

## Face-to-Face or Telephone Meetings to Follow Up on Legal Advocacy Survey

### Purposes of Meeting:

- (1) To discuss results from the legal advocacy survey – Ensure that they know their strengths and potential areas for enhancement.
- (2) To Collect insights from those programs who already have CCRTs operating about structure, strengths and potential barriers.
- (3) To assess for the potential to form a DV Coordinated Community Response Team or enhance the effectiveness of one that already exists.
- (4) To identify the types of technical assistance and/or training they might need to form a DV CCRT.
- (5) To assess for the potential to form a DV Court Watch program.
- (6) To identify the types of technical assistance they might need to form DV Court Watch program.

**Who Should attend:** (1) Have a brief meeting with the E.D. and/or Program Director to provide them with summary information about the purpose of the meeting and assess whether they want or need to be present for the entire meeting. (2) Meet with the lead staff member on legal advocacy issues, with or without the other parties present.

### Guiding questions:

- a. Which legal aid office serves them.
- b. Process of protective orders
- c. What percentage, if any, of protective orders are consent agreements/mutual?
- d. What percentage of clients have been arrested for domestic violence under dual arrest policies and/or practices? Any of these were arrested when it was self-defense?
- e. Details about the nature of their collaborative endeavors
- f. Possibility of enhancing and/or building collaborative endeavors in their community.
  - i. Which courts are they working in and which are they not working in?
  - ii. Details on the task force they serve on.
  - iii. Types of inter-agency policies and procedures and who is involved.
  - iv. How are they working regularly with CJ agencies to address areas of concern?
  - v. Describe how they work with others on DV case management.
  - vi. Describe the coordinated community response teams in their service area. How they operate? Who is represented? Strength/Progress/Accomplishments? Gaps in their strategy/initiative/process?
  - vii. Details on training of law enforcement, judges, prosecutors. Which ones?
  - viii. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses in law enforcement practices. Are the weaknesses only among some agencies in their service area or widespread? Consider why this might be occurring? Discuss potential strategies for addressing these issues.
  - ix. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses in prosecutor practices. Consider why this might be occurring? Discuss potential strategies for addressing these issues.
  - x. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses in judicial practices. Consider why this might be occurring? Discuss potential strategies for addressing these issues.