



# Annual Report

## FY 2016

*BWJP promotes systemic change within the civil and criminal justice systems to ensure an effective and just response to victims and perpetrators of intimate partner violence (IPV), and the children exposed to this violence.*

### **Battered Women's Justice Project**

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## **FY2016 was an exciting year for BWJP!**

In its inaugural year as an independent organization, BWJP focused on instituting sound administrative and fiscal procedures to support our training and policy change efforts. Our experienced Board of Directors provided valuable guidance as we adopted organizational and personnel policies, and set organizational procedures in place. Our Executive Team and Board are now ready to envision the next phase of BWJP's development.

### **Board of Directors**

Donna Dunn, Treasurer	St. Paul, MN
Gretta Gardner	Ellicot City, MD
Joan Kuriansky, Chair	Washington, DC
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During this hectic period, our dedicated program staff continued numerous training and technical assistance efforts through BWJP's current projects:

- National Resource Center on Civil & Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, in collaboration with the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women
- Comprehensive Technical Assistance Provider for Office of Violence Against Women: Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
- National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith & Credit
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & Firearms
- National Child Custody Project
- Military & Veterans Advocacy Program
- Probation Training & Technical Assistance Project

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## Programmatic Highlights for the Year

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- In collaboration with OVW, a national roundtable of experts on *Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias in the Law Enforcement Response to SA and DV* was conducted in August 2016.
- A conference for OVW grantees on *Accounting for Risk and Danger in your Multi-Agency Responses to DV and SA* featured noted experts Jacquelyn Campbell, Neil Websdale, and Chief Tom Tremblay (Ret.)
- The National Center on Protection Orders and Full Faith and Credit (NCPOFFC) hosted a national roundtable to discuss the application of domestic violence screening and risk/lethality assessment instruments in the civil protection order and family court settings, and issued a report on the proceedings.
- NCPOFFC conducted Best Practice Assessments of the civil protection order processes in Tulsa, OK, and Skagit County, WA. These involved observations of daily procedures, interviews with workers, and completion of a report on recommendations for improvements.
- A new training curriculum to improve IPV victim safety and offender accountability in Veterans Treatment Courts was developed for a 2 ½ day training held for 12 jurisdictional teams from across the country.
- Two resources were created and uploaded to BWJP's website for dissemination: *A Military-related Victim Resource Card and Military-related Victim Handout*.
- To protect the interests of IPV victims, legal staff reviewed and joined amicus briefs in appellate cases in New York, Washington, Minnesota, and North Dakota; and in 4 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- A community safety assessment was conducted in collaboration with OutFront Minnesota, to study the accessibility of social services and criminal justice agencies in Minneapolis to LGBTQ victims of IPV.
- Our annual Coalition Advocates and Attorneys Network (CAAN) meeting was hosted August 15-17 in Santa Fe, NM, providing training and networking opportunities to legal policy staff from state and tribal DV coalitions.

- *A Guide for Advocates to Understanding the Legal Implications of Abusive International Marriages* was produced in collaboration with the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-based Violence.
- In conjunction with the American Probation and Parole Association, trainings were conducted on probation responses to DV cases for tribal nations in Idaho, the Navajo nation, and the Laguna Pueblo.
- At the request of OVW, staff traveled to the Virgin Islands to train local probation officers, child custody evaluators, social workers, and judges.
- BWJP's conceptual framework for analyzing custody cases involving domestic violence was developed into "the SAF<sup>e</sup>R approach," which not only solidifies the goal to produce safer outcomes for battered women and children, but also more clearly guides the work of Screening, Assessing, Focusing on the Effects, and Responding to domestic violence.
- Two bench guides for child custody and civil protection order cases were developed to help judges track evidence of domestic violence and its implications for parenting and co-parenting in order to craft more responsive custody orders. BWJP partnered with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to pilot the guides in more than a half dozen jurisdictions.
- The SAF<sup>e</sup>R approach, with accompanying worksheets and practice guides, has been integrated into professional trainings conducted by others across the country and is gaining recognition and beginning to take hold.

### Statistics: All Programs

Trainings & Workshops	105
Webinars	49
Personal Consultations	10
Telephone Assistance & Consultations	2829
Site Visits	45
Unique Website Visitors:	183260

## Financial Statements

Battered Women's Justice Project  
Statement of Financial Position  
September 30, 2016

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	24,768
Accounts Receivable		218,113
Prepaid Expenses		24,977
Total Current Assets		<u>267,858</u>

Deposits		<u>7,702</u>
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Total Assets	\$	<u><u>275,560</u></u>
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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

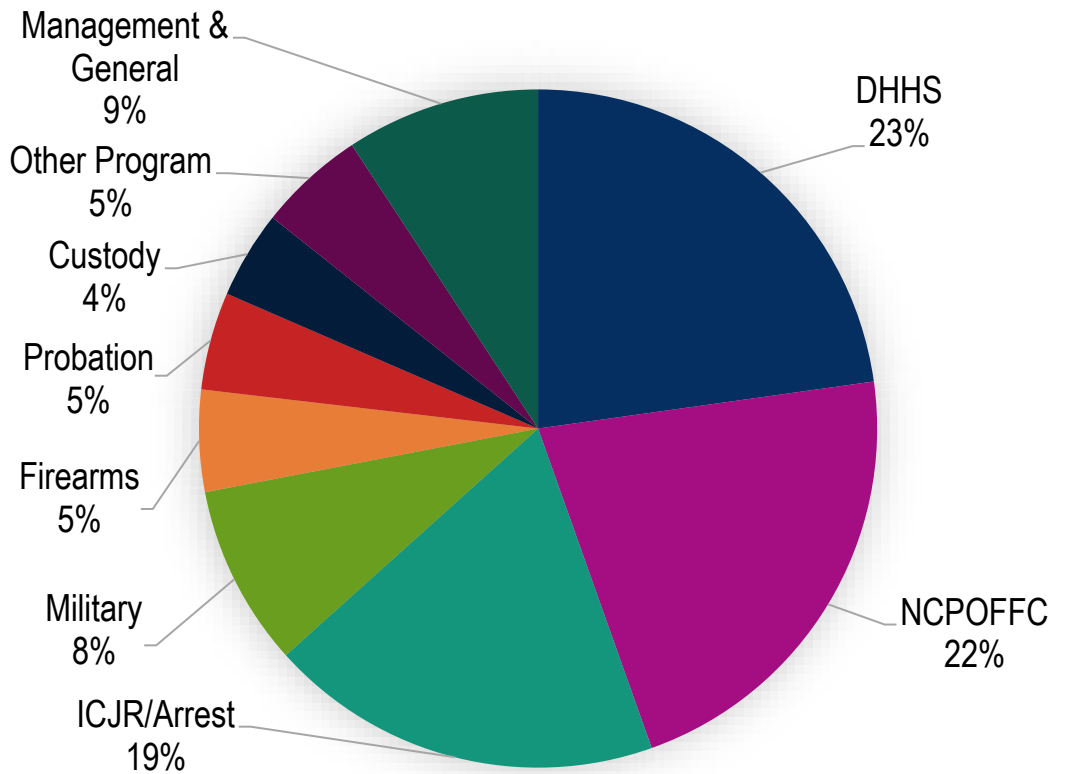
Accounts Payable	\$	101,338
Accrued Liabilities		152,781
Deferred Revenue		7,786
Total Current Liabilities		<u>261,905</u>

#### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted		<u>13,655</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u><u>275,560</u></u>
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**BWJP Expenses: \$2,792,919**



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