

VAWA STOP AT-A-GLANCE



Alaska's Council on
Domestic Violence
& Sexual Assault

The Violence Against Women Act's (VAWA) Services* Training* Officers* Prosecutors* (STOP) is a federal formula grant given to all states and territories. Its purpose is to improve and enhance victim services and perpetrator accountability in cases of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault.

Every four years, VAWA requires administrators to create a multi-year STOP Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan serves to prioritize statewide training and service needs to better prevent and respond to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

VAWA STOP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PRIORITIZES:

- ★ **Victim Services** – The victim services portion of STOP funds supports legal services to victims through trained volunteer and staff attorneys and training and technical assistance to legal advocates through that statewide coalition, the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. In addition, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center is working to enhance existing victim services through culturally relevant, localized trainings and cross-system collaboration with law enforcement, shelter services, and other community-based service providers.
- ★ **Courts** – The Alaska Court System uses STOP funds to support interpreter services in civil and criminal domestic violence and/or sexual assault proceedings. STOP funds also ensure training and education is made available to court employees and judicial officers on these types of crimes.
- ★ **Law Enforcement** – The law enforcement portion of STOP funds training and materials for the Alaska State Troopers, Village Public Safety Officers, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, and medical providers conducting sexual assault forensic exams.
- ★ **Prosecutors** – The prosecutor portion of STOP funds training and support for state and municipal prosecutors and paralegal/victim witness coordinators.

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