



**County Executive Robert P. Astorino
uses three guideposts (The Three P's)
to manage Westchester County:**

- Protect Taxpayers
- Preserve Essential Services
- Promote Economic Growth



2016 BUDGET PROPOSAL

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Our Mission

The Office for Women (OFW) is dedicated to promoting the physical, emotional, and financial well-being of all women.

We take pride in the progress made over the years with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, offering bilingual services, information and referral through the family helpline; short term counseling; Operation Talent Bank; workshops in self-sufficiency and career enhancement; safety planning; training; and other non-residential services.

The OFW currently chairs the Domestic Violence Council, acts as liaison to the Women's Advisory Board, and oversees the Family Justice Center.

Recent Accomplishments

- In May 2015, the County Executive presented his four-prong campus sexual assault proposal, including a Victim Bill of Rights, with the support of the OFW and Family Justice Center.
- In May 2015, the County Executive sponsored a screening of “Escalation,” a film produced by One Love Foundation; representatives from all colleges in Westchester joined him at Manhattanville College.
- We continue to work with colleges throughout the county on college-age sexual assault and dating violence, including meetings with One Love Foundation and Westchester Medical Center’s FACT Program, speaking on panels, distributing lists of resources and assisting with policies.
- We co-sponsored a training conference with Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP for law enforcement and advocates on the neurobiology of trauma.
- We co-sponsored a training with Pace Women’s Justice Center entitled “How being trauma-informed improves the criminal justice system” for law enforcement and victim advocates.

Recent Accomplishments (cont'd)

- We continue to work with police departments throughout the county, assisting them with policies/procedures and including them in trainings (elder abuse, Domestic Violence Council, campus sexual assault).
- Through the Domestic Violence Council, we continue to assess needs and gaps, present best practices and work cooperatively to best serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- We continue to participate in a federal grant program to provide and enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, and stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older; we recently held a Cross-Training “Kickoff” event for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, attorneys, health care providers and victim service providers, focusing on identifying roles and working towards a coordinated community response to elder abuse in the community.

Recent Accomplishments (cont'd)

- We continue to participate in a federal grant program with Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP to provide education, training and enhanced services to end violence against and abuse of people with disabilities.
- We continue to work with a stakeholder group to increase certifications of U-Visas for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- We continue three-year contracts with service providers to increase administrative efficiencies for both the vendors and the county.
- This is our 9th year overseeing the Her Honor Mentoring Program with 51 mentees – high school seniors, all young women, and 50 mentors.
- We held our 15th annual Police Interactive Training Conference on officer stress and wellness with nearly 150 law enforcement personnel in attendance.

Astorino Proposes Improvements to Governor's Campus Sexual Assault Bill

On May 26, 2015, County Executive Robert P. Astorino, joined by Sarah Tubbs, advocates, college officials and law enforcement officials at Manhattanville College in Purchase, unveiled a four-point plan to improve Governor Cuomo's campus sexual assault bill.



2016 Community Initiatives

- We will work with victim advocacy groups, academic institutions of higher learning and law enforcement to enhance Westchester's coordinated community response to campus-age sexual assault, including training, assistance with policies and access to resources.
- We will increase access to services at the Family Justice Center through grant funding.
- We will work with non-residential domestic violence service providers, county departments and victim advocates on improved response to CPS/neglect cases involving domestic violence victims.
- We will meet with all police chiefs and captains throughout the County to improve results for victims.
- We will work with advocacy organizations and outside groups to ensure funding of the White Plains Children's Center.

