

You don't have to be the expert-  
Snapshots of collaboration to address domestic  
abuse in our communities.

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# Objectives

1. Gain understanding of collaborative community approaches to domestic violence using Domestic Violence Action Committee (DVAC) and Cambridge Gender Based Violence Prevention Initiative as examples.
2. Increase awareness of the need to address domestic violence in every community.
3. Debunk barriers that prevent your community from addressing domestic abuse.
4. Increase the knowledge on how to build a collaborative in a community.

# Domestic Violence

**Pattern** of coercive and controlling behaviors and tactics used by one person over another to gain **power and control**.

This may include **verbal** abuse, **financial** abuse, **emotional**, **sexual**, and **physical** abuse.

Intimate Partner Violence occurs in **heterosexual**, as well as **same-sex** partnerships, and crosses **all ethnic, racial and socio-economic lines**.

Definition by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

# Prevalence

- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence from an intimate partner
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 38 men have been raped in their lifetime
- 25-33% of LGBTQ/T people experience abuse by a partner
- 2 out of 3 children are exposed to trauma and violence
- 1 in 5 tweens knows a victim of dating violence
- 1 in 11 female and 1 in 14 male high school students have experienced physical dating violence
- It is estimated that 1 out of 4 LGBTQ/T youth will experience abuse from a dating partner
- 1 in 6 women and 1 in 17 men have been stalked at some point in their lives

<https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/resources-events/get-the-facts/>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/fastfact.html>  
<http://www.tnlr.org/en/partner-abuse-in-lgbq-t-communities/>

# Prevalence

## 2020 DV Census in MA

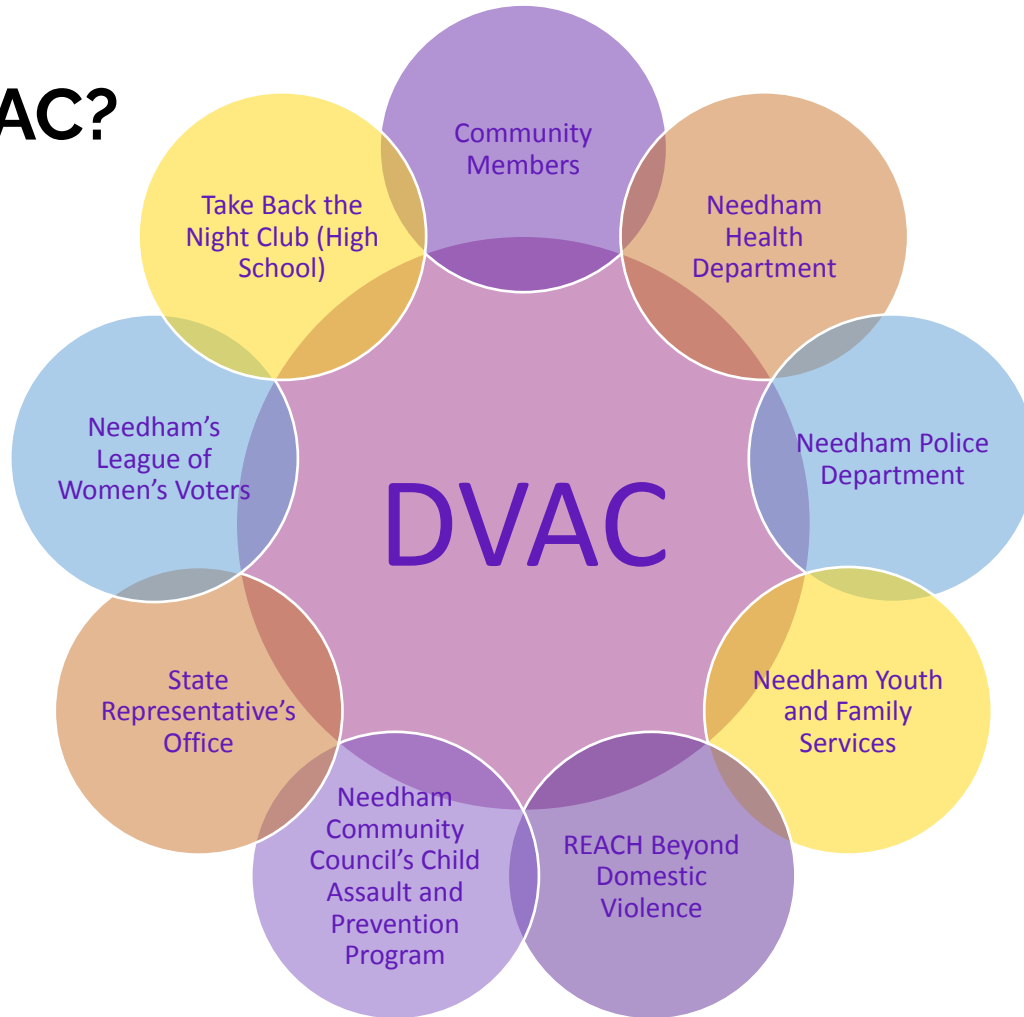
- 1,892 adults and children helped on one day, through emergency shelters, transitional housing, or non-residential assistance
- 434 survivors' requests for services were unmet because programs did not have the needed resources
  - Approximately 54% of these unmet requests were for housing or emergency shelter

