

**FARMWORKER WOMEN'S
SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM
Component: 40.20.161**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Farmworker Women's Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program is funded with federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (S*T*O*P) Formula Grant Program funds. Due to a variety of conditions, California's farmworker women are vulnerable to sexual assault and domestic violence within the farmworker communities. However, traditional domestic violence and sexual assault service providers have not been effective in meeting the needs of this unique population.

This Program provides funding to Lideres Campesinas to address the needs of this underserved farmworker population through education and resources. Lideres Campesinas trains farmworker women leaders on issues, trends and services related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Similarly, Lideres Campesinas provides technical assistance and training to service providers, including law enforcement, on best practices to outreach and provide services to farmworkers including indigenous and/or migrant workers. The Program is currently working in ten communities throughout California (Sonoma Valley, Greenfield (in Monterey County), Madera County, Huron (in Fresno County), North Kern County (Delano and Wasco), South Kern County (Bakersfield, Lamont, Greenfield and Arvin), Northern Santa Barbara County (Santa Maria, Lompoc, Nipomo, Guadalupe), Ventura County (Santa Paula, Fillmore, Oxnard, Port Hueneme), Coachella Valley (Mecca, Thermal, Coachella, Indio, North Shore), and Merced (Planada)) with future endeavors to organize women in sixteen additional communities (Salinas, Watsonville, King City, Yolo, Napa, San Luis Obispo, South Santa Barbara and to expand into other rural communities within the Central Valley such as San Joaquin County, Stanislaus, Lemoore, Avenal, Visalia, Tulare, and Fresno. In the South, they have some leads to expand into Blythe and Imperial Valley).

Lideres Campesinas designs curriculum, outreach materials, and drama performances specifically for these farmworker communities. Statewide and local events are conducted to raise awareness and encourage peer-to-peer discussions about domestic violence and sexual assault. When victims are identified, they are linked with local domestic violence and sexual assault service providers throughout the State of California.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2014/15	Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) FFY14	\$ 211,134
	VAWA FFY12	\$ 71,884
	Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) FFY 13	\$ 29,050
FY 2015/16	VAWA FFY 15	\$ 211,134
FY 2016/17	Unknown	

2014/15 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

- 28 Community outreach programs presented to farmworker women.
- 60 Trainings to attendees from agencies interacting with farmworker communities.
- 5 Sexual assault victims linked to rape crisis service providers.
- 25 Domestic violence victims linked to domestic violence service providers.
- 20 Coordination established with service providers in potential new chapter areas.
- 18 Women recruited to conduct outreach programs to Mixteco communities.

2015/16 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2016/17 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Applicable