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New Federal Grants Support Services for Abused Parents & Their Children

55 Agencies in 28 States + DC Will Innovate to Help Families Recover and Heal from Domestic Violence

SAN FRANCISCO – The trauma caused by domestic violence can last a lifetime, but interventions can be highly effective in helping adults and children who are harmed recover, heal, and build resilience. To ensure interventions can reach even more families, a groundbreaking federal program is helping state and local organizations identify innovative ways to support abused parents and their children – and the [Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants to create Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Children program](#) (SSAPC) just announced more than \$19 million in new funding to 55 organizations in 28 states and the District of Columbia.

The new grantees are the third and largest cohort to date. SSAPC supported 12 projects in 2016 and 26 more in 2020.

Through its [Promising Futures](#) initiative, [Futures Without Violence](#) is the primary technical service provider for the SSAPC grantees, strengthening their work to help abused parents respond to the social, emotional, and developmental needs of their children, some of whom have also experienced child abuse and neglect.

“This vitally important program is strengthening families and communities and building a healthier future for our country,” said Lonna Davis, Vice President, Children and Youth Program at Futures Without Violence. “When we support mothers and other caretakers who have experienced domestic violence, and address the needs of their children, we strengthen families and prevent violence from continuing in future generations. It will take all of us working together to heal those traumatized by violence today and create healthy families and communities free of violence tomorrow.”

The 55 new grantees listed below come from local, state and tribal communities:

- **Alabama:** One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center in Birmingham
- **Alaska:** Kodiak Area Native Association in Kodiak; and Working Against Violence for Everyone in Petersburg
- **Arizona:** Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. in Phoenix; and Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. in Tucson

- **California:** Southern Indian Health Council, Inc. in Alpine; License to Freedom in El Cajon; Human Options, Inc. in Irvine; The Regents of the University of California, U.C. San Diego in La Jolla; Women Shelter of Long Beach; Center for the Pacific-Asian Family, Inc. in Los Angeles; Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance in Richmond; and CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) in San Mateo
- **Colorado:** Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence, Inc. in Boulder; and Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado in Pueblo
- **Connecticut:** Safe Futures, Inc. in New London
- **District of Columbia:** DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and Progressive Life Center, Inc.
- **Florida:** Centerstone, Inc., working in Jacksonville
- **Georgia:** Southwest Georgia Children's Alliance, Inc. in Americus; Our House, Inc. and Raksha, Inc., both in Atlanta; and Cherokee Family Violence Center, Inc. in Canton
- **Illinois:** Illinois Youth and Family Services in Crest Hill; and Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence in Springfield
- **Indiana:** Columbus Regional Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence in Columbus; YWCA Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne; and Coburn Place Safehaven II, Inc. in Indianapolis
- **Maine:** Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence in Augusta
- **Maryland:** One Love Life Center, Inc. in Temple Hills
- **Michigan:** Puertas Abiertas Inc. In Grand Rapids; and YWCA Kalamazoo
- **Nebraska:** Center for Holistic Development, Inc. in Omaha
- **Nevada:** The Children's Cabinet, Inc.; and Nevada Urban Indians, Inc., both in Reno
- **New Hampshire:** Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Lebanon
- **New York:** Nassau Coalition Against Domestic Violence (The Safe Center LI, Inc.) in Bethpage; Jewish Child Care Association of New York in Brooklyn; EAC Network Child Advocacy Center in Garden City; Day One New York, Inc. and New York Asian Women's Center, Inc. dba Womankind, both in New York City; and The Salvation Army in Syracuse.
- **North Carolina:** Family Service of the Piedmont, Inc. in Jamestown
- **Ohio:** The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus
- **Oklahoma:** The Chickasaw Nation in Ada; and Palomar: Oklahoma City's Family Justice Center, Inc.
- **Oregon:** Clackamas Women's Services in Oregon City
- **Rhode Island:** Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence in Warwick
- **South Carolina:** Safe Harbor, Inc. in Greenville
- **South Dakota:** Youth & Family Services, Inc. in Rapid City
- **Tennessee:** Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, both in Nashville
- **Texas:** Mission Righteous Roots in Gatesville; and Houston Area Women's Center, Inc.
- **Vermont:** Umbrella in St. Johnsbury
- **Virginia:** Northern Virginia Family Service, Inc. in Falls Church

The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Family and Youth Services Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funds SSAPC. Grantees develop innovations to strengthen system responses, improve capabilities to serve domestic-violence-impacted children and youth, alleviate domestic-violence-related trauma among child and adult survivors, and deepen relationships between children/youth and parents.

Promising Futures: National Capacity Building Center to Expand Services for Children, Youth and Abused Parents partners with communities to innovate and mobilize survivors and their

communities to strengthen child and family practices and organizations so they can create the conditions and experiences that prevent violence and promote healing. It prioritizes family well-being and breaking the intergenerational cycle of violence.

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For more than 35 years, FUTURES has been providing groundbreaking programs, policies and campaigns that empower individuals and organizations working to end violence against women and children around the world. Striving to reach new audiences and transform social norms, FUTURES trains professionals such as doctors, nurses, judges and athletic coaches on improving responses to violence and abuse. FUTURES also works with advocates, policymakers and others to build sustainable community leadership and educate people everywhere about the importance of respect and healthy relationships. More information is available at www.futureswithoutviolence.org