



Court Training and Improvements Program (Courts Program)^{1,2}

The purpose of the Courts Program is to provide or enhance training and services by creating dedicated court dockets, specialized courts, and enhanced civil and criminal court procedures, and by providing key opportunities for training to ensure victim safety and offender accountability.

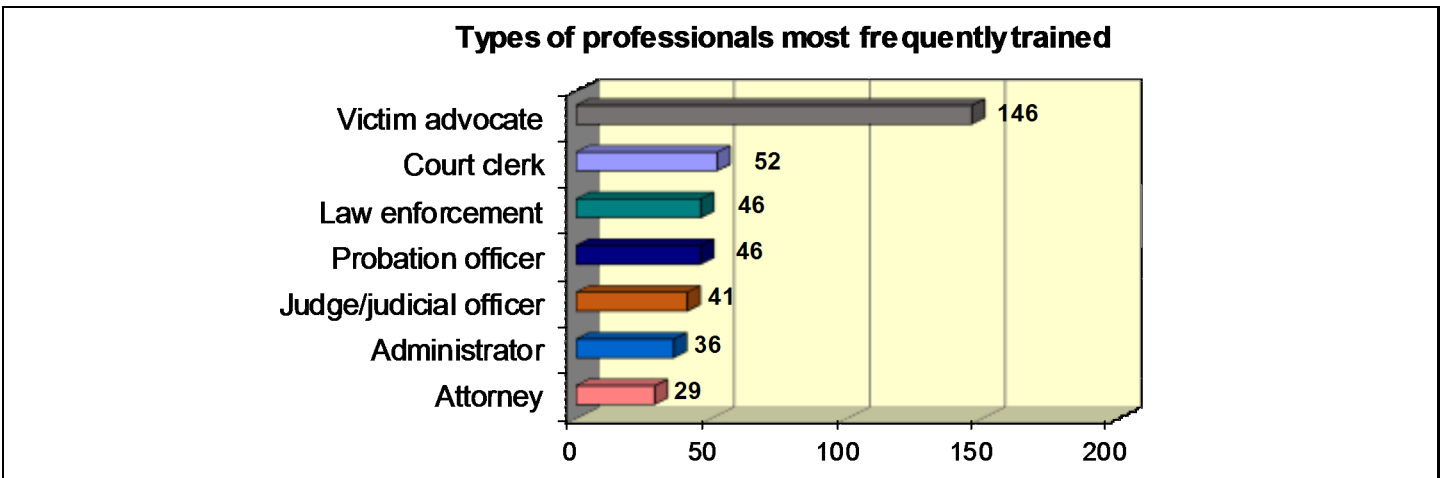
Number of grantees reporting ³	28
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Training: Courts Program grantees provide training on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to court personnel (e.g., judges, clerks, court security), victim advocates, attorneys, prosecutors, probation officers, and others to improve professional responses to victims/survivors and increase offender accountability.

Number of grantees using funds for training: **13** (46% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of people trained:⁴ **538**

Number of training events:⁵ **23**



Topics on which grantees most frequently provided training

Supplemental training projects	Number training on this topic	Development projects	Number training on this topic
Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services	3	Coordinated community response	8
Protection orders (including full faith and credit)	3	Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services	7
Response to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence/dating violence, and/or stalking	3	Safety planning	7
		Risk assessment	6

¹ This report contains selected data submitted by Courts Program grantees on a semi-annual progress report.

² Throughout this document, the sum of percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

³ This number includes 24 development-implementation projects, 8 development-planning projects, and 4 supplemental training projects.

⁴ This number includes 21 professionals trained by supplemental training projects and 517 trained by development projects.

⁵ This number includes 4 training events provided by supplemental training projects and 19 provided by development projects.

Staff: Courts Program staff are engaged in civil and criminal case and other specialized court and docket activities related to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. They also provide training, victim services, offender supervision, and batterer intervention and sex offender management programs to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

Number of grantees using funds for staff: **24** (86% of all grantees reporting)

Total number of full time equivalent staff funded⁷	31
Case/docket manager (32% of all staff funded)	10
Compliance monitor (16%)	5
Victim advocate (16%)	5
Program coordinator (13%)	4
Administrator (3%)	1
Batterer intervention program staff (3%)	1
Probation officer (3%)	1
Victim assistant (3%)	1

Specialized Courts or Dedicated Dockets Infrastructure and Activities: Courts Program grantees implement practices to ensure consistent case handling, enhance case information flow to improve judicial decision making, emphasize defendant monitoring and accountability, and enhance protection for, and services to, victims/survivors.

