Cheryl and her colleagues at Minnesota Advocates traveled to Bulgaria to participate in the conferences with government officials and advocates. The conferences were productive and positive. Minnesota Advocates expressed its concerns about certain provisions of the law, but discussions were largely focused on Minnesota’s experience with their order for protection law, its implementation, its success and its failures. It became clear early on that the sponsors of the legislation needed the troublesome provisions to convince parliamentarians to support the bill. Minnesota Advocates accepted BGRF’s invitation to return to Bulgaria later in 2003 and conduct trainings for police and judges on implementation of the law upon its anticipated passage. The bill was delayed for a period of time as it proceeded through committees in the Bulgarian parliament. Many changes were made during this period. The provision regarding criminal sanctions for OFP applicants who provided inaccurate information in their petitions was ultimately omitted from the final law. The law passed March 16, 2005 and the first order for protection was issued in June, 2005.