

# IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE PROGRAM

Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault,  
Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program

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The purpose of the Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR) Program is to encourage state, local, and tribal governments and courts to treat sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring coordination with nonprofit, nongovernmental victim advocates and representatives from the criminal justice system. This program challenges the whole community to communicate, identify problems, and share ideas that will result in new responses and the application of best practices to enhance victim safety and offender accountability.<sup>1,2</sup>

- **172** grantees reported this period.

## VICTIM SERVICES

ICJR grantees provided services to **35,851** victims of domestic/sexual violence.

- **123** grantees used funds for victim services (72% of all grantees reporting).

Victims seeking services <sup>3</sup>		
Victims	Total	Percentage
Served	34,927	97%
Partially served	924	3%
Not served	76	<1%
<b>Total seeking services</b>	<b>35,927</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>1</sup> This report contains selected data submitted by ICJR grantees on a semi-annual progress report.

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

<sup>3</sup> Percentages are based on victims seeking services.

## Services provided to victims:

- Victim advocacy was provided to **22,802** victims (64% of all victims receiving services);
- Crisis intervention was provided to **15,855** (44%) victims;
- Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **13,071** (36%) victims;
- Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment was provided to **12,000** (33%) victims;
- Counseling services/support groups were provided to **6,401** (18%) victims;
- Civil legal assistance was provided to **1,726** (5%) victims;
- Hospital/clinic/other medical response was provided to **1,555** (4%) victims;
- Language services were provided to **1,384** (4%) victims; and
- Transportation was provided to **1,051** (3%) victims.

## Other services provided to victims:

- Hotline calls received from victims: **34,730**
- Victim witness notification/outreach activities: **26,388**

## Victims served or partially served by type of victimization:

- Domestic/dating violence: **31,579** (88% of all victims receiving services)
- Sexual assault: **3,302** (9%)
- Stalking: **970** (3%)

Demographics of victims served	Total	% of those receiving services
<b>Race/ethnicity<sup>4,5</sup></b>		
White	15,566	50%
Black or African American	7,943	25%
Hispanic or Latino	6,449	21%
Asian	1,028	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	577	2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	134	<1%
<b>Gender<sup>4</sup></b>		
Female	30,328	89%
Male	3,611	11%
<b>Age<sup>4</sup></b>		
13-17	957	3%
18-24	5,771	18%
25-59	23,966	74%
60+	1,598	5%

<sup>4</sup> Percentages are based on victims receiving services for whom this information was known.

<sup>5</sup> Some victims may identify with more than one race/ethnicity, so the total number reported in race/ethnicity may be higher than the total number of victims served.

<b>Other demographics<sup>6</sup></b>		
Limited English proficiency	3,206	9%
Rural	2,529	7%
Immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers	2,425	7%
Disabilities	2,072	6%

<b>Victims' relationship to offender<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of those receiving services</b>
<b>Domestic violence/dating violence</b>		
Spouse/intimate partner	21,580	72%
Dating relationship	6,093	20%
Other family/household member	1,816	6%
Acquaintance	396	1%
<b>Sexual assault</b>		
Acquaintance	935	33%
Spouse/intimate partner	805	29%
Other family/household member	387	14%
Dating relationship	355	13%
Stranger	337	12%
<b>Stalking</b>		
Spouse/intimate partner	520	46%
Dating relationship	296	26%
Acquaintance	204	18%
Other family/household member	85	7%
Stranger	34	3%

<sup>6</sup> Because victims may be represented in more than one of these categories, or not at all, the total for this category may be higher or lower than the total number of victims served.

