

Family Violence Prevention Fund

"Everyone Has the Right to Live Free of Violence"
Fact Sheet

Our Mission

Violence. It shatters lives, destroys families, damages communities and affects every part of our world – and it's affecting the next generation. One in five high public school students has experienced physical and/or sexual violence from dating partners; 30 percent of teens worry about their personal physical safety in a relationship; and too many have been pressured to have sex. That is why, for nearly 30 years, the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) has been pioneering innovative programs to help end domestic, dating and sexual violence. Instrumental in enacting the landmark *Violence Against Women Act*, the FVPF breaks new ground every day by reaching out to men and youth, promoting community-based violence prevention programs, and transforming the way health care providers, police, judges, employers and others address violence against women and children. FVPF model programs, policies and publications have been used in every state and worldwide.

Our History

Family Violence Prevention Fund President Esta Soler first established the organization with a federal grant in 1980. It has become the nation's leading expert on violence against women and children, the source of numerous trailblazing prevention and intervention campaigns, and a major force in shaping public policies that prevent violence and help victims in the U.S. and worldwide.

Our Programs

Because sometimes the only messages boys get are the wrong ones, in 2003 the FVPF and The Advertising Council launched a campaign to encourage men to teach boys that violence against women is wrong. *Coaching Boys into Men* includes public service announcements and numerous resources. Sponsored by Macy's and launched in 2008, the *RESPECT!* campaign is promoting healthy, respectful relationships and helping parents learn to teach children that violence does not equal strength. Launched in 2009 with support from the Office on Violence Against Women and in partnership with The Advertising Council, *That's Not Cool* is helping teens recognize when controlling behavior becomes abuse, and take steps to prevent it.

The FVPF's highly successful *Health Care Initiative* is teaching providers to assess whether their patients have been exposed to violence, and to offer help to patients who need it. The FVPF is the nation's Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence – the only federally funded clearinghouse giving health care providers information and assistance to improve their response to family and sexual violence.

The FVPF's *National Judicial Institute* is giving judges guidelines, education and materials to ensure that their courtrooms provide real help to victims of family violence. Its *Children's Initiative* is working with domestic violence and batterer intervention programs, child welfare agencies and communities to build partnerships that promote safe and healthy families. Its *Workplace Project* is a historic collaboration with employers and unions, and offers an online resource kit offering sample workplace domestic violence policies, education and training materials, case studies, resources, and more. Its *Immigrant Women Campaign* is expanding services for immigrant victims of violence and mobilizing Americans to press for more humane asylum policies. Its *International Partnerships* in China, India, Mexico and Russia are addressing all forms of violence, including human trafficking. Its *Public Policy Office* is leading the work to enact the *International Violence Against Women Act* and fund promising prevention programs.

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