2016 Budget Breakdown

Categorical Breakdown

\$466,066	Personnel
\$2,500	Printing & Office Supplies
\$2,450	Postage
\$1,000	Equipment Service & Rental
\$1,000	Travel & Meals
\$1,600	Communications
\$1,017,750	Contractual Services
\$1,000	Programs for Women
<u>\$209,728</u>	Interdepartmental Costs
\$1,703,094	Subtotal Expenses
\$433,714	Revenues
\$1,269,380	Total 2016 Budget Request

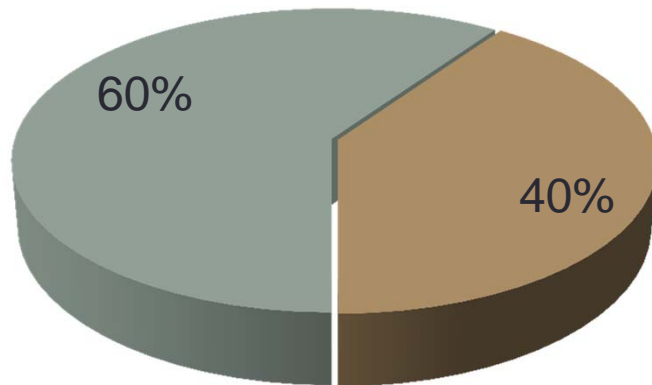
Expense/Revenue Breakdown

\$685,344	OFW Operating
<u>\$1,017,750</u>	Contractual Operating
\$1,703,094	Total Operating Expenses
\$394,580	Interdepartmental
<u>\$39,134</u>	State
\$433,714	Total Tax Levy Revenue

2016 Budget Breakdown (cont'd)

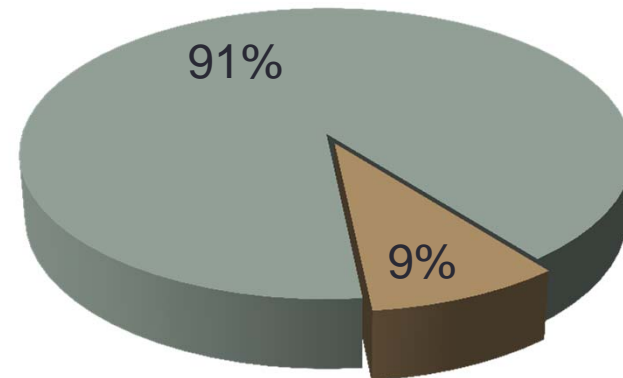
Operating Expenses (\$1,703,094)

■ Contractual \$1,017,750 ■ OFW \$685,344



Tax Levy Revenues (\$433,714)

■ Interdepartmental \$394,580 ■ State \$39,134



2016 Contractual Services

The following contracts to be administered by OFW, including both tax levy funds and funds from our Interdepartmental Cooperative Plan with DSS (IDCP):

Legal Services

- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: civil legal services for domestic violence victims.
 - Pace Women's Justice Center (*Subcontractor*): civil legal services for immigrant and non-immigrant victims through the Family Court Legal Program.
 - My Sisters' Place (*Subcontractor*): civil legal services for victims in Yonkers.
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: civil legal services for the indigent as well as representation in immigration cases for victims of domestic violence in Mt. Vernon.
 - My Sisters' Place (*Subcontractor*): civil legal services for victims in Mt. Vernon.
 - Hudson Valley Justice Center (*Subcontractor*): legal services for immigrants in Mt. Vernon.
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: civil legal services for the indigent in Peekskill.
- Pace Community Law Practice: civil legal services and education for immigrants.
 - Westchester Hispanic Coalition (*Subcontractor*): civil legal services for immigrants.

2016 Contractual Services (cont'd)

Non-Residential Support Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

- My Sisters' Place: non-residential support services for domestic violence victims.
 - Hope's Door (*Subcontractor*): additional non-residential support services for immigrant and non-immigrant victims.
 - Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP (*Subcontractor*): safety planning education, orientation and advocacy services for victims seeking orders of protection in the Yonkers Family Court.

Domestic Violence Education & Training

- My Sisters' Place: school-based education; education, training and domestic violence expert assistance to hospitals, healthcare providers and facilities in the County; and a coordinator of training.
 - Hope's Door (*Subcontractor*): domestic violence education services to schools throughout Westchester.

