

## Florida Domestic Violence State Coalition Community Stakeholder Feedback Questions (Virtual Town Halls and Online Survey)

*For the online survey version, the disclaimer will be provided on an introductory page prior to sharing the questions with participants. For virtual town halls, the disclaimer will be provided on a slide at the beginning of the virtual meeting.*

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**The following questions will be utilized both for virtual discussion groups and an online feedback survey. Respondents will self-select to respond to either or both modes. Both the survey and the town halls will be available in English and Spanish, and potentially other languages at the request of respondents and stakeholders.**

### **Introduction:**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking to designate a new State Domestic Violence Coalition (SDVC) for the state of Florida. A SDVC is an independent organization whose purpose is to coordinate state- and territory-wide improvements within local communities, social service systems, and programming regarding the prevention and intervention of domestic violence. Every Coalition provides comprehensive training and technical assistance on a multitude of social, legal, and economic issues that affect victims' safety and well-being. Coalitions partner with government, private industry, non-profit and faith-based communities, and other stakeholders to effectively coordinate and improve the safety-net of services available to victims and their dependents.

The information you provide will help HHS identify potential organizations that are appropriately positioned to serve as a state domestic violence coalition (SDVC) and to better understand any community priorities and/or service gaps that a new SDVC will be expected to help address. Trends and themes from the feedback may be provided to the SDVC and other training and technical assistance providers in order to better meet unmet needs. No information collected will be shared other than in the aggregate, with any personally identifying details removed.

**Question 1:**

As part of the process to designate a SDVC for Florida, HHS is seeking the individual feedback from domestic violence service providers, community stakeholders, State leaders, and representatives of underserved populations and culturally- and linguistically-specific populations to identify existing organizations that may be an appropriate designee.

*What is your connection to the issue of domestic violence in the state of Florida? (Choose all that apply) (In virtual discussion groups, this will be online polling that protects the confidentiality of the respondent.)*

*Survivor of domestic violence or family member of a survivor in the state of Florida*

*Domestic violence victim service provider in Florida*

*Representative of underserved and/or culturally-/linguistically-specific populations*

*State government leader/policymaker*

*Tribal government leader/policymaker*

*Other community stakeholder in Florida (please explain)*

*Domestic violence service stakeholder, not from Florida (please explain)*

*Notes:*

**Question 2:**

One purpose of the SDVC is to provide training, support, and technical assistance to the primary-purpose domestic violence service providers and providers of direct services in the State in order to establish and maintain shelter and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. It is important that all survivors be able to access services that are trauma-informed, culturally-relevant, effective, and high-quality.

*Please explain what you think are the priority areas of training, support, and technical assistance for domestic violence service providers in Florida.*

**Question 3:**

Survivors of domestic violence from underserved communities, including culturally- and linguistically-specific communities, have historically faced barriers to accessing shelter and services. The SDVC is expected to coordinate and collaborate with underserved communities to address these barriers.

*Please provide your feedback on how the new SDVC could better engage and support underserved communities. In your experience, are there particular communities and populations you would like to recommend for particular focus?*

**Question 4:**

The SDVC serves as an information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence for the State and supports the development of policies, protocols, and

procedures to enhance domestic violence intervention and prevention in the State. The SDVC coordinates with other fields (for example, child welfare, human services, housing, legal) to ensure that survivors and their children can safely and effectively access other services.

*Please explain what you think are the priority areas for policy development or cross-sector collaboration for a new SDVC in Florida. What other fields/sectors in Florida do you think it is important for the new SDVC to work with to improve access and safety for survivors?*

**Question 5:**

*Is there any other feedback that you have on priorities for a new SDVC in Florida or related to domestic violence shelter and services in Florida that you would like us to be aware of?*

**Question 6**

In order to be designated as the State Domestic Violence Coalition for the state of Florida, an organization must meet the following requirements:

- the organization must be a statewide, nongovernmental, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization;
- the organization's membership includes a majority of the primary-purpose domestic violence service providers in the State
- the board of directors of the organization is representative of these primary-purpose domestic violence service providers and which may include representatives of the communities in which the services are being provided in the State
- the organization's purpose is to provide education, support, and technical assistance to such service providers to enable the providers to establish and maintain supportive services and to provide shelter to victims of domestic violence and their children
- the organization is ready to serve as an information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence for Florida and to support the development of policies, protocols and procedures to enhance domestic violence intervention and prevention in Florida.

*With these requirements in mind, are there any particular organizations you think HHS should be aware of as potential designees for the State Domestic Violence Coalition for the state of Florida?*