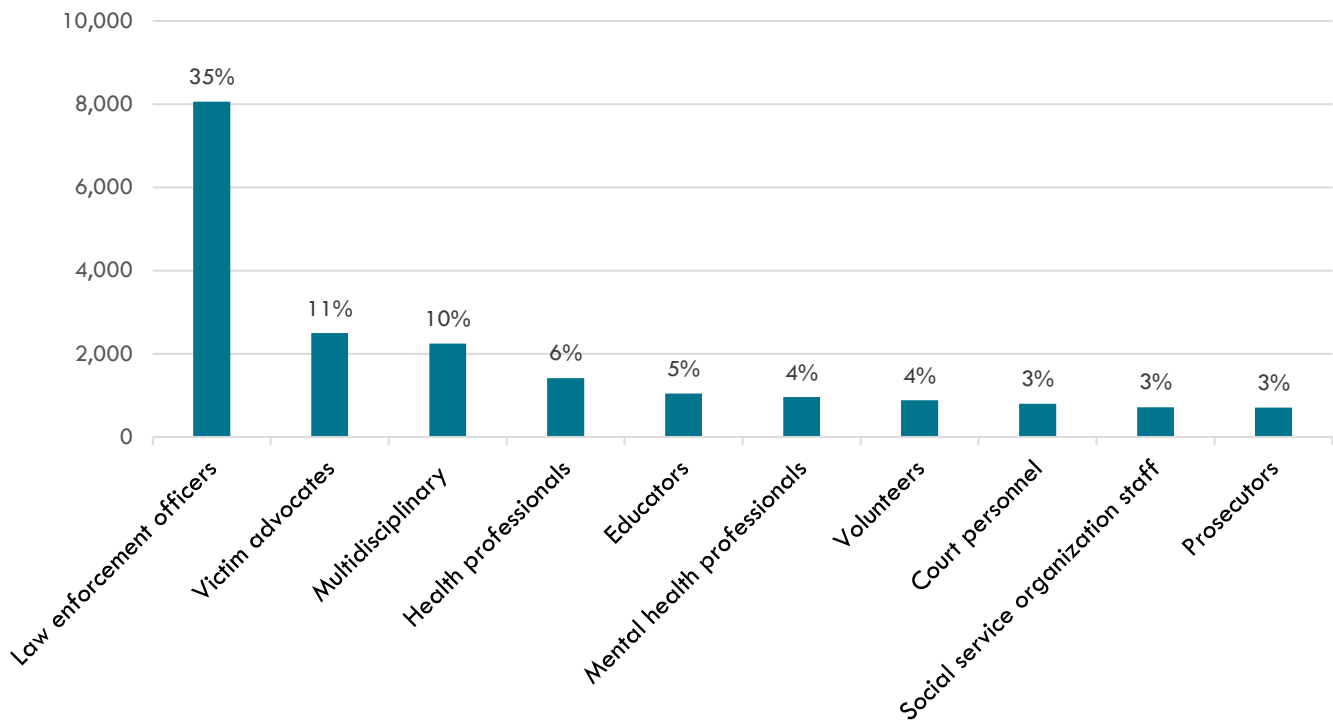
<sup>7</sup> Victims may have been abused by more than one offender and/or may have experienced more than one type of victimization, so the total for each victimization category may be higher than the total number of victims served in each of those categories. Percentages presented here are based on the total number of known relationships in each victimization category.

# TRAINING

Grantees provide training for professionals so that they can improve the response to victims of domestic/sexual violence and to increase offender accountability.

- **99** grantees used funds for training (58% of all grantees reporting).
- **23,161** professionals attended **1,100** events.

## Types of professionals most frequently trained



## Topics on which the most grantees provided training:

- Domestic violence overview, dynamics, and services;
- Law enforcement response;
- Advocate response;
- Safety planning for victims;
- Coordinated community response;
- Domestic violence statutes/codes;
- Confidentiality;
- Sexual assault overview, dynamics, and services; and
- Criminal court procedures.

## STAFF

Grant-funded staff provide victim services, training, law enforcement activities, prosecution, court services, offender supervision, and batterer intervention programs to increase victim safety and offender accountability.

- **165** grantees used funds for staff (96% of all grantees reporting).
- **399.84** full-time equivalent (FTE) staff were funded this period.

