

Statewide Coalition Standards

All statewide coalitions shall operate in accordance with the philosophy statement of the crime specific area they represent. A coalition is a grassroots, statewide, membership-based organization that supports the elimination of violence, advocates on behalf of crime victim issues, challenges ideas and attitudes which permit violence and the systemic oppression of victims to continue, and responds to the needs and concerns of communities through input from its members. The coalitions shall employ both prevention and intervention strategies. Coalition activities shall increase the capacity of direct service providers to promote and provide crime victim services. Coalition activities shall also be directed towards broader social and cultural change and equipping member programs and others to employ primary prevention strategies.

Public Awareness

- Public Education which may include presentations, social media, general awareness events and awareness campaigns
- Media Awareness through social and traditional media work
- General Communication & Response including maintaining a website, a method of communicating with the general public, responding to requests for information/resources, connecting public with local programs/advocacy

Public Policy/System Change

- Education & Training to system personnel, advocates and general public on policy issues
- Convene policy makers – bring voice of survivors and advocates into discussion
- Improve System Responses – convene criminal justice collaborative, work with tribal and state agencies on policy issues work may include legislative, government agencies and legal policy approaches
- Respond to Requests from policy makers
- Coordinate with state, national and tribal policy makers

Capacity Building & Membership Support

- Assessment of Needs – from member programs, survivors and communities
- Training & Education for members, system personnel and community
- Capacity Building – provide technical assistance for members, system programs and communities, respond to requests for information, resources and support
- Convening members, system personnel and communities
- Advocate for needs of members, survivors and community

Overarching Commitments:

- Commitment to Accessibility
Statewide coalitions shall provide respectful, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive environments for all individuals, including those with disabilities. Statewide coalitions are committed to meeting all requirements of existing legislation, and their own policies and goals, in an effort to remove and prevent barriers that might interfere with a person's ability to fully interact with the statewide coalition.
- Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion
All statewide coalitions shall embrace cultural and cross-cultural diversity, value diverse life experiences, and create an environment that is inclusive of all. Statewide coalitions shall engage in efforts to ensure leadership, staff, and membership are inclusive of persons from diverse organizations, communities and populations.
- Commitment to Best Practices – Administration of work