2016 Contractual Services (cont'd)

Crime Victim Services

- Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP: crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence.
- Westchester Medical Center: forensic medical services to children/adolescents and adults presenting with concerns for acute sexual abuse or assault through its Forensic Acute Care Team (FACT) Program.

Education/Support Services

- Pace Women's Justice Center: legal helpline; attorney training to assist women and senior citizens.

Entrepreneurial Training

- Women's Enterprise Development Center: microenterprise training and assistance to poor and minority women.

2016 Contractual Services (cont'd)

Child Care Services

- Child Care Council of Westchester: assistance with quality enhancement of infant/toddler care.
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester: child care in White Plains Family Court.
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester: child care in New Rochelle Family Court.
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester: supervised visitation services.

2016 Contracts

Contractor	Sub-contractor	Program	2016 Proposed	Funding Source	Total 2016 Proposed
Child Care Council		Infant/Toddler	201,571	OFW Tax Levy	201,571
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley		DV Civil Legal	482,206	IDCP	977,263
	PWJC	Family Court Legal Program	359,762	IDCP	
		DV Immigrant Legal (White Plains)	17,292	OFW Tax Levy	
		DV Immigrant Legal (Yonkers)	17,292	OFW Tax Levy	
MSP	Legal Center (Yonkers)	100,711	IDCP		
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	MSP, PWJC, HVJC	Mt. Vernon Project	564,000	Misc Tax Levy	564,000
		Peekskill Project			
My Sisters' Place		Non-Residential DV	372,630	IDCP	582,250
	HD	Non-Residential DV	100,057	IDCP	
		Immigrant DV Counseling	57,913	OFW Tax Levy	
	VAS	Family Abuse Court Services	51,650	IDCP	

KEY: PWJC = Pace Women's Justice Center MSP = My Sisters' Place HD = Hope's Door
 HVJC = Hudson Valley Justice Center VAS = Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP

2016 Contracts (cont'd)

Contractor	Sub-contractor	Program	2016 Proposed	Funding Source	Total 2016 Proposed
My Sisters' Place		DVEP	49,849	OFW Tax Levy IDCP	333,846
		Operation Safety	90,385		
		Training Coordinator	69,934		
	HD	STAR Program	72,967	OFW Tax Levy IDCP	
			50,711	OFW Tax Levy	
Pace University (Women's Justice Center)		Women's Justice Center	66,480	OFW Tax Levy	66,480
Pace University (Community Law Practice)		Immigrant Legal	55,000	OFW Tax Levy	100,000
	WHC		45,000		
VAS of WestCOP		Rape Crisis Program	92,712	OFW Tax Levy	92,712
Westchester Medical Center		FACT Program	107,525	OFW Tax Levy	107,525
Women's Enterprise Development Center		Entrepreneurial Training	63,432	OFW Tax Levy	63,432
YWCA		Child Care in White Plains Court	49,337	OFW Tax Levy	49,337
YWCA		Child Care in New Rochelle Court	73,702	OFW Tax Levy	73,702
YWCA		Supervised Visitation	9,626	IDCP	9,626

KEY: HD = Hope's Door WHC = Westchester Hispanic Coalition
 VAS = Victims Assistance Services YWCA = YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester

Grant Collaborations

Ongoing collaborations include OFW participation in three federally-funded grants through the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.

Training and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of People With Disabilities (2012-2015): Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP is the grantee with Westchester Independent Living Center, OFW, Office for the Disabled and Department of Community Mental Health as partners.

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (2013-2016): County is the grantee with over a dozen partner agencies. Currently in its third continuation cycle, the grant provides \$300,000 per year for three years to maintain services of the Family Justice Center.

Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (2014-2017): County is the grantee with several partners including Pace Women's Justice Center, Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, Greenburgh Police Department, Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP and the DA's Office. The purpose is to enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic/dating violence or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older.



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