



# Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

## Domestic violence is...

- Prevalent – 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experience it.
- A public health issue that contributes to chronic health problems and often limits the ability of survivors to manage other chronic illnesses, such as diabetes and hypertension.
- A leading cause of homelessness for women and children; the need for safe and affordable housing is one of the most pressing concerns for survivors.
- Preventable by proactively implementing programs, training, and services that stop violence and abuse from happening in the first place.



In 1984, Congress took action to address domestic violence as a public health issue by enacting the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), authorized under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act amendments that took place at that time. This action meant that survivors of domestic violence could access help through a 24-hour confidential hotline and put grant funding in place for community programs and services. FVPSA funding reaches over 1,500 domestic violence shelters and programs, supports over 240 tribes and tribal organizations to address and prevent domestic

violence, and provides for a network of state coalitions and national technical assistance providers — all working to ensure vital crisis services are available to individuals experiencing domestic or dating violence and their dependents.

The FVPSA Program recognizes the interrelated aspects of domestic violence with homelessness, economic hardship, workplace readiness, physical and behavioral health concerns, and culturally specific needs, and works across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to address these issues, including meeting the needs of children exposed to family violence. These coordinated efforts ensure that survivors can more easily access supportive services, violence-prevention resources, health care, housing, early childhood education, child support, responsible fatherhood programs, and much more.

FVPSA Program efforts through grants and technical assistance result in:

- 24-hour hotline with caring advocates providing connections to community resources
- Services, shelter, and support to 1.3 million survivors
- Support to more than 1,500 local domestic violence agencies



## FYSB Mission

To support the organizations and communities that work every day to reduce the risk of youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence.

## FYSB Vision

A future in which all our nation's youth, individuals, and families — no matter what challenges they may face — can live healthy, productive, violence-free lives.



- Culturally appropriate and peer-led programs reaching more than 240 Tribes
- Collaborative training, technical assistance, and resource development at the intersection of domestic violence, homelessness, and housing
- Increased knowledge sharing and capacity building for culturally specific services and meeting the needs of children exposed to violence in the home
- Community-level coordination with 56 Domestic Violence Coalitions



For organizations working with survivors of domestic violence, FVPSA Program resources, technical assistance, and grant support may help increase your service capacity, community engagement, and survivor-centered practice.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please consider reaching out to a local service provider or one of the national domestic violence hotlines that provide confidential, anonymous, and free support.

The FVPSA Program is administered by the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

FYSB administers FVPSA funding as specified within statute. Appropriated funds are allocated through grant programs to states and territories, Tribes, and coalitions; competitive discretionary grants to national resource centers and specialized services for abused parents and their children demonstrations; and national domestic violence hotlines.

To learn more, visit [Family Violence Prevention and Services](#).

## NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINES



### National Domestic Violence Hotline

Always Available: 24/7/365  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
1-800-787-3224 TTY



### STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline

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1-844-7NATIVE  
1-844-762-8483  
Mon-Fri 9:00am - 5:30pm CT  
[info@strongheartshelpline.org](mailto:info@strongheartshelpline.org)



### Love is Respect

1-866-331-9474  
Text loveis to 22522

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