



**Department
of State**

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT:
ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM**

PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (8) OF SECTION 108 OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW

**FOR SUBMISSION TO:
THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE &
THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY**

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INTRODUCTION

In compliance with subdivision (8) of section 108 of the Executive Law, the Department of State (the “Department”) respectfully submits the following report regarding the Address Confidentiality Program (the “Program”). This report covers the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

The Program is a cost-free initiative, administered by the Department, which allows victims of domestic violence to shield their actual address. Participants are assigned a substitute address, which they may use for receipt of all first-class, registered, and certified mail. The Secretary of State also accepts service of process on behalf of Program participants. Participants' mail is re-packaged and forwarded to their actual or mailing addresses. Women and men, who are or have been victims of domestic violence and who have moved or are planning to move to a new location for safety reasons, may be eligible to participate in the Program. Any person living in the same household as the victim may also be eligible, such as children, parents, or siblings.

2014 PROGRAM STATISTICS

The Department received and processed 186 applications in 2014, up from 109 applications in 2013. The Program had a total of 596 participants at the end of 2014, up from 256 participants at the end of 2013. In 2014, the Program forwarded 9,210 pieces of mail, up from 3,068 pieces of mail in 2013. A breakdown, by county, of these statistics for 2014 is contained in Table 1.

Table 1.

COUNTY	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	PARTICIPANTS	PIECES OF MAIL FORWARDED
Albany	63	96	320
Allegany	0	3	32
Bronx	6	13	272
Broome	11	24	299
Cattaraugus	0	2	1
Cayuga	2	7	64
Chautauqua	1	2	194
Chemung	0	8	146
Chenango	1	1	1
Clinton	0	1	1
Columbia	0	4	446
Dutchess	1	12	5
Erie	7	66	1,143
Essex	0	2	81
Franklin	0	2	261
Fulton	2	4	12
Genesee	0	3	79

Greene	4	13	163
Herkimer	2	5	0
Jefferson	0	2	8
Livingston	0	5	263
Monroe	9	49	1,156
Nassau	1	12	187
New York	5	20	215
Niagara	1	15	37
Onondaga	2	3	41
Ontario	1	3	7
Orange	6	25	131
Orleans	1	4	0
Oswego	1	2	32
Otsego	1	4	1
Putnam	1	1	5
Queens	5	19	310
Rensselaer	2	3	27
Richmond	1	8	734
Rockland	1	4	2
Saratoga	0	1	1
Schenectady	3	9	128
Seneca	1	1	2
St. Lawrence	0	5	225
Steuben	1	3	8
Suffolk	16	40	722
Sullivan	1	2	26
Tioga	8	24	366
Ulster	1	3	18
Warren	1	3	6
Washington	1	6	73
Westchester	2	11	417
Wyoming	0	2	155
Out of State	2	8	81
Total	186	596	9,210

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

By the end of 2014, 37 not-for-profit domestic violence agencies and public entities had registered with the Program as Application Assistance Providers, as indicated in Table 2.

Table 2.

ORGANIZATION	COUNTY
A New Hope Center, Inc.	Tioga
ACCORD Corporation	Allegany
Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center	Albany
Alternatives for Battered Women (ABW)	Monroe
Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties	Montgomery
Catholic Charities of Schoharie County	Schoharie
Cattaraugus Community Action	Cattaraugus
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc.	Cayuga
CDWBA Legal Project, Inc.	Albany
Center for the Elimination of Violence in the Family	Kings
Chances and Changes, Inc.	Livingston
Community Action of Greene County, Inc.	Greene
Crisis Services	Erie
Day One	New York
Delaware Opportunities, Inc. – Safe Against Violence	Delaware
Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	Onondaga
Genesee Justice	Genesee
Grace Smith House, Inc.	Dutchess
Hope’s Door	Westchester
Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence	Nassau
New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project	New York
NY State Police Crime Victim Specialist Program, Troop D	Onondaga
NY State Police Crime Victim Specialist Program, Troop G	Albany
The Retreat, Inc.	Suffolk
Safe Homes of Orange County	Orange
SOS Shelter, Inc.	Broome
Steps to End Family Violence	New York
STOP Domestic Violence / Behavioral Health Services North, Inc.	Clinton
Town of Newburgh Police Department	Orange
Ulster County Crime Victim Assistance Program	Ulster
Unity House Domestic Violence Services	Rensselaer
Urban Justice Center	New York
Vera House, Inc.	Onondaga
Westchester County Family Justice Center	Westchester
Westchester County Office for Women	Westchester
Wyoming County District Attorney’s Office – Domestic Violence Program	Wyoming
YWCA at Schenectady (d/b/a YWCA Northeastern)	Schenectady

PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM

Throughout 2014, the Program delivered the eight presentations indicated in Table 3.

Table 3.

DATE	RECIPIENT / EVENT
January 6, 2014	Steps to End Family Violence – presentation NYC
January 9, 2014	Catholic Charities – presentation Schoharie, NY
February 6, 2014	Oswego County Opportunities – presentation Oswego, NY
April 3, 2014	NYS Sheriffs’ Association Crime Victims’ Assistance Task Force Meeting – Information Table Albany, NY
April 23, 2014	Madison County Domestic & Sexual Violence Coalition Meeting- presentation Oneida, NY
May 20, 2014	EAP Fair, NYS Dept. of Labor Albany, NY
July 24, 2014	Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes – presentation Geneva, NY Shared services for Wayne, Ontario, Yates, and Seneca counties.
September, 22, 2014	Washington Co. Domestic Violence Coalition – presentation Fort Edward, NY