Resource Guide

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Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program, The (DVVAP)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Acton, Concord, Maynard, MA

Phone (978) 318–3421, 1.888.399.6111, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1–800–799–SAFE
Contact for questions call, or email
Email DVVAP@Concordma.gov
Web www.concordnet.org/pages/ConcordMA_Police/dvvap/dvvapindex
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Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (D.V.V.A.P.)

Is a community collaboration that works to end the cycle of domestic violence by training volunteers to provide support, advocacy, and options to victims.

Co–founded in October, 1998 by the Concord Police Department and The Network for Women's Lives, DVVAP's current collaborators include the Acton, Concord and Maynard Police Departments and Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex, Inc., an inter–community umbrella organization dedicated to the creation, support of and collaboration with domestic violence programs to serve the unique needs of the central Middlesex area.

Massachusetts Law

Many people think that domestic violence is when a husband hits his wife. While this is often true, domestic violence means much more than physical harm.

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the law states that domestic violence occurs if any:

□ Household member
□ Dating partner
□ Married or formerly married partner
□ Parent of a child in common, or
□ Relative by blood or marriage:

o attempts to cause physical harm
o causes physical harm
o places another in fear of physical harm, or
o causes another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat, or duress

DVVAP's Definition:

DVVAP's definition of domestic violence includes the legal definition stated above and also includes other forms of abuse. At DVVAP, domestic violence is defined as a pattern of coercive control that one individual intermittently exerts over another by means of spiritual, emotional, sexual, physical, or economic abuse.

Domestic Violence in Affluent Communities:

In this article from Concord Magazine, former Director Kiersten Warning discusses the nature of domestic violence in privileged communities.

http://www.concordnet.org/pages/ConcordMA_Police/dvvap/conmag

Emerson Hospital 978.287.3690
Rape Crisis Center 1.800.542.5212
Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Program (DVVAP) 1.888.399.6111
Network for Women's Lives Referral Service 978.287.4089
Support Group for Women with Controlling Partners 978.369.0259 or 978.369.2208
Concord District Court's – District Attorney Victim Witness Advocate 978.369.0225
Department of Transitional Assistance 617.629.1400
Food Source Hotline 1.800.645.8333
The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence – (Jane Doe) www.janedoe.org
Domestic Violence Shelter (SafeLink) 1.877.785.2020

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Counseling, Domestic Abuse Support; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Distribution, Emergency Food Program; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types);

Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Domestic Violence Intervention Services; Services, Women's Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Womens, Battered Womens Shelter; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training

Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts

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