The Office on Violence Against Women Children and Youth and Engaging Men Program

Storybook

Introduction

This product is designed to highlight the Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) grant program to address children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and engaging men and boys in the prevention of violence against women and girls. It is intended to provide a glimpse into the background & focus of the grant program as

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well as the work/impact of the grantees. This storybook includes current CYEM grantees (fiscal years 2019 - 2022) and newly funded 2023 CYEM grantees.

The History of the CYEM Grant Program

The 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) created four distinct children and youth programs. These programs were 1) Grants to Assist Children and Youth Exposed to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (CEV), 2) Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Program (Youth Services), 3) Services, Training, Education and Policies to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking in Secondary Schools Grant Program (STEP), and 4) Engaging Men & Boys in Preventing Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking (Engaging Men). Beginning in 2008, OVW began releasing solicitations for one or more of the programs based on annual appropriations.

Over the course of many years, OVW realized the programs were each limited in scope and did not fully represent the work in the field. The programs were reimagined as one comprehensive program that maintained the spirit and intent of the original four programs. Also at this time, the reauthorization of VAWA 2013 consolidated the four programs into one program authorized by the CHOOSE Children & Youth and SMART Prevention statutes which OVW administered as the Children & Youth and Engaging Men (CYEM) program.

OVW has continued to observe, listen to the field, and respond to the challenges of our grantees. Today the CYEM program releases two distinct solicitations – one for CY and one for EM. This allows for greater equity between the programs & allows for grantees to focus on the critical need for response/treatment strategies for children & youth impacted by violence as well as prevention work with men & boys in communities across the country.

Response and Prevention: How Youth-Centered and Engaging Men Work Transforms Individuals, Families, and Communities

The CYEM grantees work tirelessly to engage communities across the country to create safer homes, safer schools, and safer communities for children and youth. Serving young people and engaging boys and men requires a comprehensive, trauma-informed, people-centered approach to prevention, intervention, treatment, and response work that is most impactful when led by a coordinated community response (CCR). In order to be effective, a CCR must

center the voices and lived experiences of young people, their non-abusing caregivers, and boys and men. By creating innovative, intersectional, and multifaceted projects, CYEM grantees are pioneering programs that touch the lives of young people and boys and men in lasting and impactful ways. CYEM grantees are working collaboratively with domestic violence and homeless shelters, rape crisis centers, victim service providers, schools and school districts, fatherhood organizations, faith-based organizations, children advocacy centers, LGBTQ+ centers, head start programs, men's organizations, community-based programs, sports teams, local government agencies and programs, and tribal governments to create opportunities for children and youth that they will carry across their lifetime.

The Cornerstone of the Work: Youth-Centered Coordinated Community Response (CCR)

While most projects are unique and tailored to the diverse communities they are developed in and with, the development of a collaborative CCR is an essential component of every CYEM project. Addressing the complex and diverse needs of children and youth who are victims of and/or exposed to the four VAWA crimes cannot be addressed by one organization or program. Nor can comprehensive engaging men prevention efforts be limited to one organization. In order to have a wide impact and sustainability of programs, it is essential that multiple parts of a community are working together to respond to and prevent the varying levels of violence impacting children and youth. This response work, while similar to CCR's work to support adult survivors of violence, must also include key stakeholders supporting and caring for young people. For example, it is essential to have schools, community-based youth serving organizations, faith-based organizations, afterschool programs, social services, homeless and run-away youth programs, as well as other children and youth programs participating as key partners within the response. In engaging men prevention work, key community stakeholders can include schools, businesses, faith-based institutions, youth sports leagues and teams, fatherhood groups, homeless shelters, public housing, civic groups, re-entry programs, and more. It is through the youth centered CCR that lasting healing & community change can occur.

Project Partners

Project partners are an essential aspect of each CYEM grantee's success. It is together, in meaningful partnership, that each grantee and their partners can impact the safety and

wellbeing of children and youth. To ensure that the voices and experiences of survivors are central to the development and implementation of each project, every grantee is required to have a victim service provider as a project partner, if not the grantee. Additionally, grantees must include partners that have experience that reflects their proposed project as well as those who have expertise engaging and supporting children and youth.

Purpose Areas

To meet the intent of Congress, OVW created specific purpose areas to address the goals laid out in the statutes. Grantees must choose to focus their projects based on these purpose areas.

The purpose areas of the children and youth (CY) solicitation include:

- Services and Training to Address Children Exposed to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and/or Sex Trafficking (within ages 0-10)
- Creating Safer Communities for Youth: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Response Services for Youth Impacted by Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and/or Sex Trafficking (within ages 11-24)
- Providing School-Based Services: Prevention, Intervention, and Response to Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and/or Sex Trafficking (within ages 5-19)

The purpose area of the engaging men and boys (EM) solicitation include:

- Implement education, training, or other programming that enables men and boys to serve as allies in the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking.

The Heart of the Work: CYEM Grantees

The heart of the CYEM program are the grantees and the young people they serve. Because grantee projects center the lived experiences of young people in their mission, vision, purpose and impact, grantees have created a variety of innovative strategies to serve communities and create lasting change.

Explore all of the current and new OVW-funded CYEM grantees in the following pages!

A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis Center

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based, Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 4

Cities/Counties Served: Lake County **State:** Illinois

Project Name: Youth Empowerment And Healing (YEAH)

MOU Partners: Waukegan Police Department, Waukegan School District #60

MOU Partner Organization Type: Providing school-based prevention education

Description of CY/EM project: Our YEAH program provides prevention education and intervention services to youth residing in North Chicago, Waukegan and Zion who have witnessed or been impacted by domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. Our prevention education topics include healthy relationships, online safety and decision making, and our intervention services expand on the above topics while including how to be a leader. Our program also provides information and support to parents to better support the youth in their home.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Trauma informed and crisis management counselor/education coordinators will provide trauma-informed counseling and therapy in individual and group settings to middle school youth who have experienced sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking. Creating a Youth Advisory Board to assist in guiding mentoring group activities. Hosting Parent Coffee Groups in the community covering: violence prevention and intervention education, case management, counseling,

resources and services that are being offered to their children and allow parents to increase awareness of and connect with identified resources.

Agency website: www.asafeplaceforhelp.org
Project website: QR Resources for YEAH

A Woman's Place

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Bucks County **State:** Pennsylvania

Project Name: Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)

MOU Partners: Planned Parenthood Keystone, Rainbow Room

MOU Partner Organization Type: LGTBQ+ Community Organization

Description of CY/EM project: We are focusing on empowerment programming for adolescents, especially members of the LGBTQ+ community or queer identifying youth. The focus is on youth leadership and education to create social change.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: New Young Adult Advisory Board Information Guide. Train-the-trainer youth curriculum guide.

Agency website: www.awomansplace.org

Aid To Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 7

Cities/Counties Served: Palm Beach County

State: Florida

Project Name: AVDA's Commit to Change: Committed Men

MOU Partners: Palm Beach State College, Young Men of Distinction, Milagro Teen Center, Ramon Robinson

MOU Partner Organization Type: Local State College, Mentoring Program, OST (Out of School Time) teen community center, Independent artist

Description of CY/EM project: In collaboration with our MOU partners, AVDA is implementing and integrating prevention education to increase opportunities and build leadership capacity for men to engage in the movement to end intimate partner violence. AVDA aims to mobilize men and boys as allies to women and girls by promoting healthy masculinity through education and action.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: A new youth "Committed Men VIP" (volunteer impact project) program. Supporting young men and boys with the development and implementation of community impact projects. Community and School-based prevention curriculum and training facilitation for adults and youth.

Agency website: www.avdaonline.org

Ambassadors for Christ Youth Ministries

Entity Type: Youth development organization

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Pine Bluff/Jefferson County
State: Arkansas

Project Name: Project SHIFT

MOU Partners: Jack Jones Juvenile Detention Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Pine Bluff Police Department

MOU Partner Organization Type: Juvenile Justice, Children's Advocacy, and local law enforcement

Description of CY/EM project: A coordinated, collaborative approach to preventing and responding to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Against Children and Youth (ages 12-18) in rural Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The program is evidence-based, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered. It includes direct services (crisis counseling, mental health/therapy, mentoring, etc.), advocacy, and other related support services for its participants. Project SHIFT focuses on nurturing its relationships with its clients & partnership providers thereby strengthening a broader community spirit of leveraging and sharing resources and information.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Improving prevention and services in rural communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: AFC created a community training plan aimed to assist law enforcement and other allied professionals to appropriately respond to & support youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking in rural and marginalized communities.

Agency website: www.afcyouth.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County

Entity Type: Engaging Men and Boys organization

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Riverside County **State:** California

Project Name: Engaging Men and Boys as Allies in Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

MOU Partners: SAFE Family Justice Centers, Shawn Johnson consultant

MOU Partner Organization Type: Safe Family Justice Centers: service provider and Shawn Johnson: My Strength facilitator

Description of CY/EM project: Our primary project goal is to develop and implement programming to engage men and boys as role models and mentors to combat domestic violence and related crimes, while also integrating education on these issues into existing support programs. Additionally, the project aims to establish a community response team, conduct a needs assessment, provide crisis intervention, and enhance collaboration through cross-training in the efforts to create lasting change throughout our communities.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Our goal is to recruit 100 new male mentors over 3 years, conduct post training surveys and provide monthly case management to support mentors, mentees and families with resources to address the growing problem of domestic violence in Riverside.

Agency website: www.iebigs.org

Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Greater Boston

State: Massachusetts

Project Name: Using Live Streaming to Equip Young Men to Prevent Cyberstalking and Other Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls

MOU Partners: Boston Public Health Commission, Start Strong Initiative

MOU Partner Organization Type: Public health organization

Description of CY/EM project: Our project is utilizing live-streaming video as a strategy to provide violence prevention resources and tools for young men, and all teens, so that they can thrive and so together we can reduce harm against women and girls. By deepening the relationships between our project partner organizations, we are expanding the reach of our work and having a greater impact within the greater Boston community.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Addressing technology-enabled abuse of children & youth/young adults
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Actively recruit and retain teen Peer Leaders; create educational materials and tools on how to prevent violence geared towards women and girls that include discussions of harmful online spaces and the intersections of stalking and dating violence; build and grow an audience for live-streaming content.

Agency and project website: www.barcc.org

Caring Unlimited

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: York County **State:** Maine

Project Name: Enhancing Violence Prevention in York County, Maine

MOU Partners: Sexual Response Services of Southern Maine, Maine Boys to Men, Saltwater Vineyard

MOU Partner Organization Type: Sexual Violence, Gender-based Violence, Faith Based

Description of CY/EM project: The project's overall goals include formal coordination of services utilizing a Coordinated Community Response Team model, increasing education and services specific for youth, and increasing education and services for youth-serving adults. Over the span of the project, SARSSM and Caring Unlimited will be providing increased education and advocacy supports around dating abuse, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking, for both youth and youth-serving adults for York County communities.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving prevention and services in rural communities
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide education to youth serving adults such as teachers and school resource officers. Facilitate youth education groups and classroom education for students on topics related to teen dating abuse, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking. Engage and coordinate the work of stakeholders across the county.

Agency website: www.caring-unlimited.org

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 5

Cities/Counties Served: Boston **State:** Massachusetts

Project Name: Engaging Men and Boys

MOU Partners: Beat The Odds, Cathedral High School

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community Based Organization, High School

Description of CY/EM project: We are finalizing a podcast with our partner agency Beat The Odds. Our podcast is called Red Flags & Roses. We want to continue this to make it a larger digital campaign to incorporate the engaging men and boys campaign.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: We created a training for youth workers responding to disclosure. We are finishing the podcast Red Flags and Roses and we will have an event for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month to launch the podcast.

Agency website: www.casamyrna.org

Casa Protegida Julia de Burgos

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: Engaging Boys and Men

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: San Juan **Territory:** Puerto Rico

Project Name: Otros Hombres

MOU Partners: Impetu, University of Puerto Rico at Carolina Campus

MOU Partner Organization Type: Culturally specific community programs, educators

Description of CY/EM project: Otros Hombres aims to develop and implement a culturally responsive education and training program for men and boys in Puerto Rico in order to enable them to prevent gender-based violence. This will include a train-the-trainer model for community organizations and institutions of higher education.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide educational and prevention training, particularly to LatinX, Afro-Caribbean, and immigrant populations that are Spanish-speaking. Develop train-the-trainer model to be implemented for community organizations and institutions of higher education.

