

## **The Saint Paul/Ramsey County Blueprint for Safety Steering Committee**

The Blueprint for Safety Steering Committee is a working group of agency leaders to **monitor the implementation** of the adopted, collective Blueprint for Safety policy for processing domestic violence crimes.

The Blueprint agencies are: Ramsey County Emergency Communications Center; Saint Paul Police Department (Patrol and Investigations); Ramsey County Sheriff's Office (Jail, Warrants & Courtroom Security); Saint Paul City Attorney's Office (Domestic Abuse Division & Joint Special Victim's Unit); Ramsey County Attorney's Office (Victim/Witness Division & Joint Special Victim's Unit); Ramsey County Community Corrections (Domestic Abuse Unit & Presentence Investigations); Project Remand; and the Second Judicial District (Criminal Court). The community-based, confidential advocacy program is the Saint Paul Domestic Abuse Intervention Project.

### **Areas of focus to *monitor the implementation* of the Blueprint for Safety:**

1. Determine if the Blueprint is "institutionalized"
  - *Are policies and protocols integrated into each agency's protocol system?*
  - *Is supervision of Blueprint practices established?*
2. Determine the extent to which new policies and practices are being followed by agency practitioners (not evaluate individual employees)
  - *Are practitioners doing what the Blueprint directs them to do?*
  - *Are agencies working together on shared tasks?*
3. Determine if key features of the Blueprint are working
  - *Are practitioners gathering, documenting, disseminating and building on new information about risk, history, context, severity of violence over time?*
  - *Are responses adjusted for cases involving victims of ongoing violence who use illegal violence?*
  - *Is intra-agency monitoring and accountability, and inter-agency information sharing, cooperation and accountability occurring?*
  - *Do victims get the message, "I'm concerned for your safety – by working together we have the best chance of stopping the violence"?*
  - *Do perpetrators get the message, "This is an opportunity for you to change – to stop the violence and repair the harm you've caused; we can help you do that"?*
4. Pay attention to battered women's experience, as reported by advocacy programs
  - *Are people engaging with victims respectfully?*
5. Reduce unintended consequences and disparity of impact
  - *In what ways could we adjust responses to diminish unintended consequences for marginalized populations, produced by our interventions?*
6. Measure and report results of our Blueprint interagency practices
  - *What are the results of our collective efforts? Are we stopping future abuse by offenders? Do we have increased controls over the most violent offenders?*
7. Adapt Blueprint policies/protocols
  - *Identify the problems not foreseen when the Blueprint was adopted.*
  - *Propose (and experiment with) solutions.*
8. Collect and review data, provide annual report to agency heads and public
  - *How much domestic violence is occurring in our jurisdiction? How many women call for help? How many batterers get arrested, charged, convicted, imprisoned, attend batterers program? Are we reducing domestic violence?*
  - *Are women in our communities safe from domestic violence? What's happening with women in our community when they get assaulted in these ways?*