

## Congress Urged to Fund Violence Against Women Act of 2005

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The Bureau of Justice Statistics Report shows that there has been a drop in domestic violence over the last decade. This report is 'encouraging' says Esta Soler, President of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, but also urges lawmakers to fund programs that can do even more to stop violence against women.

Esta Soler, President of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, states "The new report issued today by the Bureau of Justice Statistics is positive and encouraging news, and it is especially welcome for those of us who work every day to stop domestic violence. Still, it is clear that violence against women remains a costly and devastating problem in this country. In 2004, there were more than 625,000 intimate partner victimizations and, on average, more than three women a day were murdered by their husbands or boyfriends. There is no question that we have a lot more work to do to keep families safe."

Esta Soler continues "This report shows once again that the vast majority of victims of intimate partner violence are women, that intimate partner violence is often a serious violent crime, and that it is most common among young, American Indian and Alaska Native women."

"We are at a pivotal moment. We have identified strategies that help stop violence and aid victims. Now we must further implement and refine those strategies - and fund the prevention programs that hold so much promise for keeping the next generation safe. We urge Congress to fully fund the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 next year, so that we can do even more to stop the violence that is still much too common in our families and communities."

The Family Violence Prevention Fund works to end violence against women and children around the world, because every person has the right to live free of violence.

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