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### **Toledo Municipal Clerk Bowman-English links the YWCA to Court Data**

Vallie Bowman-English, Toledo Municipal Clerk of Court, provided the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter with computer equipment and software to access court case data. By linking the YWCA with case data, the Clerk is providing the YWCA with the tools to bridge a gap in information and ultimately increase women's safety.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for both the YWCA and Toledo Municipal Court," Ms. Bowman-English said. "By giving the YWCA access to case data, they will be able to track the court status of defendants and better serve the women living at the Battered Women's Shelter."

In 2003, the Toledo Municipal Clerk of Court received a \$749,000 Violence Against Women Grant through the Department of Justice. The goal of the project is to protect women who are victims of violence through better law enforcement and prosecution in a 12 county Ohio and Michigan area. The YWCA Battered Women's Shelter is participating as a community partner to increase case management services to female victim's living at the Shelter.

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