

2018 - 2019 BUDGET PRIORITIES

New York State has the highest demand for domestic violence services in the country. We ask for your **commitment and support** for the following initiatives which will go far in providing vital protections for victims of domestic violence. Now, more than ever, it is time for the State of New York to also invest in strategies that will change the attitudes and beliefs that allow domestic violence to thrive, and prevent it before it occurs.

The New York State Executive Budget historically contains little state originating funding to support domestic violence services, and relies heavily on federal funding sources. With the growing demand for domestic violence services in New York, federal funding is simply not enough.

We ask the New York State legislature to ensure the following items are prioritized in the final budget:

- 1. Remove Firearms from Domestic Violence Offenders.** The connections between domestic violence, mass shootings, and gun violence are clear. In 90% of the deadliest mass shootings in United States history, the shooter had a history of committing domestic violence. When an abusive partner is permitted to access firearms, the risk that their partner will be killed also increases substantially. New York must do more to prevent homicides, and it is critical for the legislature to take a stand to remove firearms from domestic violence offenders.
- 2. Fix existing problems in funding for local domestic violence programs across the state as a result of years of flat or reduced investments by:**
 - a. Accepting the FY2019 Executive Budget proposal for \$3 million in TANF funding for non-residential domestic violence services and add \$3 million from each house to the FY2019 Executive Budget proposal to address the needs of survivors of domestic violence; and
 - b. Providing at least a 3% increase in the domestic violence shelter per diem rate including an increase of approximately \$1.9 million in TANF funds.
- 3. Create a domestic violence primary prevention funding stream by establishing a \$17.25 million fund in the public protection budget** that will be dispersed through coordinated support to NYSCADV and local domestic violence programs statewide. Research has shown the cost of a single homicide can be well over \$17.25 million - we are requesting funds at this level to demonstrate New York State's commitment to preventing far-reaching tragedies of domestic violence¹.
- 4. Restore, stabilize and increase funding for critical civil legal services for domestic violence victims statewide** in order to address the high demand for civil legal services by survivors of domestic violence.
- 5. Provide funding for local domestic violence programs to collaborate with colleges and universities in implementing the Enough Is Enough mandates** for campuses across the state in order to adequately address dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. This support is intended to compliment the \$4.5 million already provided in support for rape crisis programs for sexual assault prevention.

¹ Delisi, Kosloski, Sween, et. al. 2010. Murder by Numbers: Monetary Costs Imposed by a Sample of Homicide Offenders. The Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology. 21(4). P 501-503.

About the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Established in 1978, the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) is designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as the information clearinghouse, primary point of contact, and resource center on domestic violence for the State of New York. NYSCADV is responsible for supporting the development of policies, protocol, and procedures to enhance domestic violence intervention and prevention and also provides education and technical assistance to the network of primary-purpose domestic violence service providers statewide.

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Post Budget Legislative Priorities:

**NYSCADV Day of Action
May 9, 2018
NYS Capitol**

NYSCADV will be joined by hundreds of domestic violence program staff and allies from across the state to advocate for legislation important to survivors of domestic violence.

“Turn the Chamber Purple”

NYSCADV is encouraging all members of the NYS Legislature and their staff to wear **purple** on the Day of Action to show support for the work to end domestic violence in New York.

Remember to Wear Purple on May 9th!

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