Agency website: www.casajulia.org/en/

Center for Family Services

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Cumberland and Gloucester Counties

State: New Jersey

Project Name: SERV-Children's Connection

MOU Partners: TAFCAR (Treatment Alternatives for Children At Risk), Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office

MOU Partner Organization Type: Social service organization, County Prosecutor's office

Description of CY/EM project: Our initiative has three main parts that include an intervention, prevention, and expanded CCR component. Each of the parts will be used to enhance the others. The foundation to begin that work has been many, many months in the making! The evolution of this project has created space to look internally and think a bit about moving forward differently than had originally been intended. This is GROWTH & has provided the opportunity to pivot toward a more sustainable journey forward!

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Improving prevention and services in rural communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Locating a place in either or both of the communities that could create opportunity for local community members to gather and have access to intervention and prevention programming has been a major focus of this project. Our small team was able to connect with a well-regarded, well known and well loved pastor and community member in Cumberland county to secure space and begin to collaborate around the needs of the community while carving out and creating a trauma-informed space for the intervention component of the program. The shared vision of this Pastor and our team is to work with other community members and groups accessing the site to work together in the community to support the needs of families.

Another exciting portion of the project is beginning to take shape and really took root through our connection and collaboration with our primary project partner, TAFCAR. When the Project Director began to explore prevention programming that would fit the needs of very young children from diverse communities, an unusual email sparked an idea and led to a conversation that led the team back to TAFCAR who had been begun to utilize materials from this source for other programming with families being served in another division of the parent agency, It may

sound confusing, but the connection is serendipitous and we feel the prevention encounters we can create in the community will be the right fit for our project.

Each and every project that we have worked on has clearly demonstrated the need to look internally to collaborate and how strengthening the interior of the organization can strengthen the ways that the communities are seen, heard, and served...and that we are ALL part of the community!! This has not been a straight line journey and its been incredibly challenging in countless ways, but we do believe that all of this has allowed for shifting the lens around partnerships and collaborations and has led us toward new opportunities to enhance the way we see our existing CCR and the real potential to expand and enhance this to meet the needs of the counties in ways that make sense for each of the counties. IT IS EXCITING!!

Agency website: www.centerffs.org

The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Middlesex **State:** Massachusetts

Project Name: Lowell Mentors in Healthy Manhood

MOU Partners: Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community-Based Organization and Youth-serving Organization

Description of CY/EM project: The purpose of this project is to provide support and coaching for men and youth to be role models in healthy attitudes and behaviors to prevent sexual violence in the Greater Lowell community. We provide support to men and young boys through the Brotherhood of Strength (BOS) program, a group of men as allies in ending sexual violence and mentorship program.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Expanding economic justice for survivors and at-risk youth

Primary project activities or deliverables: Build the capacity of the Brotherhood of Strength (BOS) to address sexual violence prevention that is culturally and age-appropriate. Provide a Mentorship Program to young men of color to be supported personally and professionally. Design culturally relevant prevention and social marketing campaigns for men and boys of color.

Agency website: www.chhinc.org/get-help/prevention-education/engaging-men-boys/

Center for the Pacific-Asian Family, Inc.

CENTER FOR THE PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY
NURTURING CHANGE TOGETHER

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Los Angeles County **State:** California

Project Name: Creating Safer Communities for Youth

MOU Partners: Koreatown Youth and Community Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community-based organization

Description of CY/EM project: This project aims to serve Asian/PI youth (ages 14-24), of which an estimated 210,000 live in LA County. CPAF focuses on this age range (the high school and college years) as a critical window to mitigate the potential educational impact of the experience of SA/DV, with its attendant long-term economic harm. This project will focus primarily on high-risk youth in LA County, particularly those in and around Central Los Angeles.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Engage 500 youth through 10 events or campaigns to raise awareness of SA/DV. Provide confidential, culturally responsive victim services for 120 youth survivors. Train 6 youth-serving organizations to educate and support youth survivors.

Agency website: www.nurturingchange.org

Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Phoenix

State: Arizona

Project Name: OVW PRDV

MOU Partners: ACESDV, Furnishing dignity, Arizona Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Description of CY/EM project: We will have a youth project coordinator, 2 youth advocates that will be doing preventative DV and SA work and providing advocacy services to the youth

ages 11-24 years old. The youth coordinator will be trained with the Coalition law enforcement training and bloom365 training to provide these trainings to law enforcement and youth in the community.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide preventative work to youth and support law enforcement with interactions they are having with youth in the field during DV incidents and calls.

Agency website: www.cplc.org/hhs/dv.php

Child Protect of Mercer County, Inc.

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Entity Type: Child advocates

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 5

Cities/Counties Served: Mercer County

State: West Virginia

Project Name: Kids Collaborative Project

MOU Partners: Mercer County Schools, ChildLaw Services, Inc., New Covenant Church of Princeton

MOU Partner Organization Type: Schools, youth-serving community organization, faith-based entity

Description of CY/EM project: The Kids Collaborative Project is enhancing Mercer County, WV's comprehensive efforts to expand prevention, intervention, treatment and response strategies for youth impacted by CY-specific crimes (sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking) through the provision of victim advocacy and service coordination, trauma-focused counseling, school-based prevention and support group programming, community-based support group programming, community education, and targeted training for law enforcement and other allied professionals.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving prevention and services in rural communities
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provision of school-based prevention programming in 100% of Mercer County, WV middle and high schools. Provision of support groups for at-risk youth and the LGBTQ+ community. Direct services for youth exposed to CY-specific crimes including advocacy, case management and trauma-based counseling services.
Agency website: www.mercerchildprotect.com

Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff (and boards)

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 6

Cities/Counties Served: Cache and Rich Counties **State:** Utah

Project Name: Consolidated Youth

MOU Partners: Fast Forward Charter High School, Cache Pride Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Alternative High School, LGBTQ+ Youth Drop-in Center

Description of CY/EM project: Our project has been providing prevention education and intervention services to youth, young adults, and their families, who are at higher risk of experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This also included

a focus on LGBTQ+ youth and their families. We provide prevention education and intervention services at all 3 project locations in order to meet youth where they are and make greater connections between all organizations.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide an in-house therapist for students at Fast Forward. Create a straightforward referral process for students at Fast Forward and youth at Cache Pride Center in need of CAPSA services. Present Upstanding curriculum to all incoming Freshman.

Agency website: www.capsa.org

City of Alexandria

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Alexandria

State: Virginia

Project Name: Building Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention Programming in Alexandria, VA

MOU Partners: Safe Space NOVA, Capital Youth Empowerment Program (CYEP)

MOU Partner Organization Type: LGBTQ+ youth organization, healthy development of children and fathers

Description of CY/EM project: Our CY grant project will advance violence prevention work to halt cycles of violence using prevention approaches that will prevent initial perpetration and victimization, as well as lessen the harmful effects of violence that has already occurred. Centering racial and social equity and focusing on Black, Hispanic, and LGBTQ+ youth, we endeavor to create a safer Alexandria for children and youth that prioritizes preventing violence in addition to responding to violence so that all youth in Alexandria can thrive. Activities with our partners will include expanding our peer advocacy program, facilitating a healthy relationships curriculum with middle school youth, offering a LGBTQ+ inclusive sex education program to LGBTQ+ youth, and facilitating a support group for LGBTQ+ youth.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth

Primary project activities or deliverables: Alexandria SAC/DVP will expand an existing successful prevention program through hiring Peer Advocates - youth in their teens and early twenties - who will educate high school and college-age peers on building healthy relationships, safe dating, healthy sexuality, empowering young people, bystander intervention, and local domestic and sexual violence resources and supports. CYEP will expand the reach of the evidenced-based healthy relationships curriculum Safe Dates to more middle and high school youth in Alexandria, with particular focus on Black and Hispanic youth. Safe Space NOVA will engage LGBTQ+ youth in Alexandria to present their newly designed healthy sexuality curriculum for queer youth that covers topics such as body autonomy, consent, communication, boundary-setting, and more. Safe Space NOVA will also offer a support group for LGBTQ+ youth to ask questions, connect with other youth, and build a resource network.

Agency website: www.alexandriava.gov/SexualViolence and www.alexandriava.gov/DomesticViolence

City of Milwaukee

Entity Type: Government agency

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Milwaukee **State:** Wisconsin

Project Name: Milwaukee Safer Communities for Youth

MOU Partners: UMOS Latina Resource Center, Fresh Start Learning

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community Organizations

Description of CY/EM project: The vision of Safer Communities for Youth is that Milwaukee youth ages 11-24 will thrive while being safe from domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. They will be supported by adults and professionals who are well-informed in how to prevent and respond to threats. This vision will be carried out by significantly increasing the access that youth have (including those at high risk for victimization/ perpetration) to prevention programming that is inclusive of youth-led strategies, crisis

intervention, assistance in understanding/recognizing abusive behavior, and addressing bystander intervention.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: No deliverables to report. Implementation was recently approved.

Agency website: www.city.milwaukee.gov/doa/Services-and-Programs/staysafe

City of New Orleans

Entity Type: Government agency

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: New Orleans, Orleans Parish **State:** Louisiana

Project Name: Domestic Violence Prevention

MOU Partners: New Orleans Family Justice Center, WIC & Healthy Start of New Orleans, City of New Orleans Police Department

MOU Partner Organization Type: Dual SA/DV program, government agency, & law enforcement agency

Description of CY/EM project: The New Orleans Health Department (NOHD) is addressing children & families at risk of violence through dedicated domestic violence prevention efforts. The grant project includes strengthening prevention within NOHD's WIC & Healthy Start programs, enhancing mental health services for children 0-5 at the New Orleans Family Justice

Center (NOFJC), implementing specialized training for New Orleans Police Department (NOPD), supporting prevention efforts for Clover Early Education, and expanding existing coordinated community response (CCR) efforts with a dedicated prevention committee.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Improving prevention and services in rural communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: NOHD's DV/SA Program is offering training, TA, support, and resource coordination to WIC & Healthy Start including DV 101 training for staff, a dedicated resource page, on-call case consultation for connection to resources, and supporting program outreach efforts. NOHD has contracted with an e-learning company to create training for children exposed to violence to be implemented during yearly in-service for all NOPD officers. The grant project includes part time employment for a children's counselor at the NOFJC who will prioritize referrals for children 0-5. A specialized training series will be offered to this staff member and other child victim service providers to expand mental health services for children 0-5 and their non-abusive parents.

Agency website: www.nola.gov/health/domestic-violence-prevention/

City of Rockford

Entity Type: Government agency

Type of Grantee: Government agency

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Rockford **State:** Illinois

Project Name: City of Rockford Engaging Men & Boys as Allies Training Program

MOU Partners: The LIAM Foundation

MOU Partner Organization Type: LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Description of CY/EM project: The City of Rockford has identified a need for education and training for people working within agencies and other systems that work with youth to shift the cultural beliefs held surrounding violence against women, girls, and the LGBTQ+ community. Through our project development, we will create a train-the-trainer model that addresses the need for institutionalized education and training within community agencies.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Begin training agency supervisors/leaders as trainers, incorporate sustainable training into partner agencies, and improve The LIAM Foundation's ability to identify and respond to LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic and sexual violence while increasing community awareness of their services.

Agency website: www.rockfordil.gov/460/Domestic-and-Community-Violence-Preventi

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Cuyahoga County

State: Ohio

Project Name: Improving Prevention of and Responses to Sexual Violence Against Northeast Ohio Children

MOU Partners: Starting Point

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community-based organization

Description of CY/EM project: Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (CRCC) is working with Starting Point in order to provide child victims of sexual violence with timely, comprehensive healing services, including crisis intervention, trauma counseling, justice system advocacy, and case management. CRCC is expanding outreach and community education throughout the county to educate allied professionals and community members about trauma-informed responses to instances of early childhood sexual violence.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Implement educational programs for children ages 0-10 that focus on child sexual abuse education and prevention. Implement professional training and community education programs/workshops for adults that focus on child sexual abuse education and prevention. Expand outreach and community education throughout Cuyahoga County to promote prevention education and trauma-informed response among allied professionals and community members. Provide trauma-informed care to child survivors of sexual violence.