Number of grantees using funds for specialized courts or dedicated dockets infrastructure and activities: **19** (68% of all grantees reporting)

Number of grantees addressing types of cases and victimizations

Type of case	Type of victimization			
	Sexual assault	Domestic violence	Dating violence	Stalking
Civil protection orders	4	12	3	5
Criminal matters (felony)	5	7	2	3
Criminal matters (misdemeanor)	4	10	4	2
Family matters	4	8	3	3

⁷ Categories are rounded to the nearest whole number and only categories with at least one FTE after rounding are included.

Civil Protection Orders: These orders prohibit or limit an offender’s contact with the victim/survivor and prohibit further abusive behavior. Court-issued injunctions may also include custody and visitation directives, economic relief, and temporary restrictions on possession of firearms. Victims/survivors of domestic violence are able to petition for a civil order of protection in every state.

Number of grantees using funds for civil protection order cases: **9** (32% of all grantees)

Number of civil protection orders	Type of relief granted in final protection orders ⁸
Total number of temporary protection orders granted: ⁹ 1,327	983 Firearms restrictions 852 Stay away/no contact 201 Custody 171 Sole parental rights to petitioner
Total number of final protection orders granted: ¹⁰ 1,238	82 Allocated parental rights 80 Batterers intervention program 71 Other offender treatment 41 Supervised visitation/exchange

Criminal Cases: Courts Program grantees use funds for dedicated dockets, specialized courts, and other practices to enhance case flow, information sharing, and successful prosecution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes.

Number of grantees using funds for criminal cases: **13** (46% of all grantees)

Total number of cases disposed of: **2,310**

Number of dispositions by type of case and percentage of all case dispositions ¹¹	Number and percentage of dispositions by type of case ¹²
Misdemeanor domestic violence/dating violence: 1,289 (56% of all dispositions for all case types)	304 were dismissed (24% of all dispositions for type of case) 949 were convicted (74%) 36 were acquitted (3%)
Violation of probation or parole: 525 (23%)	35 were dismissed (7%) 490 were convicted (93%)
Violation of protection order: 170 (7%)	29 were dismissed (17%) 141 were convicted (83%)
Felony domestic violence/dating violence: 162 (7%)	56 were dismissed (35%) 105 were convicted (65%) 1 was acquitted (1%)
Domestic violence/dating violence ordinance: 83 (4%)	10 were dismissed (12%) 73 were convicted (88%)

⁸ Only the top 8 types of relief are presented.

⁹ This number includes 858 temporary orders for domestic violence victims/survivors, 78 for dating violence victims/survivors, 29 for sexual assault victims survivors, and 362 temporary orders for which the victimization was not specified.

¹⁰ This number includes 917 final orders for domestic violence victims/survivors, 64 for dating violence victims survivors, 59 for sexual assault victims/survivors, and 198 final orders for which the victimization was not specified.

¹¹ Only the top 5 case types are presented.

¹² Deferred adjudication accounted for 33% of all domestic violence/dating violence misdemeanor convictions, 68% of all violation of probation or parole convictions, 5% of all violation of protection order convictions, 5% of all domestic violence/dating violence ordinance convictions, and none of the felony domestic violence/dating violence convictions.

Judicial Monitoring: Judges monitor offenders to review progress and compliance with court orders (including pre-trial, bail, protection orders, probation, and other conditions of release). The court schedules regular court appearances at certain intervals to determine whether offenders are complying with the terms of their probation or other court orders.

Judicial monitoring	
✦ 2,207 offenders were reviewed and 5,263 individual review hearings were conducted	
Domestic violence	2,134 offenders were reviewed and 5,154 review hearings were conducted.
Dating violence	63 offenders were reviewed and 63 review hearings were conducted.
Stalking	6 offenders were reviewed and 22 review hearings were conducted.
Sexual assault	4 offenders were reviewed and 24 review hearings were conducted.

