



## Office of Victim Services OVS (FE)

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### MISSION

The mission of the Office of Victim Services (OVS) is to ensure that all individuals who are victimized by violent crime have access to and obtain quality services offered by skilled providers at District and community agencies.

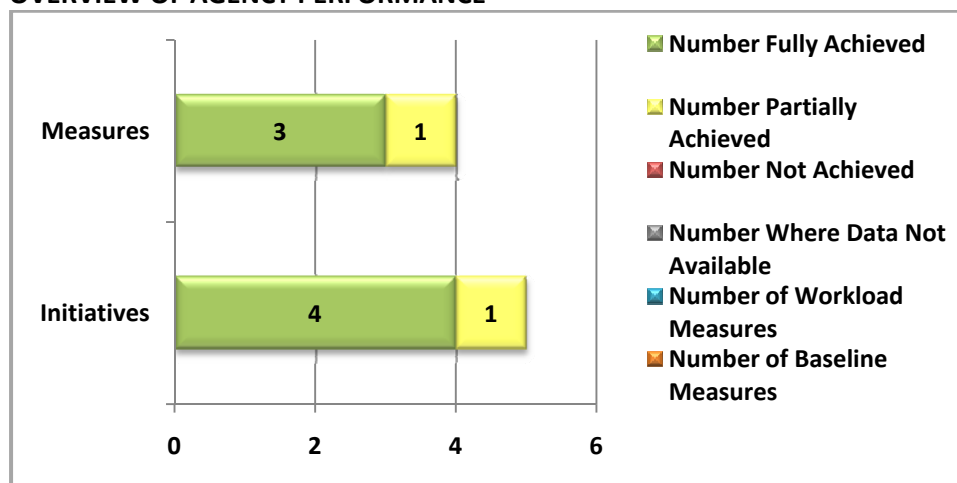
### SUMMARY OF SERVICES

OVS administers federal and District grants to agencies and organizations that offer services to crime victims, including crisis intervention, counseling, case management, outreach, education and housing; advises the Executive Office of the Mayor on policy and legislation relevant to crime victims; and provides leadership in the development and implementation of new victim-related initiatives and programs.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ The High Risk Domestic Violence Initiative (HRDVI) is a coordinated response to victims of potentially lethal domestic violence that provides cross-agency services for victims and their children and reduces abuser access through prompt arrest and pre-trial release information sharing among criminal justice stakeholders. In FY 2010, over 1,200 hundred women were assessed through HRDVI. Of that number, 902 received immediate wraparound services.
- ✓ In FY 2010, OVS collaborated with Department of Mental Health Mobile Crisis Services (MCS) to establish a protocol for an immediate 24/7 mental health response to survivors of victims of homicide. The MCS Homicide Response Team is funded by an OVS grant and coordinates directly with MPD detectives to reach out to families in crisis with mental health support.
- ✓ The OVS Consolidated Request for Application (RFA) process was introduced in FY 2010 and has been welcomed by grant managers and sub-grantees as notable improvement in the grant making process. In the Consolidated process, OVS releases a single RFA for all funding sources and applicants submit one proposal and receive one grant, which streamlines peer reviewing, award negotiations, fiscal and programmatic grants management, and sub-grantee reporting.

### OVERVIEW OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE





## Performance Initiatives – Assessment Details

### Performance Assessment Key:

-  Fully achieved     Partially achieved     Not achieved     Data not reported

### **OBJECTIVE 1: CREATE AND SUSTAIN A COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ALL VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME THAT IS SENSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, AGE APPROPRIATE AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT.**

- **INITIATIVE 1: Engaging Youth on Relationship Violence.**

Twenty six clubs operated in middle and high schools in DC during FY 2010 to educate youth on healthy relationships and impact of violent victimization. OVS completed an 18-month stakeholder training and technical assistance campaign through an evidence-based learning collaborative to institutionalize an excellent District-wide mental health response to youth victims. OVS hosted a youth retreat for victims and witnesses of drive by shootings in Ward 8 as part of an intervention for youth suffering trauma as a result of violence.
- **INITIATIVE 2: Emergency and Transitional Housing Initiative.**

The District Alliance for Safe Housing has completed 47 units of renovated housing for victims of domestic violence. We had originally expected the new units that are part of the My Sister's Place housing project to be completed by end of FY 2010 but they will not be ready until Thanksgiving.
- **INITIATIVE 3: Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Program.**

The coordinated community response for victims of sexual assault who receive the SANE exam at Washington Hospital Center and other District emergency rooms is moving forward with considerable success. Between 10/1/2009 and 9/1/2010, 242 patients presented as sexual assault victims; of that number, 183 had the SANE exam. 34 of the 183 had the exam but did not report the assault to MPD, as is their right under VAWA 2005. Sixteen percent of the victims were referred to the Lighthouse Center for Healing for victim services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and assistance with a housing transfer. Sixty-seven percent of all the victims having the exam individuals took the HIV prophylaxis after a high risk exposure. Thirty-four percent completed adherence counseling and follow-up care at the Lighthouse. The SANE program hired a new Director in summer 2010 and 14 new SANE nurses have been trained. The SANE program renewed its contract with WHC in FY 2011.

### **OBJECTIVE 2: ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ASSIST CRIME VICTIMS HAVE ACCESS TO EXCELLENT TRAINING AND RESOURCES ON VICTIMS' RIGHTS, THE DYNAMICS OF VICTIMIZATION AND THE IMPACT OF VIOLENT CRIME.**



- INITIATIVE 1: High Risk Domestic Violence Initiative (HRDVI):**  
 The outcomes anticipated for the High Risk Lethality Assessment Initiative in FY 2010 have been achieved. The pilot has been extended to other PSAs in the District. Almost 90% of the individuals testing high on the assessment tool are receiving the services offered to them.
- INITIATIVE 2: Lighthouse Center for Healing.**  
 The Lighthouse Center for Healing is an accessible environment that offers holistic, cost effective, confidential services, including individual counseling and case management and support groups. It is fully operational, has an interactive website and served 6379 victims during FY 2010.

**Key Performance Indicators – Details**

**Performance Assessment Key:**

Fully achieved    
 Partially achieved    
 Not achieved    
 Data not reported

	Measure Name	FY2009 YE Actual	FY2010 YE Target	FY2010 YE Actual	FY2010 YE Rating	Budget Program
●	1.1 # of youth clubs in middle and high schools that work with youth on issues around violence and victimization (cumulative)	12	22	26	118.18%	
●	1.2 #of newly renovated occupied units of emergency and transitional housing (cumulative)	45	100	85	85%	OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES
●	2.1 #of victims served at the Lighthouse (cumulative)	2472	3800	6379	167.87%	OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES
●	2.2 % of domestic violence victims testing high on the lethality assessment tool, who want and receive coordinated case management	0	85	88.87%	104.55%	OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES