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DELTA AHEAD Leadership Team

**Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA)
Achieving Health Equity through Addressing Disparities (AHEAD)**

Funding **CDC – DELTA AHEAD - 5 Year Funding 2023 - 2028**

Overview

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a significant public health problem in the United States. Research indicates that IPV exists on a continuum from episodic violence—a single or occasional occurrence—to battering (Johnson, 1995). Battering is more frequent and intensive and involves one partner who develops and maintains control over the other. See the CDC's [web site](#) for additional information about the magnitude and consequences of IPV.

All forms of IPV, from episodic violence to battering, are preventable. The key to primary prevention is focusing on first-time perpetration and first-time victimization. Knowledge about the factors that prevent IPV is lacking. CDC is working to better understand the developmental pathways and social circumstances that lead to this intimate partner violence. In addition, the agency is helping organizations evaluate the effectiveness of existing programs to reduce both victimization and perpetration.

The Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) program seeks to reduce the incidence (i.e., number of new cases) of IPV in funded communities. The program addresses the entire continuum of IPV from episodic violence to battering through a variety of activities.

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/delta/index.html>

Leadership

Purpose

ODVN has been charged with formalizing collaboration around IPV prevention at the state level by creating and facilitating a State Leadership Team (SLT). The purpose of the SLT is to convene state-level stakeholders to develop a State Action Plan (SAP) for implementing and evaluating state-level Programs and Policy Efforts (PPEs). According to the DELTA AHEAD Notice of Funding Opportunity, the SAP is a document created and maintained by ODVN in collaboration with the SLT for the purposes of:

- *Identifying, collecting, and monitoring data related to the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) that affect IPV in the state*
- *Explaining how data will be used to inform the implementation, evaluation, and sustainability of programs and policy efforts (PPEs) for the primary prevention of IPV*



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- *Organizing IPV primary prevention strategies through collaboration with statewide partners*
- *Prioritizing and tracking state-level IPV Data indicators as well as IPV risk and protective factors*
- *Guiding statewide PPE implementation and evaluation*
- *Maintaining a Resource Inventory of state funding for IPV work (including funding for victim services and primary prevention efforts), partnerships, and data sources. (This inventory already exists and will be shared and expanded for DELTA AHEAD.)*
- *Maintaining a Sustainability Plan for primary prevention work among partners throughout the state and beyond the DELTA AHEAD funding cycle.*

In addition, the SLT is charged with communicating consistent messaging to the community and local-level stakeholders. Meetings of the Leadership Team will occur quarterly during the five-year project period. ODVN may call upon SLT members to assist with a workgroup that focuses specifically on PPEs that ODVN will implement over the next five years.

DELTA AHEAD State Leadership Team members will serve over the next five years beginning on May 1, 2023 and in accordance with the roles and responsibilities of both organizations articulated below:

Roles and Responsibilities of ODVN staff and consultant(s):

1. *Provide a staff member or staff members who will coordinate DELTA AHEAD at the state domestic violence coalition level;*
2. *Provide Empowerment Evaluation Consultant(s) to work with the State Leadership Team to plan and implement evaluation of state-level IPV prevention programs and policy efforts;*
3. *Facilitate an implementation support team (IST) whose members are also members of the State Leadership Team and who are responsible for implementation and evaluation of program and policy efforts;*
4. *Identify membership for and facilitate a State Leadership Team composed of all members of the IST and other pertinent stakeholders from various sectors;*
5. *Collaborate with the state recipient of CDC-RPE funds (Ohio Department of Health); and,*
6. *In collaboration with the IST and Leadership Team, and in consultation with CDC, develop and implement a State Action Plan (SAP) to guide the implementation and evaluation of the state-level and local-level prevention strategies.*



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Roles and Responsibilities of Leadership Team members:

