

Larkin Announces Education And Job Training Fund For Survivors Of Domestic Violence

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Senator Bill Larkin (R-C, Cornwall-on-Hudson) today announced that the Allstate Foundation has partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) to establish the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund.

"More than 1.35 million American women seek domestic violence services each year," said Senator Larkin. "They deserve all the credit in the world for bravely trying to put the pieces of their lives back together. This is why organizations such as the National Network to End Domestic Violence are so important. The group's Education and Job Training Assistance Fund will help so many women gain the knowledge and skills they need to achieve economic self-sufficiency while they work on healing their past."

The Fund gives small grants to survivors of domestic violence to help them reach their educational and career goals. The grants help survivors obtain professional licenses, workforce tools and job training.

Funding may be put toward needs such as tuition; books and supplies for school; job skills training; licensing fees; registration fees; public transportation; rental fees for computer time at computer centers; or temporary child care so that the applicant can attend school, take a

class or look for employment.

Any survivor of domestic violence is eligible to apply. The only requirement of the Fund is that the application be completed by a local domestic violence program or domestic violence coalition. The programs or coalitions must contact the NNEDV Fund to request an "Education and Job Training Fund" application form.

Currently, \$75,000 has been committed to the Fund and there are plans for additional funding in the future. Survivors can receive up to \$1,000 in grants. There is no deadline for application.

For more information, visit www.nnedvfund.org.