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### [Governor's Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force Report](#)

The first of its kind in the nation, the Governor's Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force was created in 2011 to evaluate Vermont's domestic and sexual violence prevention resources and programs, identify gaps in services, identify ways to increase coordination of prevention efforts around the state, and make recommendations to enhance and improve prevention efforts in Vermont.

Task Force membership included appointees from business, law enforcement, corrections, health, the LGBTQ community, women's rights (Lilly Talbert, staffer from the Vermont Commission on Women), the disability community, and experts in the field of child abuse and neglect and domestic and sexual violence. The group was chaired by Bethany Pombar, Prevention Specialist at the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the support organization for Vermont's domestic violence and rape crisis shelters and centers.

Workgroups of the taskforce examined data collection, college campus prevention efforts, workplace approaches, men's attitudes, military practices, effective social change campaigns and prevention practices currently in place. The report features 7 recommendations:

1. Support the creation and implementation of a comprehensive statewide plan to prevent domestic and sexual violence
2. Support and help develop a statewide, multipronged prevention campaign
3. Build capacity for bystander engagement strategies for all ages
4. Increase the engagement of men in domestic and sexual violence prevention
5. Strengthen Vermont college campuses' response to prevention of domestic and sexual violence
6. Enhance data collection and accessibility
7. Establish a Violence Prevention Program Coordinator at the State level

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