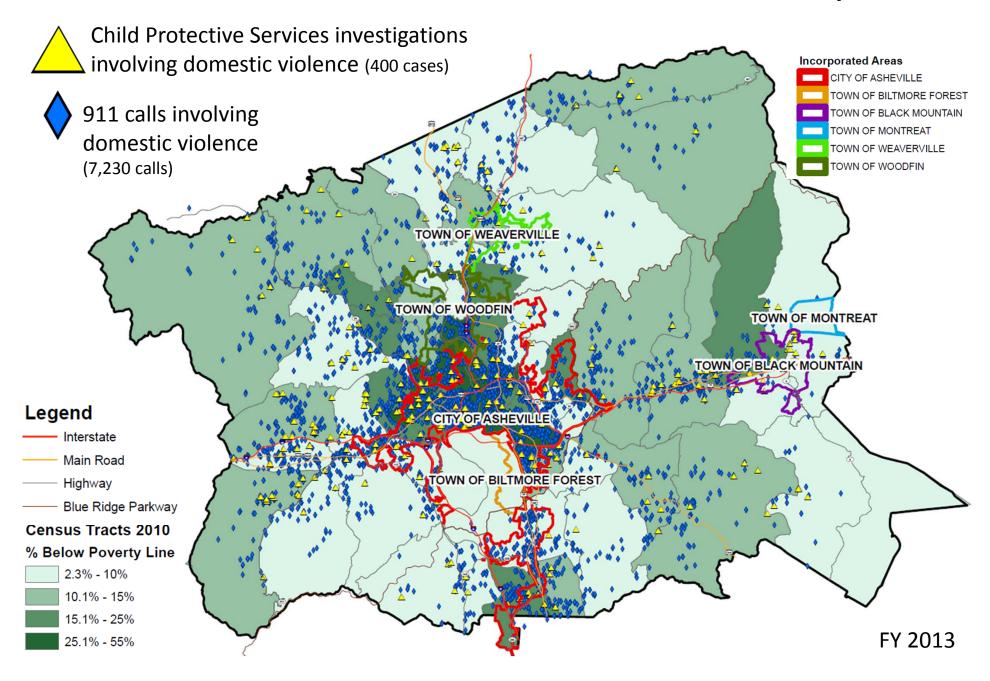
## Domestic Violence in Buncombe County



### **Buncombe County Comprehensive Plan on Domestic Violence**

#### "eNOugh" Campaign

Increasing public awareness

Based on work by NC Council for Women & NC Domestic Violence Commission

#### **Focused Deterrence**

Prevention strategies for previous offenders

Based on work in High Point, NC

#### **High Risk Team**

Offender & victim interventions

Based on work in Greater Newburyport, Massachusetts



#### **Cross System Dialogue**

Improving communication

Based on work by National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges

#### **Electronic Monitoring**

Tracking offenders for victim safety

Based on work in Pitt County, NC

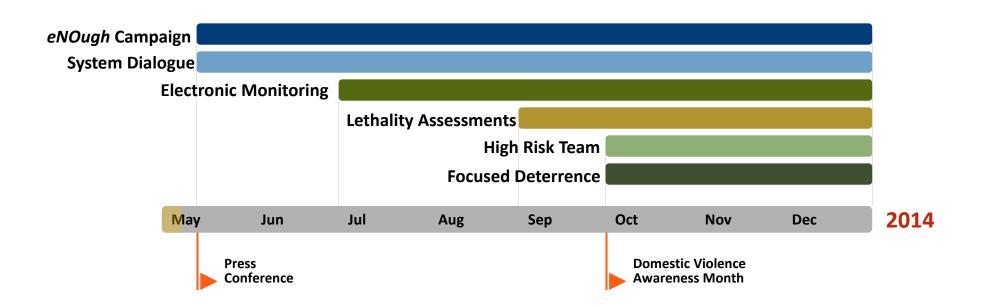
#### **Lethality Assessments**

Evaluating danger to victims

Based on work by Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell, John Hopkins University and Maryland Domestic Violence Network

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## Timeline for Launch



#### **Buncombe County Domestic Violence Statistics**

Compiled April 2014 by Buncombe County Health and Human Services

- There were 8 domestic violence related deaths in Buncombe County in 2013.<sup>1</sup>
  - o 5 domestic violence deaths by intimate partner
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> highest of any county in the state
  - o Increase of 186% over the average 2.8 per year from 2008 to 2012
- Law enforcement responded to 7,230 calls related to domestic violence incidents in FY 2013.<sup>2</sup>
- Helpmate, the local domestic violence nonprofit agency, served 1,848 clients in FY2013, including court advocacy for 1,230 clients filing Domestic Violence Protective Orders<sup>3</sup>
  - Increase of 13% over FY2012<sup>4</sup>
  - o 1,237 clients received advocacy in civil and criminal court
  - o 96 women and 64 children stayed in the emergency shelter
  - 680 counseling appointments provided
  - 135 clients attended support groups
- Since July 2013, Pisgah Legal Services has handled 882 legal cases to prevent domestic violence.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> North Carolina Department of Justice Report on Domestic Violence Related Homicides Occurring in 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Computer Automated Dispatch System (CADS) for Buncombe County & City of Asheville

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Helpmate Fiscal Year Statistics for July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 & Helpmate Court Advocacy Outcomes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> North Carolina Council for Women county statistics

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pisgah Legal Services March 2014 report to Buncombe County Service Foundation