

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FVPSA) TALKING POINTS

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

- YWCA is the largest network of domestic and sexual violence services providers in the United States.
- The **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** and the **Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA)** provide comprehensive resources and support to meet the needs of victims and survivors of gender-based violence, particularly those who experience higher risks of violence, such as Native women, immigrant women, women of color, and LGBTQ+ survivors.
- VAWA and FVPSA provide strong foundational support to address the prevalence of gender-based violence in our communities.
 - Across our network, YWCAs rely on funding from FVPSA as well as VAWA's transitional housing, STOP formula, sexual assault services, rural, legal assistance, underserved populations, children and youth, and other grant programs— to meet the needs of their communities.
 - Tell your local YWCA's story
 - Services offered
 - Impact
 - Federal support you specifically rely on (if any)
- During VAWA and FVPSA reauthorizations this year, we need your support to ensure that the existing legislative structure and grant programs are maintained, and that VAWA's critical protections for survivors of color, LGBTQ+ survivors, Native women, and other survivors who experience higher risks of violence are preserved.
- Ask your Member of Congress to protect survivors of gender-based violence by cosponsoring and supporting the passage of VAWA Reauthorization (H.R. 1620) and FVPSA Reauthorization (S.1275).