Agency website: www.clevelandrapecrisis.org

Community Health and Social Services Center, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 6

Cities/Counties Served: Southwest Detroit, Wayne county **State:** Michigan

Project Name: LA VIDA Partnership's Youth Work

MOU Partners: Alternatives for Girls, Congress of Communities, César Chávez Academy School District

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community organizations, charter school

Description of CY/EM project: Our project is focused on providing primary prevention to reduce dating violence and sexual assault, youth leadership development and direct services to young people between the ages of 11-24 in Southwest Detroit and the surrounding areas that are victims of dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Our project focuses on culturally-tailored strategies to work with the Latine community. Our MOU partners include

local youth-serving community-based organizations and schools to address these areas of need. During this phase of our project, we are expanding our geographic area to include parts of the county to where many residents have moved and to tailor our services to meet the needs of Latine LGBTQIA+ youth and youth survivors.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Supporting immigrant communities
- Addressing technology-enabled abuse of children & youth/young adults

Primary project activities or deliverables: We provide trauma-informed counseling to youth survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sexual abuse between the ages of 11-24 at our health center, as well as at local schools and community organizations. We provide prevention education and leadership development to local Latine youth in collaboration with our partner organizations. We are working to expand our programming to meet the needs of the Latine LGBTQIA+ community in Southwest Detroit and just beyond the city. We will plan and implement a community focused Youth Summit on consent and healthy relationships in the final year of our grant. This summit will be planned and implemented by our youth board.

Agency website: www.chasscenter.org and https://chasscenter.org/wellness/list/la_vida_partnership

Community Violence Intervention Center

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 6

Cities/Counties Served: Grand Forks County **State:** North Dakota

Project Name: Consolidated Youth Project

MOU Partners: Grand Forks Public School District, Spectra Health, Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office

MOU Partner Organization Type: School District, Health Center, Law Enforcement

Description of CY/EM project: We are enhancing our capacity to respond to dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking impacting youth in Grand Forks County while also providing education to prevent such crimes from occurring. We are also providing safety and healing services to youth who have been impacted by these crimes.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide 12,400 children and youth ages 6-18 with training and education to increase healthy relationship knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors to reduce the incidence of violent behaviors. Build the capacity of school GSA groups to raise awareness about healthy relationships among LGBTQ+ youth and about LGBTQ+ student concerns & wellbeing. Working with the Grand Forks Youth Commission, CYP staff will develop and pilot a bystander intervention model appropriate for children and youth.

Agency website: www.cviconline.org

The Compass Center

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Sioux Falls Metro Area **State:** South Dakota

Project Name: Sioux Falls Metro Area Youth VIP

MOU Partners: Avera eSANE; Boys and Girls Club of Sioux Empire; Child's Voice; Curtis Lauinger; Disability Rights South Dakota; Carroll Institute Project Awareness; Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment; Jordan Catlett; Lincoln County Sheriff's Office; Lutheran Social Services Mentoring Program; Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center; Minnehaha State's Attorney's Office Juvenile Diversion Coordinator; Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office; Multicultural Center of Sioux Falls; The Second Judicial Circuit; Sioux Falls Police Department; Sioux Falls Pride; Sioux Falls School District; South Dakota Urban Indian Health; Transformation Project; The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault; The University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Teen Up; and Working Against Violence, Inc.

MOU Partner Organization Type: Child advocates, community advocacy, educators, Juvenile justice, law enforcement

Description of CY/EM project: Sioux Falls Metro Area Youth VIP supports treatment services, improved intervention and responses through trainings about serving youth and minority youth victims of gender-based violence for law enforcement and allied professionals and youth-serving organizations, and prevention training for families. The project aims to advance racial equity through its coordinated community response and delivery of trainings that address the intersection of racism and gender-based violence.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide direct victim services such as crisis counseling, mental health and therapy, victim advocacy, educational and work support, family strengthening, and transportation. Develop and deliver training and educational programs to law enforcement, allied professions, and youth-serving organizations. Educate youth and engage youth as positive messengers, especially youth at high risk of victimization and perpetration.

Agency website: www.thecompasscenter.org

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Entity Type: Engaging Men and Boys organization

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: New Haven county **State:** Connecticut

Project Name: TeamUp

MOU Partners: America school for the Deaf, CREC Academy of Science and Innovation, Covenant Preparatory School LLC

MOU Partner Organization Type: Local school programs

Description of CY/EM project: This program is a violence prevention program for athletic coaches designed to inspire them to teach our young athletes about the importance of respect, personal responsibility, and healthy relationships. Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) is coaching social and emotional intelligence skills in boys.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education

- Improving prevention and services in rural communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Pre-test and post-test assessments

Agency website: www.ctcadv.org

Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Indianapolis **State:** Indiana

Project Name: Creating Racial Equity

MOU Partners: Brightwood Community Center, National Black Women's Justice Institute, Indy Champions

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community Center, Racial Equity Community Group, Domestic Violence Agency

Description of CY/EM project: DVN is working closely with grant partners to ensure that our curriculum is rooted in equity and reflective of the community that we serve. DVN will be working with NBWJI and Indianapolis Public Schools' (IPS) students to create a steering committee to oversee this project.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Developing and implementing a training curriculum for all school personnel (including school resources officers) and family members. Create an organizational assessment to set system-wide standards for preventing and responding to teen dating violence.

Agency website: www.dvnconnect.org

Esperanza United

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Dakota, Ramsey & Hennepin County

State: Minnesota

Project Name: School-based Prevention, Intervention, and Response for Latino Youth

MOU Partners: El Colegio Charter School, Eagan High School, Valley View Middle School

MOU Partner Organization Type: Middle & High Schools

Description of CY/EM project: The purpose of this project is to create a comprehensive, culturally affirming response to domestic/dating violence, sexual assault and stalking within middle and high school communities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area of Minnesota. A few goals and anticipated outcomes of this program include: Latino youth live safe, productive, and healthy lives; students receive information, support, and advocacy to survive and thrive when faced with violence in their lives; students access quality, trauma-informed mental health services, and support.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Latino youth, their parents, and the adults within their schools are knowledgeable and engaged about dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. School personnel receive trauma- informed, culturally relevant training and support.

Agency website: www.esperanzaunited.org/en/

Fairfax County, Virginia

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 4

Cities/Counties Served: Fairfax County

State: Virginia

Project Name: Resilient Kids, Thriving Families Program

MOU Partners: Northern Virginia Family Service

MOU Partner Organization Type: Culturally specific non-profit

Description of CY/EM project: The Resilient Kids, Thriving Families Program serves children between ages 4-10 years. Children can receive individual mental health counseling and/or group counseling delivered conjointly with a non-offending caregiver. Services can be delivered in five different languages commonly spoken in the area. Age-appropriate prevention workshops are delivered to children in Spanish or English in partnership with afterschool programs. Child serving professionals from these same programs, or others, receive training on recognizing when a family may be experiencing domestic violence and how to appropriately respond.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Supporting immigrant communities
- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers

Primary project activities or deliverables: Delivery of mental health services in multiple languages. Delivery of parenting workshops to understand the impact of DV on children in Spanish and English. Delivery of prevention workshops to children in Spanish and English.

Agency website: www.nvfs.org/about-nvfs/locations/multicultural-center/

Faith, Hope and Victory Christian Church

Entity Type: Faith-based organization staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

State: South Carolina

Project Name: Engaging Men & Boys

MOU Partners: Palmetto Citizens Against Sexual Assault (PCASA), Lancaster County Drug Court, Lancaster County Sheriff

MOU Partner Organization Type: Not For Profit, Law Enforcement

Description of CY/EM project: Our work affords us the opportunity to converse with young men and help them understand that they have a right to be the kind of man that they desire and not the model of man that they fear becoming.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: We aim to increase awareness of healthy masculinity among our young men through weekly Men Of Strength meetings. Our goal is to help our middle and high school male athletes realize the importance of preventing gender-based violence by holding Healthy Masculinity Workshops.

Agency website: www.engagingmenandboys.org

Gang Alternative, Inc.

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Miami-Dade County

State: Florida

Project Name: Molding Male Minds (M3)

MOU Partners: UPLIFT Service Partnership, Urban Partnership Drug-Free Community Coalition, Violence Intervention through Community Engagement Coalition

MOU Partner Organization Type: Social services

Description of CY/EM project: M3 targets Black (primarily Haitian and other Afro-Caribbean) middle school-aged boys to address the lack of education and awareness needed to reduce the prevalence of gender-specific violence, often based on power and control dynamics. M3 utilizes a Strategic Prevention Framework guided by a comprehensive logic model, which allows Gang Alternative, Inc. to follow a proven method of assessing and addressing the causes, environmental factors, and resource gaps that make these issues a community concern.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Creation of Male Action Network (MAN) to continue community-led prevention education. Production of multi-media campaigns (including educational videos) on the role of boys in ending violence against girls.

Agency website: www.myga.org

Helpmate, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: City of Asheville, Buncombe County

State: North Carolina

Project Name: Peaceful Families

MOU Partners: Mountain Child Advocacy Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Child Advocacy Center

Description of CY/EM project: Providing education around unhealthy relationships. Providing common language to adolescents and their caregivers to support communication regarding unhealthy relationships. Providing therapeutic counseling to families impacted by the trauma of intimate partner domestic violence in the home.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Licensed family counseling, therapeutic developmentally appropriate support group.

Agency website: www.helpmateonline.org/

Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Eastern Queens **State:** New York

Project Name: Elementary Adaptation of Margaret's Place

MOU Partners: PS 117, PS 182, IS 217, Safe Horizon, Mayor's Office to End Gender-based Violence

MOU Partner Organization Type: Schools, DV/SA Service Provider, Government agency

Description of CY/EM project: Our organization has been previously providing holistic healing services (intervention and prevention) work for children and youth impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through a school-based program model we adapted called “Margaret's Place” to 12-18 year olds. Our CY project is adapting and piloting this program model for elementary school students. We are collaborating with local providers, schools, and leveraging city-level support to build out a safety net strengthening families through economic empowerment and family strengthening activities rebuilding trust in foundational relationships with non-offending parents to further support the children ages 5-11 while integrating intervention and prevention services in the school.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers

Primary project activities or deliverables: A developmentally-appropriate, elementary-aged violence prevention curriculum (adapted and expanded from our pre-existing homegrown curriculum for middle and high school students), consisting of five sequential sessions. Development of a framework for policy and protocols for providing school-based clinical services to elementary-aged youth impacted by domestic violence. Adapted versions of our school-wide prevention campaigns that are age-appropriate, crafted through participation from our elementary peer leaders, called "Peace Warriors."

Agency website: www.joetorre.org

King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

Entity Type: Community advocacy organization

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: South King County **State:** Washington

Project Name: Better in Comunidad

MOU Partners: El Centro de la Raza-(El Centro), HealthPoint School-Based Health Center, King County Prosecutor's Office, Children's Justice Center of King County and Federal Way Police Department

MOU Partner Organization Type: Culturally specific community program, health care, prosecutor, child advocacy center and police department

Description of CY/EM project: Better in Comunidad is a wrap-around sexual violence prevention and intervention program serving the Latinx community, more specifically youth ages 11-24, in South King County, with most of the work occurring in Federal Way, WA. The bulk of prevention programming occurs at the lead partner, El Centro's, community spaces. Student leaders from the Roberto Maestas Youth Leadership program will receive training to provide prevention programming and training for peers, families and CCR partners.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide culturally responsive/ bilingual comprehensive sexual assault victim services for the Latinx youth population (information and referral, crisis intervention, advocacy, medical advocacy, legal advocacy and therapy.) Provide culturally-responsive, comprehensive, multi-strategy prevention interventions for Latinx youth.

Hire and train Latinx student leaders in El Centro's Roberto Maestas Youth Leadership program to co-lead prevention programming, mental health corner discussions and trainings for law enforcement, criminal justice providers, parents/caregivers and HealthPoint School-Based Health Center staff.

