

Request for Proposals for Community Education Events

The Vermont Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Sexual Abuse (VCPTSA) provides statewide coordination of all sexual abuse victim and sex offender prevention and treatment services. The VCPTSA is administered jointly by the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Department for Children and Families, Family Services Division (DCF/FSD).

Sex offenders come from our Vermont communities and are returning to our communities after incarceration. Law enforcement and the Department of Corrections cannot foster safe re-entry alone. We must all work together in collaboration to promote community safety. When a community is misinformed or uninformed, they are uneasy and fearful about sex offenders. Community Education Events are an opportunity for professionals to collaborate and provide community members with accurate and useful information to enhance community safety. These events also serve a dual purpose in that they simultaneously address sexual assault and sexual abuse prevention. Public safety is a community responsibility.

The Center is sponsoring six grants for up to \$1500 for the purpose of conducting Community Education Events during the month of April, 2014. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention month.

Proposals must include:

- ❖ Description of event: specific topic(s), proposed date, time and location
- ❖ List of speakers/presenters
- ❖ Plan for advertising
- ❖ Plan for community engagement: i.e. child care, travel stipends, food
- ❖ Budget

Topics for event must fall within one of the following subject areas:

- ❖ Sex offender re-entry to the community
- ❖ Sexual Offending Grooming Behaviors
- ❖ Community Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse prevention strategies
- ❖ Community Responsibility for Sexual Assault/Abuse Prevention/ creation of safer environments

Proposals must be submitted by December 1, 2013 and events must occur by April 30, 2014. Priority will be given to those proposals that indicate collaboration with other groups or organizations within their respective communities, i.e., law enforcement, probation and parole, victim advocates, clergy and treatment providers. The Center is seeking six different geographical locations for the events to take place. These events should provide a forum for dialogue while educating community members on sex offenders, sexual offending behaviors, and sexual assault prevention strategies.

If your agency is interested in applying for a grant, please send a letter outlining your plan for conducting a Community Education Meeting, along with a proposed budget.

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