

PROJECT NAME: Lee's Summit Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies

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TIMELINE: 1999 - 2000

CONTENT AREA:

FUNDER: U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Violence Against Women

CLIENT: City of Lee's Summit, MO in conjunction with Hope House

AUDIENCE:

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis

This grant was developed as an initiative of the City of Lee's Summit in conjunction with Hope House to establish a coordinated effort to increase prosecution of domestic violence offenders and increase services available for their victims. Hope House's mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing safe refuge and supportive services that educate and empower women and children.

The project was designed to operate with four main goals:

- Improve the communication among all community and criminal justice agencies that work with domestic violence cases.
- Provide training to professionals who work with domestic violence victims and/or perpetrators.
- Provide a coordinated judicial delivery system for victims of domestic violence.
- Strengthen and improve the quality of services provided to women who are domestic violence victims.

RDI conducted process, outcome and impact evaluations to determine the effectiveness of this project at achieving its major goals. Interviews were conducted with victims of domestic violence, community members, and with members of the Coordinated Council. In addition, statistics gathered by the Lee's Summit Police Department and the Lee's Summit Municipal Court were compiled and analyzed.

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