

National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women

The National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women (NAC) was re-chartered on March 3, 2010, by the Attorney General. The purpose of this federal advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services on how to improve the Nation's response to violence against women, with a specific focus on successful interventions with children and teens who witness and/or are victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault.

Working to end violence in families and in communities remains one of the Attorney General's highest priorities. Every year, millions of children and adolescents in the United States are victimized and exposed to violence in their homes and communities. Children and youth who are victims of, or witnesses to, violence often suffer severe long-term emotional and physical consequences. When these problems remain unaddressed, children are at higher risk for school failure, substance abuse, repeat victimization, and perhaps most tragically, perpetrating violent behavior later in their own lives.

The Attorney General's goal for the NAC is to bring together experts, advocates, researchers, and criminal justice professionals for the exchange of innovative ideas and the development of practical solutions to help us address and prevent these serious problems. This federal advisory committee will develop recommendations for successful interventions with children and teens who witness and/or are victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault. The members will also examine the relationship between children and teens who are witnesses to or victims of such violence and the overall public safety of communities across the country. OVW Director Susan Carbon will serve as the designated federal official for the NAC.

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