# DVAC Needham

- Established in 1996 to raise awareness of domestic violence, help prevent its prevalence, and support those impacted by domestic violence in Needham.
- The Bigwood Trust - co-chaired by Health and Police.
- Currently ~8 Town agencies involved in addition to individual community members.
- Collaborate closely with REACH Beyond Domestic violence.



# Who is DVAC?





# How DVAC delivers:

- Lunch & Learns (new initiative)
- Mother's Day drive
- Holiday gift drive (w/ REACH)
- Infotable at Town-wide Harvest Fair
- Silent Witness display with TBTN Club (HS)
- Book discussion: *Invisible Bruises* by Rachel Louise Snyder (in partnership with local library)
- Self defense class for HS students
- Cable series in local tv
- Collaboration with Olin college on 'fundraising houses'







## **Cambridge Domestic & Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DGBVPI)**

The Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (DGBVPI) engages and mobilizes Cambridge's communities, agencies, and City departments to change attitudes, behaviors, policies, and practices to prevent and bring attention to domestic and gender-based violence.

In collaboration with community leaders, local agencies, and interested citizens, the DGBVPI develops and provides accessible, safe, and relevant strategies and resources to prevent and respond to domestic violence in Cambridge. Services include training, consultation, building collaborations across various sectors in Cambridge, and coordination of systems of change in order to ensure compassionate and supportive environments for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence across the city.

# Membership

Representatives from:

- Public Health Departments
- Local DV agencies
- Local SV agency
- School Department representatives
- Women's Commission
- Outreach Workers
- Local police department
- Council on Aging
- Housing Authority
- Community Members

# Work of DGBVPI

- Have provided education and information to over 800 emergency responders and housing staff since 2015.
- Began groups such as Mending Cambridge
- Provided a pathway to help us know one another and work together to ease processes for deeper/further collaboration
- Had subcommittees to explore how DV shows up in different populations and how we might approach
- Making it clear that DV is an issue everyone needs to be attentive to and responsible for

# Overcoming Barrier



Is it really a problem in my community?

I don't have the expertise.

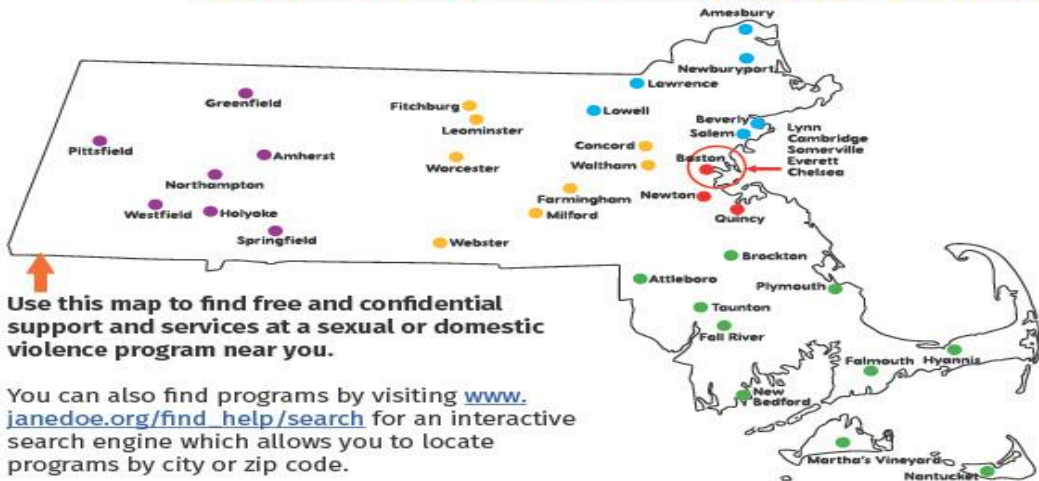
There are no funds!

