



Public Policy Priorities 2011

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

The Partnership believes effective public policy must include meaningful input from those affected by the policies. As we head into the 2012 legislation session, we would like to get your ideas to help us determine our public policy priorities for the coming year.

This survey is broken into three (3) sections:

- **PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES:**

- *Tell us about issues you've encountered in your work, changes you think should be made to better serve victims, concerns you think could be addressed through legislation, or any suggested advocacy for systems change.*
- *Also provide feedback to our PPRC Sub-committees.*

- **ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY ADVOCACY:**

As you respond to this section, keep in mind that we consider public policy to be two-fold:

- *Legislative advocacy; and*
- *Institutional or systems change*

- **SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE:**

- *We're gathering information about the various policy-related skills/knowledge amongst our members so that we might consult with or call upon you when issues arise.*

We estimate this survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

COMPLETE THIS SURVEY BY SEPTEMBER 26TH TO ENSURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!



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* 1. Your region:

Far North

North

Bay Area

Central Valley

Central Coast

Los Angeles

South

Unsure

* 2. Which county/counties does your organization serve? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alameda | <input type="checkbox"/> Marin | <input type="checkbox"/> San Mateo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpine | <input type="checkbox"/> Mariposa | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Barbara |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amador | <input type="checkbox"/> Mendocino | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Clara |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butte | <input type="checkbox"/> Merced | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Cruz |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calaveras | <input type="checkbox"/> Modoc | <input type="checkbox"/> Shasta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colusa | <input type="checkbox"/> Mono | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contra Costa | <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey | <input type="checkbox"/> Siskiyou |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Del Norte | <input type="checkbox"/> Napa | <input type="checkbox"/> Solano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> El Dorado | <input type="checkbox"/> Nevada | <input type="checkbox"/> Sonoma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresno | <input type="checkbox"/> Orange | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanislaus |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Humboldt | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumas | <input type="checkbox"/> Tehama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Imperial | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside | <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inyo | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento | <input type="checkbox"/> Tulare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kern | <input type="checkbox"/> San Benito | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuolumne |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> San Bernardino | <input type="checkbox"/> Ventura |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego | <input type="checkbox"/> Yolo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lassen | <input type="checkbox"/> San Francisco | <input type="checkbox"/> Yuba |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madera | <input type="checkbox"/> San Luis Obispo | |



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SECTION 1a: PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

We want to hear your thoughts on changing current laws, proposing new legislation, and advocating for institutional/systemic changes. When we see patterns occurring across the state and find several regions dealing with similar issues, it's more likely those issues will become our priorities.

3. Click on the TOP THREE areas you feel need to be addressed to advance victim safety and offender accountability in California

Note: We realize that funding is a major issue across the state and it will continue to be a top priority in our policy advocacy--but at this time we would like to encourage you to identify other pressing issues

	Most Important	2nd Most Important	3rd Most Important
Law Enforcement Response	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prosecution Response	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Judicial Response	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Corrections Response (incl. Parole/Probation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Batterers' Intervention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Victim Confidentiality/Information-sharing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immigrant/Undocumented Survivors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LGBTQ Survivors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arrested/Incarcerated Survivors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teen Dating Violence/Prevention	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CalWorks/Public Benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing/Tenancy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment/Job Issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify):

4. Tell us more about the issues you prioritized above--what are the specific policy needs or concerns you would like The Partnership to address?

5. What kinds of policy solutions (*legislative or institutional/systemic*) would you like to see that would address the issues you identified above?