- 1. Provide ongoing development, implementation, review and updating of the State Action Plan (SAP);*
- 2. Ensure the advancement of health equity and consideration of Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) in IPV as the state and community level are prioritized;*
- 3. Provide feedback and input on the state-level Evaluation Plan;*
- 4. Identify and address barriers and system support opportunities;*
- 5. Ensure linkages between state and local level prevention Program and Policy Efforts;*
- 6. Increase the use of data-driven planning and reduce system duplications The work of ODVN is integral to the elimination of domestic violence and empowerment of victims and survivors across the state of Ohio, and we are eager to ensure their success throughout the DELTA AHEAD Program.*

Outcomes

PPE 1

Alcohol Policy

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) will work with New Directions to support their efforts to decrease the age of alcohol drinking onset for teens and other alcohol policies including safer Designated Outdoor Recreation Areas (DORA). This effort will support enforcement of laws prohibiting alcohol sales to minors to limit underage alcohol consumption and engage alcohol retail establishments in Keep Knox Safe training (Alcohol Server Knowledge Training & Safe Bars) to reduce risk factors linked to TDV/IPV. The population of focus are teens and adults who are most at risk for alcohol consumption based on PRIDE survey data and community health assessment data from both Knox County. The intended settings for this policy effort include DORAs, alcohol outlets, and schools and school districts. The reach for each county includes these three settings in addition to organizations that partner with Knox and ODVN to implement this policy effort.

PPE 2

Engaging Men and Boys to Prevent Violence

During the DELTA IMPACT funding cycle, OHMAN was able to learn the best approaches to get this work into the communities we serve. In the past, it was our intention to get 40+ men in a room to engage in the curriculum to gain bystander skills and understand the KABB's that lead to violence. With our 'novel' approach with OHMAN, affords Men and Boys throughout the State multiple 'doses' of engaging men information, and offers several 'entry points' to engage with OHMAN. With 3 dosage levels; social media (Low), Courageous Conversations (Med), and The New Playbook (High), we can engage more Men and Boys who may be at various stages of contemplation (transtheoretical model of behavior change).

With this approach, OHMAN will engage Men and Boys with the aforementioned options. Along with promotional marketing materials that connect all dosages together, men and boys can engage in higher doses of learning as they are individually inspired to. Ultimately, the goal is to inspire men and boys to want to 'Know Better. Do Better. Be Better.' in a way that impacts their lives, families, and communities. The intended settings are college campus communities, fatherhood programs in Ohio communities, college communities that expand into the metropolis' that house them, and



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other populations like mentoring programs, and the Ohio Department of Youth Services (incarcerated youth). By working with established community programs and initiatives, we have been able to engage a high number of men and boys in arenas that already have their attention, and we are able to weave our materials into those settings.

PPE 3 Strengthening Economic Supports

Lessons learned from DELTA Impact about how low-wage workers are impacted by Ohio’s economy and how public benefits are increasingly inaccessible for those who need them the most has led ODVN to continue its work on strengthening economic supports for families with a narrower focus on the child support system. Working to increase access to child support for survivors of domestic violence will facilitate the primary prevention of perpetration and victimization of IPV for Ohio’s children living in poverty and low-income families. This PPE supports the goal of DELTA AHEAD by reducing health inequities and lifting Ohio families out of poverty by increasing access to child support.

The population focus for this PPE is children of domestic violence survivors and low-income and poverty-level single-parent families in Ohio. At the macro level, the setting is ODJFS staff and administrators along with county-level staff and administrators. ODVN will leverage relationships with SLT members as another setting for implementation through quarterly meetings and sharing successes, challenges, and lessons learned. Still another setting is Ohio’s Prevention Community of Practice whose members will learn how to advocate for access to child support in their localities across the state. Another setting is Ohio counties that host Ohio Commission on Fatherhood programming. This will increase connectedness between fathers and children and increase financial support for those single-parent households. Thus, the reach expands to include community and state Job & Family Services agencies that administer child support as well as potentially 80,000 survivors of domestic violence and their 8,000 children.

2024

Schedule

February 20, 2024	10 – 3 PM	Zoom
June 28, 2024	10 – 3:30 PM	ODVN Office (174 E. Long St.)
August 20, 2024	10 – 3:30 PM	@ A Metro Park TBD
November 19, 2024	10 – 3:30 PM	ODVN Office (174 E. Long St.)

*Annual
Retreat*