

**Minnesota Office of Justice Programs
VAWA Special Projects - Past Examples**

- Blueprint for Safety projects: Establishing a coordinated community response to domestic violence.
- Lethality risk assessments: Developing lethality risk assessments for law enforcement to better respond to domestic violence and provide training on these risk assessments to law enforcement and prosecution.
- Rural Sexual Assault Forensic Exam/Sexual Assault Nurse Exam programs: Creating sexual assault forensic exam programs in rural Minnesota.
- Expert witnesses for sexual assault cases: Strengthening the capacity of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners to provide expert testimony for sexual assault cases.
- Trial training for prosecutors: Providing training through mock trials for sexual assault prosecution to train prosecutors and advocates.
- Domestic violence courts: Creating specialized courts with expertise to handle domestic violence cases.
- Criminal justice safety audits: Developing audits to assess and strengthen each step of the criminal justice response to sexual and domestic violence.
- Gone-on-arrival follow up: Creating an advocate and law enforcement team dedicated to following up on cases where the suspect in a domestic violence incident has fled the scene.
- Joint Prosecution Units: Establishing a partnership between city and county prosecution units to strengthen each jurisdiction's ability to prosecute domestic violence cases and increase victim safety.
- Specialized law enforcement teams: Creating or strengthening specialized law enforcement units to investigate domestic violence and/or sexual assault.
- Sexual assault report writing: Training and tools to improve sexual assault report writing and interview techniques.
- Community engagement: Partnering with underserved populations to develop policies and practices for a victim-centered criminal justice response.
- Judicial training: Specialized training for judges to on sexual assault and domestic violence cases and related issues.
- Protection order violences: Using technology tools to document, track, and respond to protection order contact violations through cell phone data.