Funded staff positions	FTEs	% of all funded staff
Victim advocate	145.01	36%
Program coordinator	59.28	15%
Law enforcement officer	43.79	11%
Prosecutor	28.90	7%
Victim assistant	19.31	5%
Administrator	17.92	4%
Legal advocate	16.64	4%
Attorney	10.79	3%
Probation officer/offender monitor	10.19	3%
Support staff	8.94	2%
Sexual assault nurse examiner/sexual forensic examiner (SAFE/SANE)	6.84	2%
Paralegal	6.59	2%
Investigator (prosecution-based)	6.00	2%
Trainer	4.12	1%
Information technology staff	2.46	1%
Counselor	2.16	1%
Court personnel	1.95	<1%
Translator/interpreter	0.57	<1%

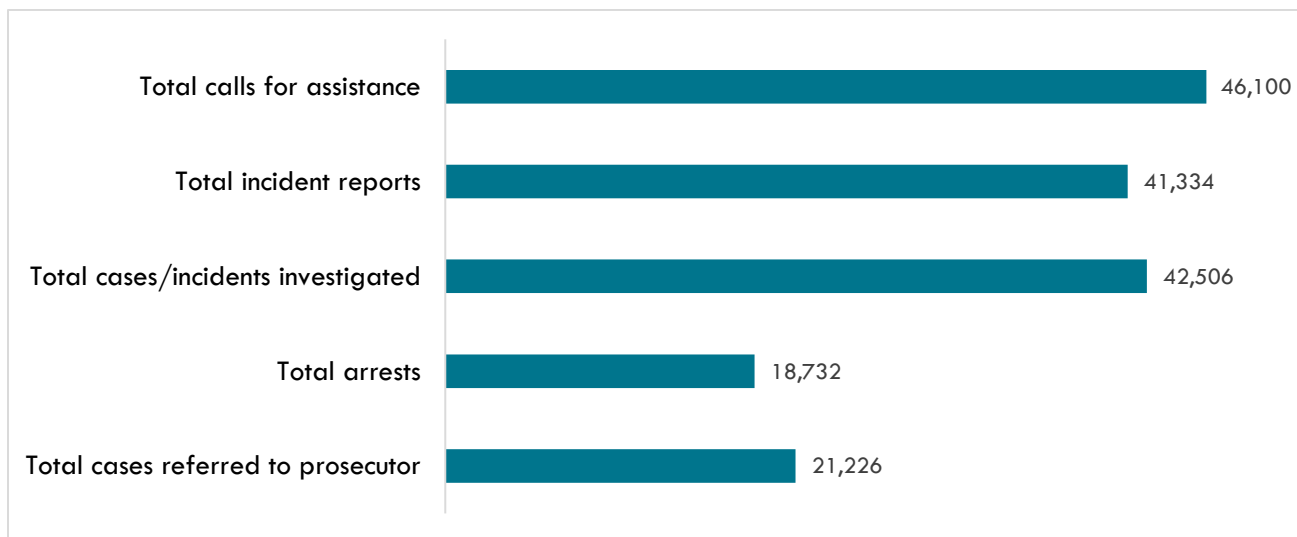
## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Grantees report criminal justice data for the entire jurisdiction receiving funds.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

- **60** grantees used funds for law enforcement (35% of all grantees reporting).

### Law enforcement activities on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases<sup>8</sup>



### PROSECUTION

- **32** grantees used funds for prosecution (19% of all grantees reporting).

#### Cases received, accepted for prosecution, declined, or transferred:<sup>9</sup>

- **17,651** cases were received;
- **11,074** cases were accepted for prosecution;
- **4,819** cases were declined; and
- **1,164** cases were transferred to higher or lower court outside grant-funded jurisdiction.

#### Cases disposed of:<sup>10</sup> **10,438**

<sup>8</sup> The number of arrests includes 395 arrests for violation of bail bond and 1,796 arrests for violation of protection order. This number does not include dual arrests.

