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Member Agencies

Blackstone Valley
Advocacy Center

Domestic Violence
Resource Center of
South County

Elizabeth Buffum
Chace Center

Sojourner House

Women's Center
of Rhode Island

Women's Resource Center
of Newport & Bristol Counties

Task Force

Sisters Overcoming
Abusive Relationships

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Criteria for Membership as a Full Member Agency

- the organization's mission must be focused on ending domestic violence in Rhode Island
- the organization must provide a comprehensive range of services to victims of domestic abuse: residential services (i.e. shelter, transitional or permanent housing), support services, court services, and crisis intervention
- applicants for Full Membership are required to have been Affiliate Members for three years
- applicants must demonstrate that they are meeting an unmet community need, without duplicating existing services for victims of domestic violence
- applicants must have letters of support regarding their membership application from at least 51% of the existing Full Member Agencies of the Coalition
- applicants must demonstrate fiscal viability

Benefits and Responsibilities of Full Member Agencies

- Full Member agencies have a voting seat on the Coalition's Board of Directors, and are required to actively participate on the Board and at least one of its committees
- Full Member agencies share in the allocation of funds that pass through the Coalition to its Full Member Agencies
- Full Member agencies receive benefits such as free borrowing privileges from the Resource Library, receipt of donated material goods as available, invitations to in-service trainings and educational forums for staff and volunteers, monthly mailings of

discounts for Coalition-sponsored conferences and events, free subscription to Helplink.

Criteria for Membership as an Affiliate Agency

- a portion of the agency's programming must be focused on working with domestic violence victims
- applicants for Affiliate Membership are required to have been in existence for a full year since the date that they filed for their 501-c-3 status
- applicants must demonstrate that they are meeting an unmet community need, without duplicating existing services for victims of domestic violence
- applicants must have a letter of support regarding their membership application from an existing Full Member Agency
- applicants must demonstrate evidence of cooperation with the local Full Member Agency in their geographic area
- applicants must demonstrate fiscal viability

Benefits and Responsibilities of Affiliate Member Agencies

- Affiliate Member agencies are welcome to attend Coalition Board meetings and to participate on various committees
- Affiliate Member agencies have the opportunity to participate in statewide grant proposal submissions that are generated by the Coalition (for any new funding sources)
- Affiliate Member agencies receive benefits such as free borrowing privileges from the Resource Library, receipt of donated material goods as available, invitations to in-service trainings and educational forums for staff and volunteers, occasional mailings of state-of-the-art research and information, e-mail alerts, access to technical assistance and information from Coalition staff, discounts for Coalition-sponsored conferences and events, free subscription to Helplink.

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