Agency website: www.kcsarc.org

Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services

Entity Type: Health professionals

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Kalihi Valley, Honolulu

State: Hawaii

Project Name: Kuyas Stand Up, Speak Out

MOU Partners: Susannah Wesley Community Center (SWCC), Parents and Children Together (PACT)

MOU Partner Organization Type: Social services agency with a male-enrichment program, Victim service provider

Description of CY/EM project: The Kuyas Stand Up, Speak Out project is dedicated to disrupting cycles of intergenerational trauma and violence against women. This is done by developing a network of Pacific Islander young men and boys who will educate their peers about violence against women and girls, promote positive models for relationships, and uplift cultural narratives that honor women and girls.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Information sessions followed by "talk story" sessions with 3 cohorts of young men and boys. 3 PSAs created by the cohorts to increase awareness of domestic violence. A culturally relevant walk and sign-waving during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Agency website: www.kkv.net

LIFT Community Action Agency, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Pushmataha, Choctaw, and McCurtain Counties

State: Oklahoma

Project Name: Safe Place Healing Hearts, Too

MOU Partners: SOS For Families, Kids Kottage, HeadStart

MOU Partner Organization Type: Shelter, Child Advocacy Center, Education

Description of CY/EM project: Providing services to children of domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Training for DV child service providers, resources for children 0-10 experiencing domestic violence.

Agency website: www.liftca.org

Men As Peacemakers

Entity Type: Engaging Men and Boys organization

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 4

Cities/Counties Served: Twin Cities Metro Area (Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the surrounding urban/suburban areas)

State: Minnesota

Project Name: Engaging Men and Youth in Preventing Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Grant Program

MOU Partners: Esperanza United

MOU Partner Organization Type: Culturally-specific non-profit

Description of CY/EM project: Men As Peacemakers is partnering with Esperanza United, formerly Casa de Esperanza, on this grant to develop culturally-specific (in both language and content) resources (curriculum and PSAs) for men in the Latin@ communities in the Twin Cities/Metro area of Minnesota.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Culturally-specific curriculum (in English & Spanish) for the Latin@ community on how to prevent sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. A facilitator training on the curriculum. Create relevant PSAs.

Agency website: www.menaspeacemakers.org and www.esperanzaunited.org/en/

Nest Foundation, Inc.

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

State: Texas

Project Name: Transformative Violence Prevention Education & Victim Response in North Texas Schools

MOU Partners: Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

MOU Partner Organization Type: School District

Description of CY/EM project: Nest has partnered with Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District (CFB) in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro area to enhance prevention education, victim intervention, and treatment for students in CFB schools. Our aim is to disrupt the cycle of child sexual abuse and exploitation through prevention education, improve the safety and well-being of student victims, and bolster community resilience to sexual violence in all its forms, including abuse, trafficking, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Addressing technology-enabled abuse of children & youth/young adults

Primary project activities or deliverables: 1) Nest Educational Curricula & Teacher Training: We are introducing new K-12 curricula for students ages 5-19 at Carrollton-Farmers Branch (CFB) ISD, a school district outside of Dallas, TX. We leverage behavioral and institutional change to create meaningful impact and build on this foundation to catalyze broader systems change. The theory of change behind our content development combines elements of socioemotional learning with sexual violence prevention education. We incorporate a more intentional focus on intersectionality, with attention to relevance of the content for youth most affected by sexual exploitation and emphasize protective factors that prevent both victimization and perpetration of harm. We also take a closer look at digital safety and abuse, and equip

students, who spend so much of their lives online, to with skills to keep themselves and their peers safe from online abuse and exploitation. 2) Nest Community Engagement & Trainings: A critical part of our long-term success is community engagement in different contexts. In doing so, we can learn from local expertise and strengthen our impact for sustainable and community-driven change. Our programming not only includes youth-facing lessons but also involves parent nights, student leadership opportunities, and workshops. 3) Victim Assistance and Response Program: Nest is working with CFB to create comprehensive school-based policies and procedures to prevent and respond to dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking of students. Our experience shows that prevention education requires a victim assistance framework within schools. A tragic potential consequence of a weak framework is that victims are retraumatized when they choose to report. Many curriculums provide education, but leave no ongoing support for educators and school systems. Nest's VAR program provides ongoing, trauma-informed support to victims to ensure they feel believed, supported and that their needs are met beyond the initial disclosure. In collaboration with CFB, Nest is developing and will implement school-based policies, best practices, and programs to prevent sexual violence and to respond when student victims report abuse.

Agency website: www.nestfoundation.org

Network for Victim Recovery in the District of Columbia

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Washington **Territory:** District of Columbia

Project Name: Strengthening Intervention and Resources for Youth Survivors (SIRYS)

MOU Partners: The Persons Center, SMYAL

MOU Partner Organization Type: Culturally Specific Victim Services Organization & LGBTQIA+ Youth Services Organization

Description of CY/EM project: NVRDC will use this 36-month grant to support holistic, culturally responsive, survivor-centered prevention, advocacy, outreach, and education services for DC's youth victims (ages 13-24) of dating violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, sex trafficking, and stalking.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide direct services that address the emotional, cognitive, and physical effects of trauma on youth victims of domestic violence, dang violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking. Develop and deliver educational programs that address the prevention of and response to the crimes previously listed for youth-serving organizations and programs.

Agency website: www.nvrdc.org

Northern Michigan Mobile Child Advocacy Center

Entity Type: Direct service organization staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth)

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Midland **State:** Michigan

Project Name: Comprehensive Care Initiative: School-Based Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Response to Crimes Against Children

MOU Partners: Northern Michigan Alliance for Children (NMAC), the School Districts of Clare County (Clare Public Schools, Farwell Area Schools, and Harrison Community Schools), the Clare County Sheriff's Department, the Clare Police Department

MOU Partner Organization Type: Direct services

Description of CY/EM project: Provide direct services (prevention, crisis response, intervention, and treatment/care) that address the emotional, cognitive, and physical effects of trauma on students, ages 6-11, who are victims of sexual assault. Develop and deliver training to parents, first responders, such as law enforcement and school resource officers, teachers, school faculty, and other professionals who work in the school system to appropriately respond to and support student victims.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: School-based prevention and intervention programming on child safety, different types of abuse, and safe adults. Coordinated Community Response (CCR) provided through the Multidisciplinary Teams and Trauma Awareness Steering Committee (TASC).

Agency website: www.mikids.org/gomobile

Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 8

Cities/Counties Served: Oswego County **State:** New York

Project Name: Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children & Youth Experiencing Domestic & Sexual Assault

MOU Partners: Oswego City, Fulton City, and Phoenix School District

MOU Partner Organization Type: Local school districts

Description of CY/EM project: OCO expands & enhances the Coordinated Community Response that addresses the prevention, intervention & response to children, including LGBTQ+ and RHY, and including support for non-abusing parents. OCO uses prevention strategies to continue to expand & enhance awareness of victims, increasing the number reached. This project increases access to victim & counseling services for youth by working with partners & the community to increase capacity and competencies for responding to the needs of victims.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide prevention education sessions to middle, high school and college students, including RHY and LGBTQ+ youth. Provide outreach and awareness activities in each district & at CCC, which include non-traditional events. Provide crisis services to youth and non-abusive parents including: crisis intervention sessions, safety planning, emotional support, transportation, advocacy, accompaniment, and childcare.

Agency website: www.oco.org

Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Fulton, Gwinnett, Atlanta **State:** Georgia

Project Name: The First Decade program

MOU Partners: Mosaic, New Generation, April Kimble, and Family Wellness Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Sexual assault (free standing), Childcare trainer Developer (LLC), and Family licensed practitioners (LLC)

Description of CY/EM project: PADV provides intervention, counseling, recreation, and supportive services for young children, ages 3 to 10 and siblings, who have witnessed domestic violence in their families in Metropolitan Atlanta. The agency offers free state-certified training to new and existing childcare providers to assist teachers with an understanding of how to recognize children exposed to domestic violence.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers

Primary project activities or deliverables: Counseling, children exposed to domestic violence training, and parent/children quarterly group.

Agency website: www.padv.org

Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Greater Milwaukee Area **State:** Wisconsin

Project Name: Creating Safer Communities for Youth

MOU Partners: Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Child Advocacy Agency

Description of CY/EM project: Pathfinders is serving at-risk homeless youth and youth survivors in Milwaukee through immediate advocacy, education, and employment support. Pathfinders' specialized anti-violence program is offering urgent and ongoing advocacy support and outreach to youth at high risk and who have experienced sex trafficking, and training for professionals to enhance responses to youth survivors and a collaborative effort to coordinate services across the community called CRAY. We are offering supportive employment case management and prevention services to improve the economic and financial status of homeless youth impacted by violence.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Expanding economic justice for survivors and at-risk youth
- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Pathfinders is providing specialized services to meet the individualized needs of youth survivors ages 11-24. We collaborate with and train local partners to coordinate services and ensure appropriate support for youth survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or sex trafficking. We develop and deliver outreach education and prevention programming for youth, including those at high risk for victimization or perpetration.

Agency website: www.pathfindersmke.org

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

Entity Type: State, tribal, and/or sexual assault coalition and/or domestic violence coalition

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Allegheny, Clarion, Jefferson, Fayette, Pike counties

State: Pennsylvania

Project Name: Men in the Know: Engaging Incarcerated Men as Role Models

MOU Partners: Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR), Victims Intervention Program (VIP), Pike County Correctional Facility, PASSAGES, Inc.

MOU Partner Organization Type: Sexual assault programs

Description of CY/EM project: PCAR has collaborated with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) to create a sexual violence prevention curriculum called Men in the Know: Engaging Incarcerated Men as Role Models (MITK). PCAR has partnered with four Pennsylvania rape crisis centers to facilitate the MITK curriculum in Allegheny, Clarion, Jefferson, Fayette, and Pike county correctional facilities. The goal of the MITK program is to help incarcerated men become an approachable adult and role model through developing skills in healthy relationships, how to question questionable behaviors and how to correctly respond if there is a belief that violence might be occurring.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving prevention and services in rural communities
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Design and develop MITK curriculum and accompanying materials. Facilitate MITK Train-the-Trainers for other project staff. Pilot MITK program at local county correctional facilities.

Agency website: www.pcar.org

Project Pave, Inc.

Entity Type: Youth development organization

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 6

Cities/Counties Served: Denver Metro Area **State:** Colorado

Project Name: Bridges to Masculine Cultural Healing

MOU Partners: The ROCK Center; Street Fraternity

MOU Partner Organization Type: Youth Development

Description of CY/EM project: We are working to establish healing circles for boys and young men that position them to transform their cultures of masculinity towards health and relationality.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Establishing healing circles, healing circle theory training.

Agency website: www.projectpave.org

Raphael House of Portland

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 4

Cities/Counties Served: Portland/Multnomah County **State:** Oregon

Project Name: Supporting Safe and Equitable Relationships: A School-Based Advocacy and HTRA Expansion Project

MOU Partners: Portland Public Schools, Volunteers of America Home Free

MOU Partner Organization Type: School District, Domestic Violence community based organization

Description of CY/EM project: Increase safety and support for students impacted by teen dating violence (TDV) by creating low-barrier access to confidential advocacy services in schools. Increase staff and PPS District knowledge about TDV prevention, issues impacting survivors, benefits of confidential advocacy, and how to refer students to support services. Create stronger community partnerships and commitment towards expanding confidential advocacy and wraparound prevention programming into other schools and districts with a project Toolkit.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: 120 individual students will receive confidential advocacy services. 5,000-6,000 students will receive prevention education presentations or workshops. 300 staff/administrators will receive training from the advocates.

Agency website: www.raphaelhouse.com

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff (and boards)

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Providence

State: Rhode Island

Project Name: Young Men Preventing Violence Engaging Boys and Men

MOU Partners: Youth In Action, Refugee Dream Center, Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Youth development program, immigrant/refugee service organization + youth development organization, domestic violence direct service agency

Description of CY/EM project: Youth In Action and Refugee Dream Center will build out programming that engages youth, especially young men of color and immigrant/refugee youth, to reflect on healthy relationships and healthy forms of masculinity. These programs will provide a safe and supportive environment for young men to learn about themselves and think critically about domestic and gender-based violence.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Ten Young Men program (run by Youth In Action); Refugee Youth Dream program (run by Refugee Dream Center).

