

SAVE Legion of Victim Empowerment (LOVE) Program Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As president of Safeguard Atone Validate Educate, I am pleased to implement the SAVE LOVE policy. The LOVE goal is an environment free of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault by providing an abundance of prevention, education and training, response capability, victim support, reporting procedures, and accountability that enhances the safety and well being of all citizens.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

(A) Critical Elements: Focus on the victim and doing what is necessary and appropriate to support victim recovery. The LOVE program shall provide assistance that is gender-friendly, culturally conscious, and recovery responsive.

(a) In General. LOVE shall provide non-clinical crisis intervention and ongoing support, in addition to referrals for juvenile child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Support will include providing information on available options and resources to victims.

(b) SAVE Dual Objectives. SAVE is committed to ensuring that victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are protected; treated with dignity and respect; and provided support advocacy, and care. SAVE supports effective victim awareness and preventative programs. SAVE also strongly supports applicable law enforcement and criminal justice procedures that enable persons to be held accountable for child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault offenses and criminal dispositions, as appropriate. To achieve those dual objectives, SAVE supports complete Unrestricted Reporting of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assaults to allow for the provision of victim services and to pursue accountability.

(c) In accordance with the overall strategic direction of SAVE, the LOVE Program shall:

(1) Develop strategic program guidance, joint planning objectives, and identify legislative changes needed to ensure the future availability of resources in support of SAVE LOVE policies.

(2) Develop metrics to measure compliance and effectiveness of LOVE training, awareness, prevention, and response policies and programs. Analyze data and make recommendations regarding LOVE policies and programs to Federal, State, and Local government agencies.

(3) Collaborate with Federal and State agencies that address LOVE issues and serve as liaison to them as appropriate. Strengthen collaboration on domestic violence and sexual assault policy matters with lawmakers on the issues of providing high quality and accessible health care and benefits to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

(4) Implement a Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention Strategy, which consist of six components:

1. Influencing Governmental Regulations.
2. Changing Abusers Practices
3. Fostering Coalitions and Networks
4. Educating Children
5. Promoting Community Education
6. Strengthening Individual Knowledge and Awareness

(5) Establish the position of the LOVE Director to serve as the single point of contact for ensuring that child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault victims receive appropriate and responsive care. The LOVE Director should be a SAVE member in good standing.

(6) Submit quarterly reports to the President that include information regarding all child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assaults reported during the quarter.

(7) Provide annual reports of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault involving persons assisted to the President for consideration into an annual report to the Department of Justice.

(8) Require extensive, continuing in-depth LOVE training for SAVE volunteers and specialized LOVE training for directors, officers, spiritual advisors, counselors, and mental health staff in accordance to all legal and ethical standards.

CLOSING

The focus of LOVE is on the victim of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. SAVE shall provide support to anyone regardless of when or where the domestic violence or sexual assault took place. This policy takes effect immediately.

Cedric Dean, president