

STOP VAWA Implementation Plan- Definitions for Identified Goals

Document Purpose: The purpose of the given definitions is to provide guidance, clarity and expectation on the terms expressed within the “Identified Goals” (pg. 19) of the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program FFY 2017 – FFY 2020 Implementation Plan. The below is not comprehensive to all terms within the plan, but rather act as guidance and foundation for measurable outcomes of those goals.

Coordinated Community Response (CCR)

Definition: A strategy that promotes system change and improves community responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence and stalking through policies and procedures among key stakeholders within the community to coordinate services, enhance victim safety, provide quality victim-centered services, and to hold perpetrators accountable.

A CCR maximizes the effective and efficient use of community resources, ensures the availability and accessibility of network response.

Source: Adapted from http://www.stopvaw.org/coordinated_community_response
With input from the STOP VAWA Implementation Plan Subcommittee of the Family Violence Prevention Center Advisory Counsel

Dating Violence

Definition: An act or threat of violence committed by a person who has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. Under law, this relationship is determined based on: the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved.

Source: 42 U.S.C. § 13925 (10)

Domestic Violence

Definition:

Domestic violence is defined as causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical harm to a family or household member, including spouses, former spouses, a parent, a foster parent, a parent or child of a spouse or person living as a spouse, or a former spouse, etc. In addition to the above, domestic violence can also include financial and economic abuse, emotional abuse, psychological abuse, spiritual abuse, sexual abuse and other forms of coercive control.

Source: 42 U.S.C. § 13925 (8); ORC 2919.25, 3113.31

Access to Economic Justice

Definition: The attainment of rightful access to financial and material resources for survivors.

Source: The STOP VAWA Implementation Plan Subcommittee of the Family Violence Prevention Center Advisory Counsel

Limited English Proficiency

Definition: Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English can be limited English proficient, or "LEP." These individuals may be entitled language assistance with respect to a particular type or service, benefit, or encounter.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division through [www.LEP.gov](https://www.lep.gov) accessed at <https://www.lep.gov/faqs/faqs.html>

Sexual Assault

Definition: Any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, or State law, including when the victim lacks the capacity to consent.

Source: 42 U.S.C. § 13925 (29) and ORC 5924.120

Stalking

Definition: Engaging in a pattern of conduct that (A) causes physical harm or the belief that the offender will cause physical harm or (B) causes mental distress for an individual or a family or household member of that individual. Stalking may present in forms such as physical presence, written communication or any electronic methods of communication and information sharing.

Source: ORC 2903.211

Underserved Populations

Definition: Populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age), and any other population determined to be underserved by the Attorney General or by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, as appropriate. (42 U.S.C. § 13925 (39))

Source: (42 U.S.C. § 13925 (39))