

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-26-501

## **§48-26-501. Development of state public health plan for reducing domestic violence.**

(a) The Bureau for Public Health in consultation with the family protection services board, shall:

- (1) Assess the impact of domestic violence on public health; and
- (2) Develop a state public health plan for reducing the incidence of domestic violence in this state.

(b) The state public health plan shall:

- (1) Include, but not be limited to, public education, including the use of the various communication media to set forth the public health perspective on domestic violence;
- (2) Be developed in consultation with public and private agencies that provide programs for victims of domestic violence, advocates for victims, organizations representing the interests of shelters, and persons who have demonstrated expertise and experience in providing health care to victims of domestic violence and their children; and
- (3) Be completed on or before January 1, 2000.

(c) The Bureau for Public Health shall:

- (1) Transmit a copy of the state public health plan to the Governor and the Legislature; and
- (2) Review and update the state public health plan annually.