<sup>9</sup> Cases accepted, declined, or transferred in the current reporting period may have been received by prosecution in a previous reporting period.

<sup>10</sup> Cases disposed of in the current reporting period may include cases received by prosecution in a previous reporting period.

**Cases resulting in convictions and deferred adjudications: 5,504** (53% of all cases disposed of)

- **51%** of domestic/dating violence cases resulted in a conviction or deferred adjudication: 4,701 cases out of 9,140 disposed of.<sup>11</sup>
- **70%** of sexual assault cases resulted in a conviction or deferred adjudication: 188 cases out of 270 disposed of.
- **52%** of stalking cases resulted in a conviction or deferred adjudication: 39 cases out of 75 disposed of.

## COURTS

- **3** grantees used funds for court activities (2% of all grantees reporting).
- **327** new cases were filed this period.
- **283** cases were disposed of.

## Dispositions of cases

### Domestic/dating violence: 197

- **80** (41%) cases were dismissed;
- **116** (59%) cases resulted in a conviction or deferred adjudication;<sup>12</sup> and
- **1** (1%) case was acquitted.

### Stalking: 1

- **1** (100%) case resulted in a deferred adjudication.

## 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 report period.<sup>13</sup>

### Dispositions of protection order violations: 5

- **4** (80%) had partial or full revocation of probation, and
- **1** (20%) received verbal/written warning.

### New criminal behavior: 13

- **13** (100%) had partial or full revocation of probation.

<sup>11</sup> Deferred adjudications accounted for 10% of all convictions, 11% of domestic/dating violence convictions, 7% of sexual assault convictions, and 10% of stalking convictions.

<sup>12</sup> Deferred adjudications accounted for 36% of domestic/dating violence convictions.

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

**Failure to attend batterer intervention program (BIP): 3**

- **3** (100%) had partial or full revocation of probation.

**Other conditions of probation or parole: 17**

- **9** (53%) received verbal/written warning, and
- **7** (41%) had partial or full revocation of probation.

**Judicial monitoring**

- **231** offenders were reviewed.
- **1,806** individual review hearings were conducted.

**PROBATION AND PAROLE**

Probation officers monitor offenders to review progress and compliance with conditions of probation. The data reported below reflect the sanctions most frequently imposed for violations that were disposed of during the current reporting period.<sup>14</sup>

- **14** grantees used funds for probation activities (8% of all grantees reporting).
- **3,751** offenders were monitored (2,678 continuing and 1,073 new offenders).

**Dispositions of violations of probation****Protection order violations: 220**

- **151** (69%) had partial or full revocation of probation, and
- **41** (19%) received additional conditions.

**New criminal behavior: 241**

- **187** (78%) had partial or full revocation of probation, and
- **28** (12%) received additional conditions.

**Failure to attend batterer intervention program (BIP): 248**

- **149** (60%) had partial or full revocation of probation, and
- **54** (22%) received additional conditions.

<sup>14</sup> Only the top two dispositions for each type of violation are presented. Partial or full revocation of probation results in incarceration.



**Failure to attend mandated offender treatment: 150**

- **85** (57%) had partial or full revocation of probation, and
- **31** (21%) received additional conditions.

**Other conditions of probation or parole: 391**

- **256** (65%) had partial or full revocation of probation, and
- **79** (20%) received additional conditions.

**Offender monitoring**

- **3,339** offenders received **18,678** face-to-face monitoring contacts.
- **2,457** offenders received **12,003** telephone monitoring contacts.
- **1,149** offenders received **8,014** unscheduled surveillance contacts.

**Outreach to victims**

- **1,927** victims received **2,667** contacts.

**Protection orders**

Grantees report community-wide data on the number of protection orders granted in jurisdictions receiving ICJR Program funds.

- **273,293** temporary and permanent orders were granted.