



# Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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December 20, 2010

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams, Suite 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Director Cutrone:

On behalf of Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV), I am writing this letter in support of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's (ICJIA's) efforts to develop a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation plan for the State of Illinois. As a member of ICJIA's Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee, we have successfully planned for the development of meaningful and collaborative programs that will reduce and prevent violence against women and provide victims with quality services, particularly in areas of Illinois that are underserved. Our agency was honored to participate in this intensive planning process with a committee comprised of multidisciplinary and highly experienced members from all over the state.

We commend ICJIA for its efforts to end violence against women in Illinois and look forward to continue our participation in the collaborative work to bring this about.

Sincerely,

Vickie M. Smith  
Executive Director



December 23, 2010

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Director Cutrone:

On behalf of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, I would like to add our continued support to your efforts to obtain grant funding for Illinois' implementation of the Violence Against Women Act. The Violence Against Women Act has enabled victims of sexual assault to receive critical services; this support significantly surpasses what was available prior to passage of this Act. In addition, VAWA makes it possible for sexual assault crisis centers, criminal justice and medical systems and state government to collaborate on the most effective, sensitive responses to sexual assault victims.

As part of the Authority's Ad Hoc Committee on Victim Services, I have appreciated the Authority's planning to develop and fund programs that respond to violence against women. This Committee, with members from the criminal justice system and the victim services community, has expanded and successfully enhanced services for sexual assault and domestic violence victims.

VAWA funds have enabled sexual assault crisis centers in Illinois to establish 15 satellite offices. Staff and volunteers at these offices have developed 24-hour crisis services in communities that were previously unserved. Satellite services reach unserved rural areas and in metropolitan Chicago neighborhoods that were previously underserved due to language and cultural barriers. These communities would otherwise have little or no access to sexual assault crisis services without the vital support of the VAWA S.T.O.P. Grant funds.

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault commends the Authority for its exemplary efforts on behalf of women whose lives will be safeguarded by programs funded by this Act. We look forward to continuing our work with you and other members of the VAWA planning team to support survivors of sexual violence and create safer communities for all of Illinois' citizens.

Sincerely,

Polly Poskin  
Executive Director

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December 30, 2010

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams, Suite 200  
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Dear Director Cutrone:

On behalf of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Domestic Violence Division, I am writing this letter in support of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's (ICJIA's) efforts to develop a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation plan for the State of Illinois. In my capacity as the Division's Court Administrator I am a member of ICJIA's Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee has successfully planned for the development of meaningful and collaborative programs that will reduce and prevent violence against women and provide victims with quality services, particularly in areas of Illinois that are underserved. I was honored to participate in this intensive planning process with a committee comprised of multidisciplinary and highly experienced members from all over the state.

We commend ICJIA for its efforts to end violence against women in Illinois and look forward to continue our participation in the collaborative work to bring this about.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Landis".

Leslie Landis  
Court Administrator  
Domestic Violence Division  
Circuit Court of Cook County



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

**Lisa Madigan**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 6, 2010

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams, Suite 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

RE: STOP VAWA Implementation Plan

Dear Director Cutrone:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Illinois Attorney General's Office in support of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's (ICJIA's) efforts to develop a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation plan for the State of Illinois. ICJIA's Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee successfully planned for the development of meaningful and collaborative programs that will reduce and prevent violence against women and provide victims with quality services, particularly in areas of Illinois that are underserved. The Attorney General's Office, and I personally, was honored to participate in this intensive planning process with highly knowledgeable and experienced committee members from all over the state representing multiple disciplines.

The Attorney General's Office commends ICJIA for its efforts to end violence against women in Illinois and looks forward to participating in the collaborative work set forth in the implementation plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia M. Hora".

Cynthia M. Hora  
Assistant Attorney General  
Chief, Crime Victim Services Division



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December 17, 2010

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams, Suite 200  
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Dear Director Cutrone:

On behalf of the Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County, I am writing this letter in support of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's (ICJIA's) efforts to develop a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation plan for the State of Illinois. As a member of ICJIA's Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee, we have successfully planned for the development of meaningful and collaborative programs that will reduce and prevent violence against women and provide victims with quality services, particularly in areas of Illinois that are underserved. Our agency was honored to participate in this intensive planning process with a committee comprised of multidisciplinary and highly experienced members from all over the state.

We commend ICJIA for its efforts to end violence against women in Illinois and look forward to continue our participation in the collaborative work to bring this about.

Sincerely,

Mark Parr  
Executive Director



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December 30, 2010

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams, Suite 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Director Cutrone:

On behalf of Chicago Metropolis 2020, I am writing this letter in support of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's (ICJIA's) efforts to develop a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation plan for the State of Illinois. As a member of ICJIA's Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee, we have successfully planned for the development of meaningful and collaborative programs that will reduce and prevent violence against women and provide victims with quality services, particularly in areas of Illinois that are underserved. Our agency was honored to participate in this intensive planning process with a committee comprised of multidisciplinary and highly experienced members from all over the state. We are particularly interested in the use of sound data to improve the criminal justice system, a goal of VAWA and SPAC (The Sentencing Policy Advisory Council).

One other area of concern which we hope, over time, will be included in this work is the study of the impact of trauma and exposure to violence on future violent behavior.

Thank you for this opportunity, and we commend ICJIA for its efforts to end violence against women in Illinois. We look forward to continue our participation in the collaborative work to bring this about.

Sincerely,

Paula Wolff



# CACI Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois

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January 5, 2011

Jack Cutrone  
Executive Director  
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority  
300 West Adams, Suite 200  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Director Cutrone:

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois strongly supports the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority's (ICJIA's) efforts to develop a STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) implementation plan for the State of Illinois. As a member of ICJIA's Victim Services Ad Hoc Committee, we have successfully planned for the development of meaningful and collaborative programs that will reduce and prevent violence against women and provide victims with quality services, particularly in areas of Illinois that are underserved. Our agency was honored to participate in this intensive planning process with a committee comprised of multidisciplinary and highly experienced members from all over the state.

We commend ICJIA for its efforts to end violence against women in Illinois and look forward to continue our participation in the collaborative work to bring this about. Under the leadership of ICJIA the State of Illinois has been a powerful ally for violence against women and looks to provide qualitative and extensive service delivery as a result of the planning process.

If I can be of any assistance to ICJIA in this process representing the 38 Children's Advocacy Centers in Illinois, I would be most happy to do so.

Thank you for your kind consideration on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Billie Larkin  
Executive Director



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