6. Please include client stories and/or examples from the field to illustrate why these policy solutions are needed.



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SECTION 1b: PPRC SUB-COMMITTEES

In addition to legislative advocacy, our Public Policy & Research Committees (PPRC's) have also been advocating for institutional and systems changes through PPRC sub-committees, including the:

- ***Civil/Criminal Justice Sub-committee;***
- ***Immigration Sub-committee; and***
- ***Teen Dating Violence Prevention Sub-committee.***

CIVIL/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE

In 2008, The Partnership successfully advocated for the passage of SB 1356, which made it so that a Judge could no longer incarcerate a DV victim for refusing to testify against his/her abuser in court. Since this legislation took effect in 2009, the Civil/Criminal Justice Sub-committee has set out to assist advocates in supporting victims through the legal process and encouraged them to work collaboratively with local prosecutors and district attorneys to ensure the successful prosecution of domestic violence perpetrators.

7. The Civil/Criminal Justice Sub-committee recently piloted a training with DA's, victim-witness specialists, and DV advocates to educate and enhance these cross-disciplinary collaborations.

Would you be interested in having this cross-training in your community?

Yes

No

If "yes," please indicate your County:

IMMIGRATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Over the last couple years, the Immigration Sub-committee has set its working priorities on U-Visa certification standards, language barriers, access to services, and tracking developments related to Secure Communities. Most recently, this Sub-committee has been focused on creating a model policy for law enforcement in regard to accepting, reviewing and making decisions about U-Visa certifications.

8. Please describe any policies/procedures that exist for certifying U-visas in:

- Your organization; and/or
- Local certifying entities (*i.e. law enforcement, prosecution, courts, child protective services*)

9. What other issues, needs or challenges are immigrant survivors facing in your community that you would like the Immigration Sub-Committee to consider addressing?

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Our policy advocacy goal for 2011 was to amend the California Education Code to authorize middle schools and high schools to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence through curricular and extra-curricular prevention education for students and school climate improvement activities. While our sponsored legislation, AB 1373 (Fong), failed, we successfully defeated a problematic teen dating violence prevention bill (SB 13), strengthened and expanded partnerships, educated legislators, and solidified The Partnership's position as the leading advocacy voice on teen dating violence prevention.

10. What are the most significant challenges or areas of concern in your school-based efforts to promote healthy teen relationships and prevent teen dating violence?

11. What are your ideas about how these challenges or areas of concern could be addressed at the state level through legislative advocacy or systems change efforts?

12. What are your ideas about how these challenges or areas of concern could be addressed at your local level through legislative advocacy or systems change efforts?

13. What other efforts should we consider in order to promote healthy teen relationships and prevent teen dating violence?



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SECTION 2: ENGAGEMENT IN POLICY ADVOCACY

We know our members are busy providing critical victim services, educating their communities and advancing prevention efforts. In addition, local programs engage in a great deal of policy advocacy aimed at social change. Your responses to the following questions help us understand your level of engagement in various policy advocacy efforts.

ENGAGEMENT IN LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Federal law allows for 501(c)(3) public charities to engage in a certain level of legislative advocacy and lobbying. Please consider you/your organization's legislative advocacy on state, regional and local levels as you respond to the next couple of questions.

14. Reflecting on the last year (FY 2010-11), estimate how often you/your organization engaged in the following legislative advocacy activities:

	Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Bi-annually	Annually
Written letters and/or e-mails in support of or in opposition to proposed bills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Called legislators or legislative staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Met with legislators, their staff and/or local officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Testified in committee hearings and/or provided public comment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Forwarded Legislative Action Alerts to other stakeholders (i.e., staff, volunteers, board members, coordinating councils)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraged others to write letters, send e-mails, call and/or meet with legislators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encouraged others to vote in an election	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocated for the appropriation of public funds for domestic violence issues (e.g., VAWA, State budget)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hosted an event in which policy-makers or public officials were present	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other legislative advocacy activities (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other legislative advocacy activities (please specify):

15. Compare you/your organization's engagement in those same legislative advocacy activities from this most recent year to the previous year. Compared to 2009-10, would you say you/your organization was ...

