 116955

Match amount: 29239

Counties served: Cobb

Core services: Counseling Services; Domestic Violence Programs; Legal Services Provider

Project title: 2015 Domestic Violence Shelter and Legal Assistance Program

Project description: The following services are part of this project: • **Safe, Confidential Shelter:** Sheltering Hands is a 32-bed group living facility offering a safe place for women and children who have suffered domestic violence. Clients stay in our shelter for up to 90 days before moving on to transitional or permanent housing or another program. • **Client-Centered Case Management/Service Planning:** Every client is assigned to a case manager upon intake. Clients meet with case managers to determine their immediate needs and start the process of setting and attaining long-term goals. Case managers and clients meet regularly to discuss progress, referrals to other programs, and next steps. • **Individual/Group Counseling and Support:** Free counseling is offered to victims and family members. There is no limit to the number of counseling sessions. • **Legal Advocacy:** Legal Advocates answer questions and provide information and referrals, assist in the filing of a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) and accompany clients to court proceedings. • **Victim Assistance:** All direct service staff assist residential and community clients in filing for victim’s compensation through the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program. • **Multicultural/Multilingual Outreach:** Some of our staff speak Spanish in addition to English, and all of our services can be provided in a variety of languages through an interpreter service. We employ a Latino Outreach Coordinator to interface with the large Hispanic community in Cobb County, and our staff receives Asian cultural training. We have an MOU with Tapestri, a local organization servicing victims of human trafficking, pledging that we will house trafficking victims who are being served by Tapestri’s case managers.

Services provided: Crisis Counseling; Follow-up Contact; Therapy; Group Treatment; Shelter/Safe House; Information & Referral (In-Person); Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy; Emergency Legal Assistance; Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims; Personal Advocacy; Telephone C
Languages spoken: Spanish