Dispositions of violations of probation and other court orders	
Courts monitor offenders' compliance with court orders. The data reported below reflect the sanctions most frequently imposed for violations that were disposed of during the current reporting period.	
Violations of court orders	Dispositions¹³
Protection order: 166	58% (97) had partial or full revocation of probation 20% (33) received verbal/written warning
New criminal behavior: 60	33% (20) had partial or full revocation of probation 30% (18) received verbal/written warning
Failure to attend batterer intervention program (BIP): 465	74% (343) received verbal/written warning 12% (57) had partial or full revocation of probation
Failure to attend mandated offender treatment (does not include BIP): 28	39% (11) had partial or full revocation of probation 36% (10) received additional conditions
Other condition of probation, parole, or other conditional release: 204	45% (91) had partial or full revocation of probation 31% (63) received verbal/written warning

¹³ Only the top two dispositions for each type of violation are presented. Partial or full revocation of probation results in incarceration.

Offender/Respondent Compliance Monitoring: Offender monitoring determines whether offenders/respondents are in compliance with the terms of their court orders including bail/bond, pre-trial, and probation conditions as well as terms of protection orders and family court orders.

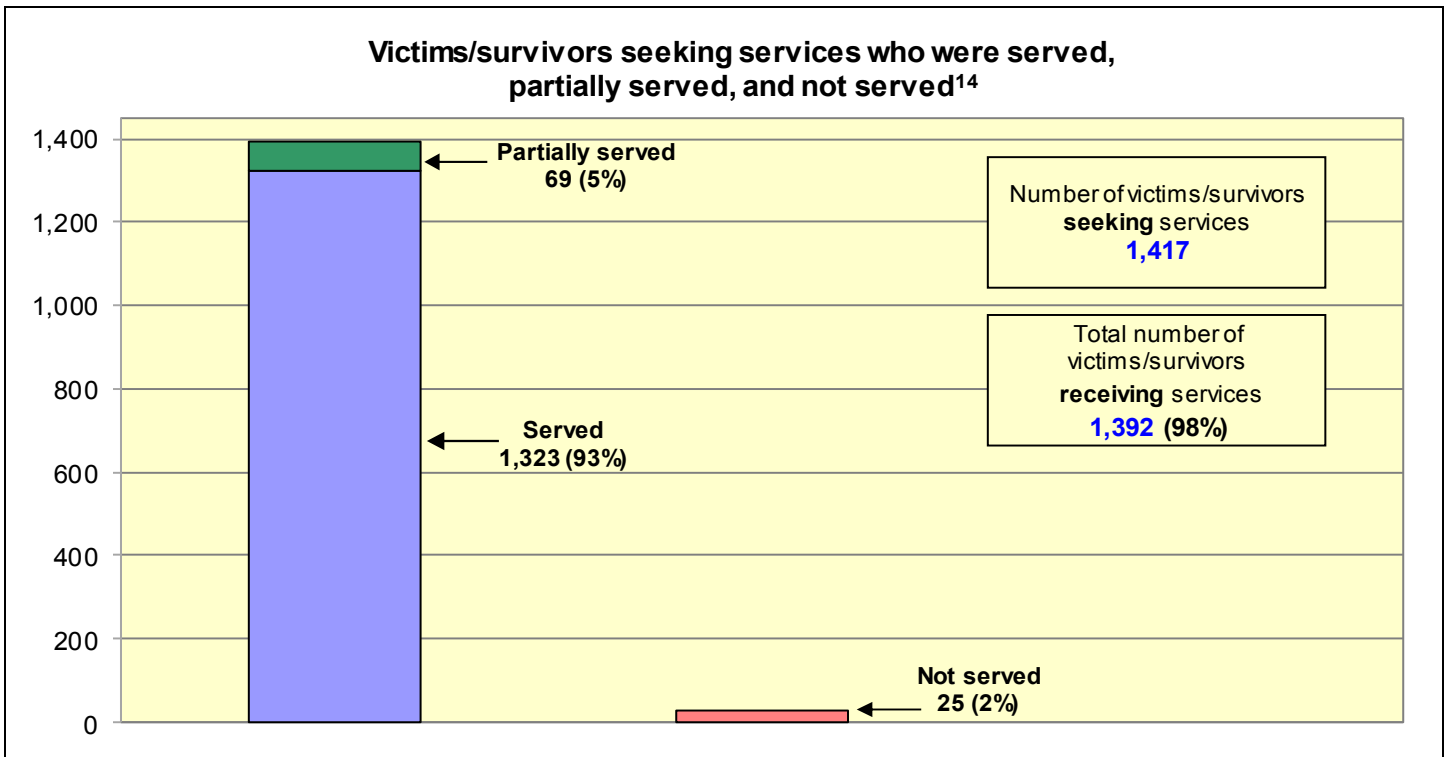
Number of grantees using funds for offender/respondent compliance monitoring: **9** (32% of all grantees)

