



The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence provides a critical voice for sexual assault advocates in Washington, D.C.

Sex Offense Set-Aside Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG) Chronic Disease Prevention, CDC

Request: Preserve \$7.5 million statutory sex offense set-aside for sexual assault services and prevention and retain funding for violence against women services and prevention.

With an FY 2010 annual budget of \$102 million, the PHHSBG administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) allows fifty states, American Indian tribes, and eight U.S. territories and the District of Columbia to address their own unique public health needs and challenges with innovative and community driven methods. A mandatory \$7 million is set aside for providing services to rape victims and for rape prevention.

The President's FY 2012 budget proposes to eliminate PHHSBG and consolidate chronic disease block grant programs. If approved, NAESV urges Congress to maintain at least a \$7.5 million statutory set-aside for services to rape victims and prevention. The Public Health Service Act reauthorization, enacted in March 2010, included a guaranteed \$7 million set aside for providing services to rape victims and for rape prevention. In FY 2010, states utilized \$7.5 million to address sexual assault issues.

While the block grant was cut \$20 million to achieve FY 2011 savings, CDC must fund rape victim services and prevention at a minimum of \$7 million because of congressional direction provided in the Public Health Service Act reauthorization.

"Last year in Kentucky, 4,975 legal and medical advocacy services were provided with PHHSBG funds, primarily through accompaniment at the hospital and court. These services would be unavailable if these funds are eliminated." Eileen Recktenwald, Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc.

"The PHHSBG rape set-aside is critical to sexual assault services in Louisiana. One hundred percent of it is used for direct services to clients. Our community-based programs receive no state dollars so this is a crucial source for the continuation of services to traumatized women and children." Judy Benitez, Executive Director, Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault

"Without these funds, we would not be able to support our 24/7 hotline." Polly Poskin, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

"In California the PHHSBG goes to the Department of Public Health who uses the funds to support training and technical assistance to California's 63 rape crisis centers to increase their capacity for primary prevention." David Lee, California Coalition Against Sexual Assault

"Twenty of the thirty-two rape crisis centers receive a portion of this funding to maintain 24/7 hotlines and advocacy services. There are already 43 of the 92 counties that have very limited or no services, without this funding at least five additional counties would lose these vital services." Anita Carpenter, Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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