Agency website: www.ricadv.org and www.youthinactionri.org and www.refugeedreamcenter.org and www.bvacri.org

Safe Alliance

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff (and boards)

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Manor **State:** Texas

Project Name: The Manor Collaborative

MOU Partners: Measure, Manor ISD, Girls Empowerment Network

MOU Partner Organization Type: Nonprofit, School District, Nonprofit

Description of CY/EM project: The proposed project, The Manor Collaborative, addresses the full spectrum of school-based prevention, intervention, & response strategies to dating violence, sexual assault (SA), stalking, & sex trafficking for youth ages 11-18 attending middle and high schools in Manor Independent School District (Manor ISD), in alignment with SAFE's Expect Respect® Program. Working with the team at MEASURE allows us to analyze & improve current training opportunities, programming strategies & safety planning. Measure helps lead the CCRT to cultural responsiveness & intentionality through training. Measure will train the community in how best to support Black girls, combatting the adultification bias & other negative stereotypes that combine with & connect to increased vulnerabilities related to interpersonal violence. These culturally specific trainings will be delivered to the CCRT organizations & the broader Manor community.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Develop culturally specific activities and interventions informed by the community. Objective 1: Provide opportunities for people most impacted by the issues (youth of color living in Manor) to provide input and develop strategy. Students are invited to participate in CCRT activities and strategic planning sessions. Objective 2: Students develop and participate in campaigns for Teen Dating Violence Prevention & Awareness Month (February) & Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month (October).

Build power & train students, influencers & peer educators in preventing domestic, dating & sexual violence, stalking & sexual exploitation. Objective 1: Manor Summer Youth Leadership Academy provides training and work experience for students to take a leadership role in dating and sexual violence prevention. Objective 2: Partner GIRLS offers six Educational Assemblies on the topics of self-efficacy and healthy relationships at Manor High School. Objective 3: Provide multiple opportunities to increase students' ability to recognize and respond to the grant's identified issues and educate them about how to help their peers.

Increase access to victim services & advocacy for students in middle & high school through school-based counseling & support groups. Objective 1: Schools & youth-serving organizations identify, refer, and support girls exposed to violence & girls at high risk for victimization. Objective 2: Manor ISD secondary schools have access to victim services & participate in support groups & counseling. Objective 3: Victims & youth at high risk of victimization have access to health, mental health, & social services.

Agency website: www.safeaustin.org/our-services/prevention-and-education/expect-respect/

SAFE Place

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Calhoun County **State:** Michigan

Project Name: Calhoun County Inter-Agency Youth Violence Prevention Project

MOU Partners: Sexual Assault Services, Battle Creek Public Schools, Goodwill Industries

MOU Partner Organization Type: Sexual Assault Agency, Public School Districts, School Support Organizations

Description of CY/EM project: The Calhoun County Inter-Agency Youth Violence Prevention Project (YVP) is spearheaded by S.A.F.E Place, a domestic violence and human trafficking agency, and Bronson Sexual Assault Services. Our main partner school district, Battle Creek Public Schools, allows us to work closely with administration, teachers, and support staff to deliver multi-session violence prevention education in all of its school buildings. Our presence serves to strengthen the youth's knowledge and ability to access victim services and we are working on solidifying our Outreach Counselor's presence in the schools to provide crisis counseling, facilitate referrals to our victim services agencies, and conduct support groups at school. For this end, our project staff participate in many school district committee meetings focusing on wrap-around services, attendance and truancy, and student public health. Furthermore, we will continue to provide abuse prevention education for school and partner agency staff which will facilitate the implementation of policy related to teen dating violence and sexual assault.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide prevention education to all K-12 students in Battle Creek Public Schools, and to middle and high school students at Marshall Public Schools and Harper Creek Community Schools, including at summer programs and other youth groups that serve youth in Calhoun County. Implement Outreach Counseling by supporting and strengthening BCPS's current wrap-around services and response to victim-survivors at school by participating in Bearcat Health Leadership Team meetings, Attendance Team Meetings, and operating our own CCRT. Conduct training opportunities for teachers and administration, as well as for staff at partner agencies which serve youth, on the subjects of sexual abuse prevention, teen dating violence, and more, which provide inspiration and tools for the creation of trauma informed policies.

Agency website: www.safeplaceshelter.org/prevention-education/ and www.bronsonhealth.com/locations/sexual-assault-services/

Safe Place of Eastern South Dakota

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Aurora, Davison, Douglas, Hanson, Hutchinson, Miner, Jerauld, and Sanborn **State:** South Dakota

Project Name: Mitchell Area Violence Prevention Project

MOU Partners: Mitchell Technical Institute, Davison County Sheriff's Office, and the Mitchell Chamber of Commerce

Description of CY/EM project: We establish a coordinated community response team to oversee and guide project activities. Complete a community needs assessment and develop a strategic plan that outlines the implementation phase of the project. Provide direct services that address the emotional, cognitive, and physical effects of trauma on youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Develop and deliver training to law enforcement and other allied professionals to appropriately respond to and support youth victims. Develop and deliver educational programs that address the prevention of and response to the crimes previously listed for youth-serving organizations and programs. Develop and deliver prevention programming for youth that is inclusive of youth-led strategies, assists youth in understanding and recognizing abusive behavior, and includes bystander intervention strategies.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving prevention and services in rural communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: We provide eleven EMT training to EMT Professionals on Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault. The training covers defining Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault and explaining the power and control wheel and continuum of violence, determining the scope of IPV and Sexual Assault, explaining the role they play as professionals, identifying the medical conditions associated with IPV and SA, how to empower victims and provide resources, group scenarios.

Agency website: www.safeplace-esd.org

Sanctuary for Families, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: New York City **State:** New York

Project Name: Justice and Empowerment for Teens (JET) Initiative

MOU Partners: Covenant House New York, Legal Aid Society, New York Foundling's Phoenix Project

MOU Partner Organization Type: Homeless youth shelter, legal services agency, social services agency

Description of CY/EM project: The Justice and Empowerment for Teens (JET) Initiative provides youth and young adults ages 11-24 who are at risk of, have experienced, or are being trafficked with the support they need to build safe and healthy lives free from violence. Our staff provide trauma-informed individual counseling, groups, case management and referrals. Services are available in English and Spanish.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services that comprehensively address the needs of victims of sex trafficking and at-risk youth (ages 11-24) to ensure they remain stable and safe from future abuse and/or exploitation. Build community capacity to safely and confidentially identify, serve, and refer youth (ages 11-24) who are victims of sex trafficking, witnesses, or at risk of trafficking and other forms of CSE, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

Agency website: www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org and www.sanctuaryforfamilies.org/our-approach/client-services/trafficking/

Shalom Task Force, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: NYC, Long Island, surrounding area **State:** New York

Project Name: Engaging Men and Boys as Allies to Women in Preventing Intimate Partner Abuse in the Underserved Orthodox and Immigrant Jewish Communities in New York City and Nassau County

MOU Partners: Kehilat Sephardim of Ahavas Achim

Description of CY/EM project: The Shalom Task Force's Engaging Men Project is a proactive initiative aimed at promoting healthy relationships and preventing domestic violence within immigrant and Sephardic communities in New York, with a specific focus on the Bucharian, Persian, and Syrian communities. Collaborating with various project partners, STF is committed to developing and implementing educational programs tailored for men and boys across diverse settings such as high schools, after-school programs, college campuses, synagogues, and community centers. By engaging these communities in respectful discussions and awareness-building activities, the project seeks to foster a culture of respect, empathy, and support.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Supporting immigrant communities
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Reviewing existing curriculums with community leadership and revising to be a better fit for men in their communities. Recruit male high school students to participate in our High School Fellowship Program. The purple Fellowship integrates STF curriculum into existing nightly programming at Kehilat Sephardim of Ahavat Achim.

Agency website: www.shalomtaskforce.org

Sodus Central School District

Entity Type: Educators (teachers/university/faculty)

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Sodus, Wayne **State:** New York

Project Name: Healing Little Hearts

MOU Partners: Child Advocacy Center, Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes

MOU Partner Organization Type: Social Service Organization, Sexual Assault, and Domestic Violence advocacy

Description of CY/EM project: The Healing Little Hearts project will provide treatment, psychoeducation, training, and prevention for young children, non-offending caregivers, and community stakeholders in our community. This project will provide access for students aged 0-10 to a trauma therapist and two doctoral level psychology internship students to identify, assess, and appropriately respond to our youngest survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Students in need may engage in evidence-based treatment including Child Centered Play, Child-Parent Psychotherapy, and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide evidence based and trauma informed treatment to youth 0-10 who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual trauma. Increase community access to mental health services by partnership with Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes.

Agency website: www.soduscsd.org

Sojourner House, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Woonsocket and Smithfield **State:** Rhode Island

Project Name: School-Based Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Response Services

MOU Partners: Woonsocket school district/Smithfield school district/RI Healthy Schools Coalition

MOU Partner Organization Type: School Districts/School Wellness Organization

Description of CY/EM project: Sojourner House is providing school-based education, prevention, and response services for youth who have been exposed to dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking who attend Woonsocket and Smithfield school districts in Rhode Island.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Sojourner House has facilitated awareness activities during lunch designed to change attitudes and behaviors of teen dating violence. We have provided trainings for the peer education group to educate them on healthy relationships. Sojourner House is working with the school districts to improve policies on reporting teen dating violence and sexual assault.

Agency website: www.sojournerri.org

Stanislaus Family Justice Center Foundation

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), CEV

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Stanislaus **State:** California

Project Name: Kids Club and Moms Empowerment

MOU Partners: Stanislaus County District Attorney, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Stanislaus County Office of Education

MOU Partner Organization Type: Law enforcement, mental health services, education

Description of CY/EM project: We are implementing a kids club and moms empowerment program. We are also working to create a training program for our law enforcement community.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide training on how to identify and respond to and support children exposed to violence. Develop brochures and pocket information cards that first responders can provide to victims. Window Between Worlds will be offered to children exposed to violence after participating in Kids Club.

Agency website: www.stanislausfamilyjustice.org

Steps to End Domestic Violence, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Chittenden County **State:** Vermont

MOU Partners: Outright VT, HOPE Works & Colchester School District

Description of CY/EM project: The primary focus of our project is to connect students, families and educators in building a collective community that stands against domestic and sexual violence. We aim to equip all members of the school community with the tools they need to be a supportive friend/community member and to offer a unified & supportive front and response to incidents of violence while focusing on preventing it from happening in the first place.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Addressing technology-enabled abuse of children & youth/young adults

Primary project activities or deliverables: Our primary project activities and deliverables are still being developed but we plan to focus on developing curriculum for response to and prevention of violence, enhanced integration of supportive services in school for survivors and young people exposed to violence and building a strong community of adults who are connected in supporting a culture of anti-violence in the schools.

Agency website: www.stepsvt.org

Tapestri, Inc.

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Atlanta surrounding area: Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, and Rockdale counties **State:** Georgia

Project Name: Tapestri Engaging Men Program

MOU Partners: Light Africa, Congolese Partner, Burmese Community Member, Burmese Partner

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community and Faith Based

Description of CY/EM project: Tapestri's goal is to implement a prevention program that is inclusive of men and boys, representative of the Burmese and Congolese communities. We aim to create an environment that is culturally and linguistically appropriate to said groups while allowing them the opportunity to openly express themselves, receive support, and develop the social and emotional skills necessary to engage in prevention activities against domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Supporting immigrant communities
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide trainings for community partners, plan outreach events, and develop program brochure.

Agency website: www.tapestri.org

Turnaround, Inc.

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Baltimore City, Baltimore County
State: Maryland

Project Name: Men and Boys Advocating Prevention (MAP) Program

MOU Partners: SMOOTH

MOU Partner Organization Type: College student lead organization

Description of CY/EM project: Through this new Men and Boys Advocating Prevention (MAP) Program, TurnAround, in partnership with Baltimore Brothers, will engage middle school, high school, and college aged boys and men in Baltimore City and the Baltimore County neighborhoods that border city neighborhoods. The overarching goal of the MAP Program is to educate men and boys, particularly those middle school to college age, on the four VAWA crimes and their role in facilitating a change in community and social dynamics in order to reduce crime rates among all four VAWA crimes in Baltimore City and County.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: The four key principles of prevention as they pertain to an anti-violence movement and an increased awareness of the sexual and intimate partner violence committed against women and girls will guide the program: strengthening individual knowledge and skills, promoting peer-to-peer community education, cultivating relationships and partnerships, and changing community norms and/or organizational practices. TurnAround's proposed Prevention Program will create long-term, transformative prevention and awareness programming that increases men's and boys' knowledge and builds their

capacity to serve as leaders and role models to exemplify a masculinity that is non-violent and respectful of others and will play an important role in ending the violence to which men and boys bear witness and experience themselves.

Agency website: www.turnaroundinc.org

Turning Point/Columbus Regional Shelter for Domestic Violence

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 8

Cities/Counties Served: Bartholomew County

State: Indiana

Project Name: Turning Point's Community Youth Engagement Program

MOU Partners: Family Service, Council for Youth Development, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.

MOU Partner Organization Type: Non-profit counseling center, non-profit youth org, local school district

Description of CY/EM project: Turning Point's mission is to work toward the prevention and the elimination of domestic and dating violence. With this overall agency goal in mind and building upon the previous years of TP's OVW Consolidated Youth funding, Turning Point and established community partners will stabilize, enhance and expand comprehensive services targeting children, youth and young adults (YA) who have been or are a risk of becoming victims of dating/domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or trafficking. This will be completed through intervention, prevention, and training in the community with a special emphasis on the local Latino population.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Goal 1: Improve community access to services by utilizing the new Turning Point Community Services Building (TPCSB) and increasing the scope of services provided to program participants. Goal 2: The Turning Point Prevention Team will enhance and expand their comprehensive approach to providing programs and services within

the TPCSB's Prevention Resource Floor and in the community. Goal 3: Turning Point will provide targeted trainings to community members, agencies, and organizations to support the prevention and elimination of domestic violence.

Agency website: www.turningpointdv.org

Umbrella

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Caledonian, Orleans, Essex counties **State:** Vermont

Project Name: Social Change

MOU Partners: Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, St. Johnsbury Academy & The Community Restorative Justice Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: Youth Services, High School, Restorative Justice

Description of CY/EM project: Our project goals include ensuring that youth survivors in the NEK have access to support specifically designed for them to address their needs. Umbrella and partners engage in a multi-pronged community-wide prevention approach and youth are empowered to work towards the prevention of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking through engagement in community leadership initiatives.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving prevention and services in rural communities
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide training and coordinated community response among allied professionals to ensure the approaches in supporting youth victims is accessible, appropriate, and effective. Develop & implement comprehensive schoolwide prevention strategies in area schools including using prevention curriculum with youth. Facilitate Youth In Power Program which aims to increase youth voice and leadership in prevention.

Agency website: www.umbrellanek.org

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Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 1

Cities/Counties Served: Onondaga County **State:** New York

Project Name: Engaging Men and Youth Fatherhood Initiative

MOU Partners: PEACE, Inc., 100 Black Men of Syracuse, Inc.

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community Based and Culturally Specific

Description of CY/EM project: This project will integrate education of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking (and their intersections with community violence) into established enrichment programs to assist men and boys of color develop healthy relationships, challenge social norms that support violence against women and girls, and encourage them to become active bystanders. We will integrate the Vera House 12 Men in PEACE Inc. existing enrichment programs, Fatherhood Initiative and PEACE Against Violence Efforts and culturally specific program delivery in partnership with 100 Black Men of Syracuse. We also have monthly talks providing a safe space for men and boys to mobilize these efforts in the prevention of gender-based violence.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: No project activities outside of the needs assessment.

Agency website: www.verahouse.org

WEAVE

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 2

Cities/Counties Served: Sacramento **State:** California

MOU Partners: Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Mutual Assistance Network

Description of CY/EM project: Our Community Educator provides prevention and education in three K-12 schools. Our Community Educator provides in-classroom workshops on healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, teen dating violence, sexual harassment vs flirting, sexual assault and affirmative consent, and more. They also provide emotional support to youth who are experiencing sexual violence or domestic violence and connects them to resources and services if the youth want.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting LGBTQ+ youth

Primary project activities or deliverables: Provide after school clubs for youth. Provide tabling events for youth to participate in awareness events and take part in using their voice to cultivate change. Meet the needs of community members by providing trainings, workshops, and presentations to all folks who want prevention education.

Agency website: www.weaveinc.org

Women In Safe Homes

Entity Type: Domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 4

Cities/Counties Served: Ketchikan Gateway Borough
State: Alaska

Project Name: Enhancing Services for Children Experiencing Violence in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District

MOU Partners: Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District, Ketchikan Indian Community

MOU Partner Organization Type: School district, Federally-recognized Tribe

Description of CY/EM project: All elementary school children in the KGBSD who have experienced violence will have low-barrier access to mental health therapy and supportive programs. This project is ensuring that children and youth who have experienced violence have access to comprehensive support services that enable them to overcome mental health challenges associated with their victimization. Additionally, children and youth have increased access to compulsory education and prevention messaging integrated into a variety of settings that will increase their knowledge of community services.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Improving services for children (0-10) and non-abusing caregivers
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: WISH staff provides direct services to students ages 4-10 (preschool - 6th grade) in the five elementary schools in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District. The WISH Children Victim of Crimes Counselor and the KIC Behavioral Health Aid expand the scope and reach of services currently provided in the district and enable the provision of a comprehensive spectrum of direct services to elementary school victims.
Agency website: www.wishak.org

Women's Center for Advancement

Entity Type: Dual sexual assault and domestic violence program staff

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), Community-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 4

Cities/Counties Served: Douglas County **State:** Nebraska

Project Name: Engaging Youth to Respond to and Prevent Domestic and Sexual Assault Initiative

MOU Partners: Girls, Inc.

MOU Partner Organization Type: Youth services, youth empowerment

Description of CY/EM project: This grant project focuses on the development and enhancement of services to fully meet the needs of youth, ages 11-24, who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking in Douglas County, Nebraska. This initiative also addresses domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and education services for youth and young adults.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Advancing equity for historically marginalized communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Girls Leadership Academy, Youth Advisory Council for teen girls ages 13-18.

Agency website: www.wcaomaha.org

Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment

Entity Type: Culturally specific community programs

Type of Grantee: CY (Children and Youth), School-Based

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Ramsey **State:** Minnesota

Project Name: WISE DV/SA/Stalking Prevention-Intervention Project

MOU Partners: Washington Technology Magnet School, Transforming Generations

MOU Partner Organization Type: School, DV/SA victim service nonprofit

Description of CY/EM project: School-based prevention and intervention project with expertise in working with immigrant/refugee/LGBTQIA+ youth. We provide active bystander intervention training, support groups, community outreach and education, safety planning, legal and general advocacy, assistance in filing OFP/HROs, information and warm referrals, accompaniment to court/medical/legal appointments. This project is also creating a new active bystander intervention model for Hmong families focusing on interventions within the family.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Supporting immigrant communities

Primary project activities or deliverables: Active bystander intervention training. Training law enforcement on stalking and working with immigrant/ refugee/LGBTQIA+ youth. Crisis intervention and advocacy services for youth victims of dating violence/stalking/sexual assault.

Agency website: www.womenofwise.org

YWCA Knoxville

Entity Type: Engaging Men and Boys organization

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 7 **State:** Tennessee

Project Name: GameChangers

MOU Partners: Knox County Juvenile Court, Wesley House Community Center, and Boys & Girls Clubs of the TN Valley

MOU Partner Organization Type: Community based organizations

Description of CY/EM project: YWCA GameChangers is a unique program that teaches boys & young men about healthy and unhealthy relationships, violence in relationships, skills for speaking out when they witness violence against women, and more. GameChangers sets itself apart by using a hands-on, group mentoring model to pair small groups of middle school boys with adult male mentors. Through strategic partnerships with schools, after-school programs, and youth-serving organizations, GameChangers provides boys and young men opportunities to learn lifelong skills, connect with peers, and form positive bonds with role models in their communities.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence
- Providing school-based prevention education

Primary project activities or deliverables: The YWCA GameChangers program created its own media campaign of videos/commercials to supplement our curriculum. These were each about 2 minutes long and were high quality short "sketches" or stories that portrayed the primary subject matter of GameChangers. We've also created community trainings for other community partners/organizations about bystander intervention, as well as healthy relationship bystander intervention trainings for middle schoolers.

Agency website: www.ywcagamechangers.com

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: City of Chicago, Cook County **State:** Illinois

Project Name: T.H.R.I.V.E.

MOU Partners: 100 Black Men Chicago

MOU Partner Organization Type: Civic Organization

Description of CY/EM project: We introduced each other and spoke on mutual ties, specifically 100 Black Men of Chicago. Soon, we familiarized ourselves and spoke about community engagement, the importance of education opportunities, and healthy masculinity and shifting norms. I exchanged contact information with an attendee who works with schools and communities at large. The kind conversation and enthusiasm about stimulating social mobility showed a common interest and vision of supporting Chicago's youth.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: After exchanging information with an attendee at the Chicago Cubs event, I received calls and texts about my process in being more involved with my community.I was later invited to a meeting at the BMO Tower with the contact and it later became clear that the other attendees present also had connections of varying degrees with the contact. Upon introducing ourselves, we were oriented with two initiatives, one being focused on cementing Chicago as a fashion capital, and the other focused on promoting an arts center for students to pursue their artistic endeavors and provide scholarship opportunities for further education.

Agency website: www.ywcachicago.org

YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee

Entity Type: Social service organization staff

Type of Grantee: EM (Engaging Men)

Years funded by CYEM: 3

Cities/Counties Served: Davidson County

State: Tennessee

Project Name: AMEND Together

MOU Partners: Metro Nashville Public Schools, 100 Kings of 100 Black Men of TN, Shelby Park Community Center

MOU Partner Organization Type: School District, Youth Development Program, Community Center

Description of CY/EM project: AMEND Together is a primary prevention initiative through which we engage boys from ages 8-18 and their families to be a part of the solution to domestic violence. We do this by using our 3 C's: Challenge the culture of violence, Cultivate healthy masculinity, and Change the future for all people.

Themes that best represent the focus of project or work:

- Providing school-based prevention education
- Recruiting and training allies against gender-based violence

Primary project activities or deliverables: Train and educate the community through the use of up to 6 community presentations. Serve 12-15 elementary school sites (3rd-5th grade) by implementing the AMEND Together Elementary School Curriculum. Launch a leadership group of middle and high school students.

Agency website: www.ywcanashville.com/what-we-do/amend/ and www.amendtogether.org

A Look at the Incoming Cohort of FY23 CYEM Grantees

- **The Casa Juana Colón, Apoyo y Orientación a la Mujer, Inc.**, a culturally specific community-based organization, will implement the project to address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 11-18 in the service area of Comerío, Puerto Rico.
    a. **MOU Partner:** Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1): empower young survivors of gender violence through the development of knowledge and skills to strengthen healing processes and improve their options for access to social justice; 2): use psychological interventions and integrate the Fine Arts for healing of wounds; and 3): develop a CCR team to support the project with a multisectoral and multidisciplinary perspective. The project will also carry out gender violence prevention campaigns using creative writing strategies. The project addresses OVW priority areas 1, 2, and 3.

- **Center for Community Solutions**, a victim service provider, will implement the High Tech Healthy Todays Healthy Tomorrows (HT3) project, to address purpose area 3, serving youth ages 10-19 in the HT High Point Loma Village schools in San Diego, CA.
    a. **MOU partners:** High Tech (HT) High International, HT High Media Arts, HT High School, HT Middle, HT Middle Media Arts, and The San Diego LGBT Community Center
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) Change local community environments in the HTH Point Loma Village middle and high schools with LGBTQ+-inclusive, community-responsive prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of students impacted by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; 2) Conduct primary prevention programming that teaches healthy relationships, builds social-emotional capacity and empathy, and develops communication skills to create conditions where safety and equality exist; and 3) Embed LGBTQ+ equity efforts into project and partner structures, policies, and programming to address discriminatory and phobic attitudes and practices and increase safety. This project addresses OVW priority area 3, underserved populations.