Who has the time?

If I had the interest and funds, where would I even begin?

# You are not Alone

## SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS



Use this map to find free and confidential support and services at a sexual or domestic violence program near you.

You can also find programs by visiting [www.janedoe.org/find\\_help/search](http://www.janedoe.org/find_help/search) for an interactive search engine which allows you to locate programs by city or zip code.



Whether this experience happened recently or in the past, you can call a rape crisis center or a domestic violence program to get the support that you need. Trained advocates are there to help you, offer confidential, crisis and long-term support, connect you with resources, and respect your decisions.



Call **SafeLink**, the statewide domestic violence hotline to talk to someone or be connected with a local sexual assault or domestic violence program near you. SafeLink is free and confidential: **1-877-785-2020**.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.JaneDoe.org](http://www.JaneDoe.org)



Jane Doe Inc.  
The Massachusetts Coalition  
Against Sexual Assault and  
Domestic Violence

### STATEWIDE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

To reach **TTY Off-hours**, call MassRelay at 711; English TTY: 800-439-2370; Spanish TTY: 866-930-9252 and ask to be connected to a hotline number.

**Deaf, Deaf Blind and Hard of Hearing National Domestic Violence Hotline** ☎  
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)  
1-855-812-1001 (Video Phone)

☎ **Our Deaf Survivors Center**  
978-451-7225 (Cultural Broker)

☎ **Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)**  
24-Hour Multilingual Helpline: 617-338-2355 ☎ ES

☎ **Llámanos y hablemos**  
Toll-free Spanish Sexual Assault Helpline  
800-223-5001

☎ **Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. (MAPS)**  
617-864-7600

☎ **SAHELL: Friendship for South Asian Women**  
866-472-4354

☎ **The Network/ La Red**  
Ending partner abuse in LGBTQ/T, SM and Poly communities  
PH: 617-742-4911 ☎ ES TTY: 800-832-1901

To learn about other services, like intimate partner abuse education, services for children impacted by violence, and supervised visitation, see a list of programs at <https://www.mass.gov/sexual-and-domestic-violence-prevention-and-services>

See other slide for a list of programs by region. →

# NETWORK OF SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MASSACHUSETTS

**SYMBOL KEY**

🕒 Domestic Violence Program
📞 24 Hour Free & Confidential Hotline
★ Sexual Assault / Rape Crisis Program

ES Sexual Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter
● ● ● ● ● Regions of Massachusetts

METRO BOSTON	
🕒 ES <b>Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)</b> 24-Hour Multilingual Helpline: 617-338-2355 📞	★ <b>Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. (MAPS)</b> Boston, Cambridge and Somerville: 617-864-7600
🕒 <b>Association of Haitian Women in Boston</b> Dorchester: (617) 287-0096	🕒 <b>On The Rise, Inc.</b> Cambridge: 617-497-7968
🕒 <b>AWAKE Program (Boston Children's Hospital)</b> Boston: 617-355-6369	🕒 <b>Our Deaf Survivors Center</b> 978-451-7225 (Cultural Broker)
★ <b>Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)</b> Cambridge: 800-841-8371 📞	🕒 <b>Passageway at Brigham &amp; Women's Hospital</b> Boston: 617-732-8753
🕒 <b>Boston Medical Center Domestic Violence Program</b> Boston: 617-414-5457	🕒 ES <b>RESPOND Inc.</b> Somerville: 617-623-5900 📞
🕒 <b>Brookview</b> Dorchester: 617-869-5875	🕒 <b>SAHEL: Friendship for South Asian Women</b> 866-472-4354
🕒 ES <b>Casa Myma</b> Boston: 877-785-2020 📞	🕒 ES <b>The Elizabeth Stone House</b> Jamaica Plain / Boston: 617-409-5425 📞
🕒 <b>Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</b> Boston: 617-667-8141	🕒 <b>The Network/ La Red</b> Ending partner abuse in LGBTQ/T, SM and Poly communities PH: 617-742-4911 📞 ES TTY: 800-832-1901
🕒 <b>Community Advocacy Program of CCHERS</b> Boston: 617-373-4591	🕒 <b>The Second Step</b> Newton: 617-965-3999
🕒 ES <b>DOVE, Inc.</b> Quincy: 888-314-3683 📞	🕒 ES <b>Transition House</b> Cambridge: 617-661-7203 📞
🕒 ES <b>FINEX House</b> Jamaica Plain / Boston: 617-288-1054 (Also TTY) 📞	🕒 ES <b>Ultrarian Universalist Urban Ministry</b> Roxbury / Boston: 617-566-6881 📞
🕒 ES <b>HarborCOV</b> Chelsea: 617-884-9909 📞	🕒 <b>Violence Recovery Program (Fenway Health)</b> Boston: 617-927-6250
🕒 <b>HAVEN at MGH</b> Boston: 617-724-0054	