- Significantly more* engaged in legislative advocacy
- Slightly more* engaged in legislative advocacy
- Slightly less* engaged in legislative advocacy
- Significantly less* engaged in legislative advocacy
- Engaged at the same level/no change in legislative advocacy

Comments:

ENGAGEMENT IN ADVOCACY FOR SYSTEMS OR INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Here we'd like you to focus on advocacy where you intend to change policies and/or procedures in order to improve institutional responses to domestic violence (as opposed to advocacy on behalf of individual victims). Please consider your systems change advocacy on state, regional and local levels as you respond to the next couple of questions.

16. Reflecting on the last year (FY 2010-11), estimate how often you/your organization engaged in the following systems change advocacy activities:

	Never	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Bi-annually	Annually
Participated in <u>state-level</u> multi-disciplinary task forces, coordinating committees, and/or work groups addressing domestic violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participated in <u>regional- or local-level</u> multi-disciplinary task forces, coordinating committees, and/or work groups addressing domestic violence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed/revised policies & procedures (e.g., victim services, law enforcement protocols, prosecution policies, court procedures, probation response, health care protocols, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaged in systems improvement efforts (e.g., safety audits, translation of courthouse forms, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocated regarding the allocation of and/or administrative rules governing public funds for domestic violence issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducted training <i>for, with or about</i> law enforcement officers, judges, other court personnel, prosecutors and/or victim-witness specialists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducted training on domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking that enabled <u>other professionals</u> to improve their responses to victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other systems change advocacy (please specify below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other systems change advocacy (please specify):

17. Compare you/your organization's engagement in those same systems/institutional advocacy activities from this most recent year to the prior year. Compared to 2009-10, would you say you/your organization was...

- Significantly more* engaged in systems change advocacy
- Slightly more* engaged in systems change advocacy
- Slightly less* engaged in systems change advocacy
- Significantly less* engaged in systems change advocacy
- Engaged at the same level/no change in systems change advocacy

Comments:

18. In the last year (FY 2010-11), did you/your organization contact The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence to assist you with any public policy, legislative advocacy and/or systems change efforts?



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SECTION 3: SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE

The Partnership's success depends upon our ability to access the diverse expertise of our members. When policy issues arise, we like to consult with our members who have skills/knowledge in those areas or may have compelling client stories we can use to strengthen our policy advocacy. If you have skills/knowledge or client stories in any of the areas below, and wouldn't mind us calling on you from time to time, please fill out this portion of the survey.

19. Mark the areas in which you have skills, knowledge and/or client stories (check ALL that apply):

	Skills / Knowledge	Client Stories
Law Enforcement Responses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prosecution Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judicial Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrections/Probation/Parole Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Batterers' Intervention (incl. fines, fees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross-disciplinary/Co-located Service Delivery Models	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restraining/Protective/Stalking Orders (incl. full faith and credit)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Juvenile/Dependency Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dissolution/Legal Separation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child/Spousal Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Custody and Visitation Issues (incl. supervised visitation and exchange)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandatory Reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Care Response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime Victims Compensation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Benefits/CalWorks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing/Tenancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victim Information-sharing/Confidentiality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADA/Program Accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICE/Immigration/Undocumented Survivors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teen Dating Violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Violence Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tribal Jurisdiction and Public Law 280	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identity-specific Issues (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)



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We work closely with our Public Policy and Research Committees (PPRC's) to ensure that our public policy work meets the needs of survivors and programs across California.

Throughout the legislative session, PPRC members actively participate and engage in the implementation of The Partnership's policy priorities.

20. Are you interested in becoming a member of our Public Policy Research Committee (PPRC)?

- Yes, I would like to join my regional PPRC Committee to assist with The Partnership's legislative efforts
- No, not at this time
- Not applicable--I'm already an active member of my regional PPRC Committee

21. Please provide your contact information:

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Organization:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>
City/Town:	<input type="text"/>
State:	<input type="text" value="-- select state --"/>
ZIP:	<input type="text"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text"/>

Thank you for taking the time to share your insights and experiences.

The Partnership is grateful to our PPRC Co-Chairs for their collaboration in bringing this survey together.