Total number of offenders/respondents supervised or monitored: **1,661**

Number of offenders/respondents by type of activity	
◆	709: review of information from/contact with batterer intervention programs
◆	477: meeting/contact with offender/respondent
◆	346: review of information from/contact with other counselors/agencies
◆	318: review of information from/contact with other mandated treatment programs
◆	198: review of information from/contact with substance abuse counselors/agencies
Outreach to victims/survivors	
In addition to offender monitoring, probation/compliance officers also contact victims/survivors as an additional strategy to increase victim/survivor safety.	
◆	191 victims/survivors receiving outreach

Victim Services: Courts Program grantees provided services to **1,392** victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to help them become and remain safe from violence.

Number of grantees using funds for victim services: **8** (29% of all grantees reporting)



¹⁴ Percentages are based on victims/survivors seeking services.

Victim services and demographics: Courts Program grantees provided an array of services to victims/survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as a critical part of a coordinated community response. These services include victim advocacy (actions designed to help the victim/survivor obtain needed resources or services), crisis intervention, and legal advocacy (assistance navigating the criminal and/or civil legal system). Victims/survivors receive safety planning, referrals and information as needed.

Victims/survivors served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic violence: **1,289** (93% of those receiving services)
- Stalking: **83** (6%)
- Sexual assault: **14** (1%)
- Dating violence: **6** (<1%)

Number of victims/survivors receiving the following services:

- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment: **871** (63% of those receiving services)
- Victim/survivor advocacy: **832** (60%)
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment: **376** (27%)
- Child care: **1** (<1%)

Protection orders for which victim services staff provided assistance:

- Domestic violence: **285** temporary orders granted
137 final orders granted

Demographic data:

Gender¹⁵

- Female: **1,204** (86%)
- Male: **188** (14%)

Race/ethnicity^{15,16}

- Black or African American: **577** (45%)
- White: **533** (42%)
- Hispanic or Latino: **145** (11%)
- Asian: **16** (1%)
- American Indian or Alaska Native: **11** (1%)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: **1** (<1%)

Other demographics¹⁷

- Disabilities: **52** (4% of those receiving services)
- Limited English proficiency: **43** (3%)
- Rural: **33** (2%)
- Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers: **21** (2%)

Relationship to offender¹⁸

- Domestic violence:
 - Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **1,189** (92%)
 - Other family member: **101** (8%)
 - Acquaintance: **3** (<1%)
- Stalking:
 - Current or former dating relationship: **86** (96%)
 - Acquaintance: **4** (4%)
- Sexual assault:
 - Current or former spouse or intimate partner: **13** (62%)
 - Stranger: **5** (24%)
 - Other family member: **3** (14%)
- Dating violence:
 - Current or former dating relationship: **14** (100%)

¹⁵ Percentages are based on victims/survivors receiving services for whom this information is known.

¹⁶ Some victims/survivors may identify with one or more race/ethnicity, so the total number of victims/survivors reported in all categories of race/ethnicity (including unknown) may be higher than the total number of victims/survivors served.

¹⁷ Because victims/survivors may be represented in more than one of these categories, or not at all, the total for victims/survivors reported in all categories of other demographics may be higher or lower than the total number of victims/survivors served.

¹⁸ Victims/survivors may have been abused by more than one offender and/or may have experienced more than one type of victimization, so the total number of relationships for each victimization category may be higher than the total number of victims/survivors served.