- **The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.**, a victim service provider, will implement Mentors in Healthy Manhood Phase 3 to address EM purpose areas 1 and 2 in the service area of the Greater Lowell area in MA.
    a. **MOU partners:** THRIVE, a men and boy focused organization.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) integrate education on healthy manhood into THRIVE support groups for male adult community members impacted by incarceration, 2) engage all THRIVE staff and Circle Keepers (support group facilitators) to participate in training that addresses healthy relationships, challenging social norms that support violence against women and girls, becoming active bystanders, and understanding the intersection of other crimes with violence, and 3) engage members in the reentry program and provide training and workshops to community members and local schools. By providing mentoring and healing-based prevention education to men and boys of color in a reentry program and alternative schools, the project addresses OVW priority area 1.

- **Child Advocacy Center, Inc.**, a direct service provider, will address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 11-17 and their non-offending caregivers in the service area of Southern Missouri.
    a. **MOU partners:** The Victim Center and Community Partnership of the Ozarks.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) strengthen direct services and expand preventative efforts by providing access to specialized services such as victim advocacy, crisis counseling, mental health, and therapy, and transportation; 2) develop a coordinated training ecosystem for non-offending caregivers, new and existing MDT team participants, and allied professionals; 3) implement a defined MDT team response with protocols that specifically address the unique needs of youths by identifying types of victimization: and 4): develop a sustainable and repeatable training and educational program that identifies youth experiencing violence and ensures a trauma-informed response and referral process.

- **Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois** is a community-based organization, will address CY purpose area 1 by serving children and youth aged 3-11 as well as their caregivers in the service area of central Illinois.

a. **MOU partners:** Champaign County Children's Advocacy Center, and Champaign County Probation and Court Services Department.
b. **The project aims to:** 1): implement a comprehensive and coordinated community-based model providing direct services and access to crisis counseling, parent-child therapy, case management, and educational programs; 2): develop a multidisciplinary coalition in each county as a platform for community linkages, identifying service gaps, and advocacy; 3): collaborate with the DV services providers partners to develop a set of recommendations to organizations about identifying the impact of children and youth exposed to domestic violence and best practices; and 4): partner with schools, county sheriff departments, health departments, and early childhood centers to develop and deliver trainings.

- **Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse**, a victim service provider, will implement a project to address purpose area 3, serving youth ages 5 – 19 with a specific target of 11 – 19-year-olds in rural Cache County, in northern Utah.
    a. **MOU partners:** Cache County School District, and Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection, a nonprofit immigrant service provider.
    b. **This project aims to:** 1) Identify, refer, and provide direct services for youth who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking that addresses the emotional, cognitive, and physical effects of trauma on youth victims with emphasis on inclusive and relevant services for high-risk youth and underserved youth, including immigrant and refugee youth; 2) Develop and deliver training to assist school-based professionals in a.) creating and maintaining trauma-informed environments, b.) responding to youth survivors appropriately; 3) Develop and deliver trainings to assist community members, professionals, and programs serving youth in a.) Upstanding Bystander Intervention Training as Primary Prevention, b.) Identifying signs of trauma in youth and responding appropriately, including providing appropriate referrals if youth-serving capacity allows; and 4) Develop and deliver prevention programming for youth, including those at high risk for victimization that are inclusive of youth-led strategies, assist youth in understanding and recognizing abusive behavior, and address by-stander intervention and online harm and

abuse. This continuation project takes lessons learned from the past funding and expands the focus to the immigrant and refugee community. This project addresses OVW priority 3, underserved communities by focusing on the refugee and immigrant community. This project also addresses the program specific priority of online abuse by providing support to survivors of online abuse and provide education about the harm and violence that occurs as well as how to appropriately respond to the situation.

- **The Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence**, a victim service provider, will implement TeamUp Hartford County to address EM purpose areas 2 and 3 in the service area of Hartford County, CT.
    a. **MOU partners:** Connecticut Youth Excellence Project, a men and boys focused organization, and Hartford Public Schools, the American School for the Deaf, and the Capital Region Education Council.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) implement programming to recruit and train male Hartford County middle and high school athletics coaches to address and prevent domestic/dating violence, and stalking, 2) integrate education on domestic/dating violence and stalking into established male sports programs to assist boys and young men in developing healthy relationships, challenging gender stereotypes, and becoming active bystanders, 3) implement Coaching Boys into Men with middle and high school male athletics. By directing the CBIM curriculum at students' use of technology and impact of technology-enabled abuse, the project addresses the program-specific priority against online harm and abuse.

- **Day One New York Inc.**, a victim service provider, will implement Day One Prevention and Response (PAR) Project to address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 11-24 in the service area of New York City, NY.
    a. **MOU partners:** Violence Intervention Program, a culturally specific organization, the Free to Be Youth Project at the Urban Justice Center, the Clinic to End Tech Abuse (CETA) at Cornell Tech, and the Major's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.

b. **The project aims to:** 1) provide tailored community education for different audiences about teen dating violence and technology abuse, 2) provide direct services to youth impacted by technology abuse, 3) distribute information about the project to schools and youth across the city. By working primarily with youth of color and tailoring services/programming to their needs as well as to LGBTQI+ youth, the project addresses OVW priority areas 1 and 3. By providing services to youth impacted by tech abuse and providing education about the role of technology in IPV, the project addresses the program-specific priority against online harm and abuse.

- **Domestic Violence Center** victims' service provider, will address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 13-19 in the service area of Chester County, Pennsylvania.
    a. **MOU partners:** Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania's LGBTQIA+ Youth Spaces, SPOT, and Rainbow Phoenix.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1): focus on outreach, services, prevention, and support for underserved communities targeting LGBTQIA+ and immigrant youth impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking; 2): engage in increased outreach to and provide trainings for adult allies in teen dating violence prevention, such as mentors, teachers, parents, youth program coordinators, and within the juvenile justice system; 3): provide educational programming to, crisis counseling and referral services for, and coordinating support group offerings; 4): develop and deliver prevention programming for youth to assist youth in understanding and recognizing abusive behavior and addressing bystander intervention utilizing the program's educational component; and 5): will recruit CCR Team members who are victims/survivors of and/or significant others who have been impacted by domestic/dating violence, members of law enforcement, representatives from the medical community, and youth education administrators. The project addresses OVW priority area 3.

- **The Guam Coalition against Sexual Assault and Family Violence**, a victim service provider, will implement Prevention, Resources, Outreach, Awareness (PROA) to

address EM purpose areas 1,2, and 3 in targeted villages within the service area of Guam.

a. **MOU partners:** Guma'Mami Inc., a victim service provider, and Mane'lu, a men and boys focused organization.
b. **The project aims to:** 1) enable men and boys to model respect and healthy behaviors/actions as allies in preventing violence against women and girls, 2) enhance prevention, resources, outreach, and awareness projects that incorporate island cultural practices into existing male-focused programs, and 3) facilitate ongoing implementation of the PROA Project through a culturally relevant train-the-trainer model. By providing culturally sensitive training and education to Asian and Pacific Islanders, including immigrant communities from the Federated States of Micronesia, that adapts resources to island cultural practices, the project addresses OVW priority areas 1 and 5.

- **The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Inc.**, victim service provider, will implement the Children and Youth Program to Prevent and Respond to Domestic and Dating Violence to address CY purpose area 3 by serving children and youth aged 14-19 in the service area of Lawrence, MA.
    a. **MOU partners:** Lawrence School District, a school district, YWCA of Northeastern Massachusetts, and Merrimack Valley Black and Brown Voices.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) Hire and train advocates to provide prevention, intervention, treatment, and resources to school community, 2) review school policies and practices around gender-based violence/accessibility and make recommendations for improvement, 3) provide a variety of prevention programming that includes bystander training; a healthy masculinity program; healthy relationships and dating violence awareness and training; and Girls Inc programming, 4) implement professional development training for school staff to identify and support students impacted by gender-based violence, and 5) provide training to other partners in the system (law enforcement, prosecutors, etc) occurring during summer break.

- **Justice Innovation, Inc (d.b.a. Center for Justice Innovation)**, a community-based organization, will address purpose areas 1, 2, and 3 to recruit men and boys as mentors,

integrate education into existing programs, and develop a train the trainer program to implement the Men Rising Initiative, in the service area of the Bronx and Harlem, NY.

a. **MOU partners:** the Violence Intervention Program, Inc. (victim service provider); CONNECT; Getting Out and Staying Out; BronxConnect; New York City Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety; and New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.
b. **The project aims to:** Address the intersection of gun violence and intimate partner violence by: 1) Recruiting cohorts of male credible messengers and gun violence prevention staff from gun violence prevention networks for mentorship training; 2) Enabling cohort members to design and implement community norms change campaigns, including messaging, public education materials, and community activations; 3) Implementing three two-month train the trainer programs with men who complete the Men Rising Initiative mentorship training to prepare them to lead similar mentorship programs in their communities. The project addresses OVW priority area 1, racial equity and 2, underserved populations by focusing on communities with populations that are mainly Black, African American, and Latinx with a large Caribbean/West Indian population, Dominican, African, and Puerto Rican.

- **The Korean-American Family Service Center, Inc.**, a victim service provider, will implement Project Men Inspiring and Rising Against Abuse (MIRAA) to address EM purpose areas 1 and 2 in the service area of New York City, with a focus in Queens.
    a. **MOU partners:** the Chinese-American Planning Council, a men and boys focused organization.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) build and cultivate a network of male leaders and advocates which may include high school youth, young professionals, and first-generation immigrant men in the Korean and Asian American community, 2) effectively engage Asian/Korean men and boys in the community to prevent violence against women through trainings, open discussions, and peer outreach that adapt A Call to Men's LIVERESPECT and PARENTING JOURNEY programs to Korean/Asian cultures, and 3) launch a community-wide campaign against domestic violence and sexual assault through establishing Network of Korean

American Men Against Domestic Violence (NKAMADV), hosting Community Breakfasts, and producing and distributing culturally specific, bilingual Public Service Announcements (PSAs). By creating programs and spaces for Korean and other Asian Americans from immigrant backgrounds and developing and adapting culturally responsive education and training materials for men and boys in these communities, the project addresses OVW priority area 1 and 5.

- **Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders in Solidarity**, which is a culturally specific, community-based and victim service provider, will address purpose area 2, serving youth ages 11 –24 in the service area of Central Iowa.
    a. **MOU partners:** Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families, a community-based organization.
    b. **This project aims to:** 1): develop the API Youth Wellness & Safety Program with a goal to expand prevention, intervention, treatment, and response strategies to address the needs of children and youth impacted by VAWA; 2): provide direct services to youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking; 3): attend and participate in monthly Coordinated Community Response (CRR) team; 4): develop and deliver training to assist law enforcement and other allied professionals, such as prosecutors, courts, health care providers, and the juvenile justice system; and 5): partner with Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families ("EKDC") to provide economic advocacy and training for API youth being served. The project addresses OVW priority areas 1, 2, and 3.
- **My Sisters' Place, Inc.**, victim service provider, will implement the project to address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 11-24 in Westchester County, NY, AND Bronx County, New York.
    a. **MOU partners:** The Children's Village, Inc., community-based organization.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) provide comprehensive, age-appropriate, culturally- and linguistically-appropriate, evidence based trauma interventions to teens and young adults, 2) increase the knowledge of youth-serving professionals to support impacted and at-risk youth, 3) help youth, including those at high risk of victimization or perpetration, to develop healthy relationship skills, recognize

abusive behavior, and practice bystander intervention. By partnering with local organizations that support education and job placement for youth, the project addresses OVW priority area 3. By incorporating technology enabled abuse into their prevention curriculum, the project addresses the program-specific priority against online harm and abuse.

- **Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV)** is a victim service provider, will implement The First Decade Program to address CY purpose area 1 by serving children and youth aged 3-10 as well as their non-abusing parents in the service areas of Gwinnett and Fulton County, Georgia.
    a. **MOU project:** Family Wellness Center a community-based organization.
    b. **This project aims to:** 1): provide intervention, counseling, recreation, and supportive services for young children who have been exposed and impacted by the VAWA crimes; 2): provide state-certified training for childcare teachers and training for local law enforcement and allied professionals to identify and assist children exhibiting signs of DV trauma; 3): provide individualized case management and licensed, professional counseling to children and non-abusing parents to address and cope with the effects of abuse and teach positive behavioral responses to emotions; 4): will develop a training curriculum for licensed childcare providers to include new training content on how DV impacts children, how trauma affects their behaviors, and local services and resources; and 5): offer free summer camps for children, providing recreation, educational games, and therapeutic activities.

