

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM - BUREAU OF ADVOCACY AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (FLORIDA)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides services to victims of domestic violence who are attempting escape from actual or threatened violence through relocation. Program participants are provided with an address designated by the attorney general as a substitute mailing address in order to prevent their assailants from finding them. Through the use of the substitute address, program participants will receive cost-free, security mail forwarding. The program serves as each participant's legal agent for receipt of mail and service of process. The program also prevents public access to information about ACP participants in voting records.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Victims of domestic violence who are residents of the State of Florida. Program participants must have relocated to an address unknown to the abuser; participants must also be willing to let the Office of the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program staff know their actual location at all times while in the program.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

Each ACP participant is assigned a substitute address that includes a street address, an ACP identification code, a post office box, a Florida city and a zip code. This address will have no relation to a participant's actual location. The address may be used by the participant when creating records with all state and local government entities. Participants who use the substitute address will have first-class mail forwarded to their actual location by the Office of the Attorney General.

APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES

Participants enter the Address Confidentiality Program through the help of trained personnel who work at local victim-assistance programs. These ACP application assistants provide domestic-violence counseling, safety planning and assist domestic-violence victims with the completion and filing of ACP paperwork. The application assistants attend orientation and training on ACP provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS

N/A.

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