A ROADMAP TO SUCCESS:

Building a Co-Responder Program for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking

A Roadmap to Success: Building a Co-Responder Program for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking is a guide for law enforcement and their partners interested in implementing a co-responder program. Co-responder models vary based on community needs, size, and available funding. For this model, co-responders are teams of a law enforcement officer and an advocate working together to respond to crimes of violence against women. The guide will help sites successfully implement a partnership-based program to provide greater access to justice for victims/survivors, especially those from culturally specific and marginalized communities. A co-responder model will also reduce stress on the criminal justice system while improving relationships between criminal justice agencies and community-based organizations.

The guide was developed by a multidisciplinary team consisting of law enforcement, victim advocates, national experts serving culturally specific and marginalized communities, attorneys, academics, and others. The guide is intended to assist law enforcement, advocates, and community partners. It outlines the core components of co-responder programs, various types of co-responder models, community and organizational assessments, team composition considerations, suggested trainings, keys to program sustainability, and evaluation matrices. It emphasizes that all actions during a co-response, including linking a victim/survivor to resources, are centered around the victim/survivor's immediate safety while respecting confidentiality.

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