- **Peace Over Violence (POV)**, a victim service provider, will implement purpose area 2, to provide intervention and prevention services to participants in the Para Lost Ninos Youth Workforce Services, a program focused on achieving economic justice for vulnerable youth and young adults, ages 11 – 24, living in poverty in Los Angeles.
    a. **MOU partner:** Para Los Ninos, a community-based organization serving youth.
    b. **The project aims to:** Create and strengthen the protective factors that support a transition to self-determination and stability for at-risk and vulnerable youth including homeless, runaway, foster care, and those exposed to violence. Peace Over Violence will adapt its Youth Over Violence curriculum to integrate it into

Para Los Ninos Youth Workforce Services with the aim to: 1). prevent and respond to youth and young adult participants in an economic empowerment/workforce development program for highly vulnerable individuals who have experienced homelessness, foster care, exploitation, justice system involvement, and other traumas; 2) Provide training to Para Los Ninos staff, parents and adult caretakers, social services staff and other professionals on the needs of youth who are victims; 3) Develop leadership among youth who will present a comprehensive prevention program for peers; 4) Provide direct services to youth. The project will address OVW priority area 2, economic justice.

- **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi (Pokagon Band)**, a federally recognized Indian Tribe and victim service provider will address purpose area 2, integrating education on violence against women into established programs with a focus on Pokagon boys ages 3 – 17 through the Strengthening Healthy Masculinity Among Pokagon Boys project, within the 10-county service area of the tribe in southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana.
    a. **MOU partner:** 36th Circuit Court, friend of the court.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) Integrate age-appropriate programming or Pokagon boys related to violence prevention, healthy masculinity, healthy relationships, and bystander intervention into existing programs for Pokagon children and youth; 2) Tailor programming to include cultural values and teachings around healthy masculinity and honoring women; 3) Collaborate with project partner to develop prevention programming focused on healthy masculinity; 4) Build capacity among the Pokagon Band's CCR team to support the project. This project addresses OVW priority area 1, racial equity and 2, underserved populations.

- **Raksha, Inc.**, is a sexual assault victim service provider, to address CY purpose area 2, serving youth ages 11 –24 in the service area of Atlanta, GA.
    a. **MOU partners:** Athena's Warehouse, a community-based organization.
    b. **This project aims to:** 1): develop a CCR addressing emerging issues and receive training on trauma-informed care, cultural competency, and working with youth impacted by violence; 2): will develop a strategic plan/logic model through community strengths and needs assessment by conducting focus groups with current and former youth programming participants who can provide feedback

and insight on the ground urgent issues, gaps, and barriers to services; 3): serve young adults and develop, expand, and strengthen collective capacity to offer preventative, intervention, treatment, and response services through culturally and linguistically competent counseling/case management services, youth programming, and awareness campaigns; and 4): will develop and deliver educational programming training for criminal justice and other allied professionals addressing the prevention of and response to youth victims impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking. The project addresses OVW priority areas 1, 2, & 3.

- **Retreat Inc.**, victim service provider, will implement a project to address CY purpose area 3 by serving children and youth aged 14-18 in the service area of East Hampton, NY.
    a. **MOU partners:** East Hampton High School, a school, Organización Latino Americana, YMCA East Hampton RECenter, East Hampton Public Library, and I-tri.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) increase local awareness among youth-serving professionals and broader community about teen dating and sexual violence, 2) deliver The Retreat's curricula focused on health relationships to teens, including Latino communities, and 3) increase avenues for local teens to receive treatment and support. By updating their prevention education to incorporate online harm, the project addresses the program-specific priority against online harm and abuse.

- **Safe Voices**, a victim service agency, will implement the Tri-County Youth Advocacy and Prevention Project to address purpose area 3 and will serve children ages 5 – 19 throughout the service area of Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties.
    a. **MOU partners:** Maine Regional School Unit No. 56 (RSU 56) and Maine School Administrative District 52 (MSAD 52).
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) Increase safety for children and youth by providing prevention education in schools across the service area 2) Enhance the scope of intervention services and programs for children who have been exposed to or

impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or sex trafficking 3) Improve community response and referral process.

- **Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA)**, a victim service provider, will implement the Coaching Boys Into Men and PACC-Men program to address EM purpose areas 1, 2, and 3 in the service area of Charlottesville, VA.
    a. **MOU partners:** Shelter for Help in Emergency and Charlottesville Alliance for Black Male Achievement.
    b. **This project aims to:** 1): increase bystander intervention among men and boys; 2): increase connections and support among men to directly address violence against women and girls; 3): increase knowledge and skills to recognize, understand, label, express, and regulate men's own emotions; 4): implement the program to build partnerships with enrichment organizations to train trainers to deliver Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM); and 5): recruit and work with community partners through local schools, sports clubs, and men's organizations, providing tools to empower local men in leadership to use their influence to prevent violence against women and girls. The project addresses OVW priority areas 1 and 5.

- **Shoshone-Paiute Tribes**, a federally recognized Indian Tribe and victim service provider, will implement the project to address purpose area 2 and will serve youth ages 11-24 in the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Owyhee County, Idaho and Elko County, Nevada – one of the most remote Indian Reservations in the lower 48 states only accessible by a single highway.
    a. **MOU partner:** Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence.
    b. **The project aims to:** Include youth ages 11 – 24 impacted by violence in the STOP services currently provided. The project will also undertake prevention activities for this age group. The project addresses OVW priority area 3, underserved in both its status as a federally recognized Tribe and the focus on Native American youth in that Tribe.
- **The Tucson Center for Women and Children (DBA Emerge)**, a victim service provider, will implement Expanding the Coordinated Community Response to Prevent

Domestic/Dating Violence Through the Engagement of Men and Boys to address purpose areas 1 and 2 in the service area of Pima County, Arizona, including Tucson.

a. **MOU partners:** Boys to Men Tucson, a men and boys focused organization, Goodwill Industries of Southern Arizona, and Tucson Juneteenth Festival Committee.
b. **The project aims to:** 1) increase the number of men trained to mentor boys in healthy masculinity and preventing gender-based violence and 2) integrate DV education and a call to prevent violence into existing male-focused programs, including a program for Black youth and men involved in the justice system (HEAT and HEAT for Youth), 3) expand A Call to Action talking circles and events led by Black men, and 4) transform policies that harm Black and Brown youth within the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) District Alternative Education Program (DAEP), and 5) promote healing and engagement for BIPOC men who have experienced trauma by integrating embodiment practices into services for male survivors. By increasing the accessibility of mentorship programming and education for BIPOC boys from men, including those involved in the justice system, the project addresses OVW priority area 1.

- **Turning Pointe Survivor Advocacy Center**, a victim service provider, will implement a project to address purpose area 2, serving youth ages 11-24 in the rural county of Mason, Washington.

a. **MOU partners:** Centro de integral Educativo Latino de Olympia (CIELO) a community-based culturally specific organization serving the Latinx communities and South Sound YMCA – Shelton Branch, a community-based organization serving youth.
b. **This project aims to:** 1) Provide youth victims with direct services that are developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive to address the effects of trauma due to victimization, including support groups, individual support, safety planning and age appropriate advocacy; 2) Improve the community's response to youth victims by convening and participating in the Mason County Coordinated Community Response (MCCCR) Team meeting quarterly to exchange information, engage in cross-training, and collaborate on

improving system response to youth victims; and providing training on effective responses to youth victims for community-based organizations and first responders; 3) Developing and delivering youth-oriented prevention education workshops for youth; supporting peer educators in facilitating bi-monthly youth-led trainings to help peers recognize and support youth who may be victimized; and providing online prevention education through Instagram. This project addresses OVW priority 1, racial equity. The project aims to increase effective response and services to the growing Latinx youth and their families in Mason County.

- **Umbrella, Inc.**, victim service provider, will implement Umbrella Prevention and Response to address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 11-18 in the service area of the Northeast Kingdom, VT.
    a. **MOU partners:** Northeast Kingdom Community Action and Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, community-based organizations, Caledonia SIU, the Community Restorative Justice Center, Orleans County Restorative Justice Center, St.Johnsbury School, Lake Region Union High School, North Country Union High School, St. Johnsbury Academy, Orleans County Sheriff's Department, Vermont Department of Labor, and Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) maintain and create access to resources for youth survivors that are specifically designed for their unique needs, 2) implement a multi-pronged community wide prevention approach, 3) empower youth to work toward prevention through community leadership initiatives. By partnering with entities such as the VT Department of Labor and establishing the NEK Economic Empowerment to provide wrap-around services to homeless, runaway, foster care, and emancipated youth victims. The project addresses OVW priority area 3.

- **Women's Center Shelter**, a victim service provider, will implement the Hands Are Not For Hurting Program to address CY purpose area 3, serving youth ages 11 –19 in the service area of Allegheny County, PA.
    a. **MOU partners:** Gwen's Girls and Center for Family Excellence Community-Based Organizations.

b. **This project aims to:** 1): provide school-based services and educational programming for preventing and responding to domestic violence and dating violence to middle and high school youths, community-based, and culturally-specific partners; 2): develop Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) to cross-train and strategize on emerging issues or barriers in youth and young adult's access to supportive services and develop solutions across the communities served; and 3): measure progress in completing project goals and objectives by setting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) with the proposed school and community-based, culturally-specific partners; WC&S and the partners will participate in quarterly CCRT meetings. The project addresses OVW priority area 1.

- **The Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault (WCADVSA)**, a community-based organization, will address purpose area 1, recruit men and boys as mentors and purpose area 2, integrate education on violence against women in existing or created programs, with the service area in Laramie, WY.
    a. **MOU partners:** SAFE Project (victim service provider), and University of Wyoming Multicultural Affairs (UWMA).
    b. **The project aims to:** 1) Co-create evidence-based and informed prevention strategies acting across all levels of the social-ecological model (SEM) that will engage mend and boys within a racial equity and LGBTQAI+ supportive framework; 2) Implement the strategic plan within advancing racial equity and supportive improvement with LGBTQAI+ populations; 3) Engage in a continuous learning environment through evaluation project processes and outcomes, with intentional considerations of data extraction from traditionally marginalized communities. This project addresses OVW priority 1, racial equity and 2, underserved populations.

- **The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of North West Ohio**, a victim service provider, will implement the project AMEND Together to address purpose areas 1 and 2 to engage young men and boys as role models and integrate education on violence against women in Toledo, Ohio.

a. **MOU partners:** Toledo Public Schools ("TPS") and will target school-aged boys ages 12-19 enrolled in a TPS school.
b. **The project aims to:** Integrate education on domestic violence, assist them in developing healthy relationships, challenge the social norms that support violence against women and girls, cultivate healthy masculinity, understand the intersections of these crimes with all types of related violence, and change the future for girls and women. The desired outcomes are 1: to build awareness and understanding of the issue of violence against women and girls; 2: identify and challenge harmful attitudes and beliefs that contribute to violence; 3: develop communication and empathy skills to support healthy relationships, and 4: take action to prevent violence against women and girls in their community. This project addresses OVW priority area 5, underserved with a focus on serving African American youth.

- **YWCA of Schenectady (DBA YWCA NorthEastern NY)**, a victim service provider, will implement the project to address CY purpose area 2 by serving children and youth aged 11-19 in the service area of Schenectady, NY.

  a. **MOU partners:** Boys and Girls Clubs of Schenectady, Young Parents United, and Safe Inc. of Schenectady, community-based organizations, and Schenectady County Department of Probation and the Mohonasen Central High School.
  b. **The project aims to:** 1) provide mental health counseling and prevention programming to youth, 2) deliver training to allied professionals and youth-serving organizations, 3) develop new partnerships to support their prevention programming, and 4) lead cohorts of YW Strive for Teens. By delivering the economic empowerment curriculum, YW Strive for Teens, the project addresses OVW priority area 3.

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