

## **VAWA Highlights**

- During this quarter, October through December 2004, the VAWA Implementation Committee finalized their funding recommendations under the FY 2004 S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program. The proposed funding recommendations, in the amount of \$833,000, were voted on and accepted at the October 28, 2004 Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Quarterly Meeting and on December 20, 2004 at the Delaware Criminal Justice Council. The VAWA Implementation Committee recommended continuation funding for 15 programs, while awarding a new grant to the Department of Correction to expand the victim service representative to Kent County. For additional information on the programs funded, visit the DVCC website at [www.dvcc@state.de.us](http://www.dvcc@state.de.us).
- Also during this quarter, the analysis phase of the Grants to Encourage Arrest integration project has been on-going. Diamond Technologies, Inc. conducted more than 30 interviews with instrumental agencies to gathering the pertinent information to make a recommendation to the VAWA Implementation Committee. The interviews have included agencies such as: the Department of Justice, Department of Correction, Judicial Information Center, DELJIS, all of the Courts, law enforcement personnel, batterers intervention programs, and victim advocacy centers. It is anticipated that the first phase of this project will be completed by the end of February 2005.
- On November 15, 2004, the VAWA Implementation Committee held a VAWA consortium with all of the VAWA, VOCA, and Family Violence Prevention grant-funded programs at the Buena Vista Conference Center. The purpose of the consortium was to focus on programs that are federally funded and provide direct victim services to female victims of violent crimes in the State of Delaware and determine how these receiving agencies may leverage funding resources to increase coordination, collaboration, and public awareness in responding to issues concerning violence against women. As a result of this meeting, the VAWA Implementation Committee decided to create a subcommittee to look at the information gleaned from the consortium and assist the Committee with charting a path forward to address some of the concerns and needs for those agencies providing direct victim service.