SOUTHEASTERN REGION	
🕒 ES <b>A New Day/Penelope's Place (Health Imperatives)</b> Brockton / Quincy: ★ 508-588-8255 📞 ☎ 508-588-2041 📞	🕒 ES <b>New Hope, Inc.</b> Attleboro/Taunton: 800-323-4673 📞
🕒 <b>A Safe Place</b> Nantucket: 508-228-2111 📞 TTY: 508-228-7095	🕒 <b>South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center</b> Plymouth: 508-746-2664 📞 888-746-2664 📞
🕒 <b>CONNECT to End Violence</b> Vineyard Haven: 508-696-7233 📞 TTY: 774-549-9659	🕒 <b>SSTAR Women's Center</b> Fall River: 508-675-0087 📞
🕒 <b>Family &amp; Community Resources</b> Brockton: 508-583-6498 📞	🕒 ES <b>The Women's Center</b> New Bedford / Fall River: 888-839-6636 📞
🕒 <b>Independence House, Inc.</b> Hyannis: 800-439-6507 📞	🕒 <b>Violence Recovery Program (Fenway Health)</b> Cape Cod and Fall River: 617-927-6250

CENTRAL & METROWEST	
🕒 <b>Domestic Violence Services Network, Inc. (DVSNI)</b> Concord: 888-399-6111	🕒 <b>Spanish American Center</b> Leominster: 978-534-3145
🕒 <b>Journey to Safety (JFCS)</b> Waltham: 781-647-5327	🕒 <b>The Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program of Newton Wellesley Hospital</b> Newton: 617-243-6521
🕒 <b>Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. (MAPS)</b> Framingham: 617-864-7600	🕒 <b>Voices Against Violence (SMOC)</b> Framingham: 800-593-1125 📞
🕒 ES <b>New Hope, Inc.</b> Milford and Southbridge: 800-323-4673 📞	🕒 <b>Wayside Trauma Intervention Services</b> Milford: 800-511-5070 📞
🕒 <b>Pathways for Change</b> Worcester: 800-870-5905 📞	🕒 ES <b>YWCA Central Massachusetts Domestic Violence Services: BWR and Daybreak</b> Worcester: 508-755-9030 📞 Leominster: 508-755-9030 📞
🕒 ES <b>REACH Beyond Domestic Violence</b> Waltham: 800-899-4000	

NORTHEAST REGION	
🕒 ES <b>Alternative House</b> Lowell: 888-291-6228 📞	★ <b>The Center for Hope &amp; Healing, Inc</b> Lowell: 800-542-5212 📞
🕒 <b>Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence (ATASK)</b> Lowell: 24-Hour Multilingual Helpline: 617-338-2355 📞	🕒 ES <b>Supportive Care, Inc.</b> Lawrence: 978-686-1300
🕒 ES <b>HAWC - Healing Abuse Working for Change</b> Salem: 800-547-1649 📞	🕒 <b>YWCA Northeastern Massachusetts</b> Lawrence: ★ 877-509-9922 📞 ☎ 844-372-9922 📞
🕒 <b>Jeanne Gelger Crisis Center</b> Newburyport / Amesbury: 978-388-1888 📞	🕒 <b>YWCA North Shore Rape Crisis Center</b> Lynn: 877-509-9922 📞 TTY: 781-477-2315
🕒 <b>Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers. (MAPS)</b> Lowell: 617-864-7600	

WESTERN REGION	
🕒 <b>Behavioral Health Network</b> Ware: 413-967-6241, Ext. 58532	🕒 <b>The Salasin Project</b> Greenfield: 413-774-4307
★ <b>Center for Women &amp; Community</b> Hampshire County: 413-545-0800 📞 TTY: 413-577-0940	🕒 ES <b>Womanshelter/Compañeras</b> Hampden County: 877-536-1628 📞
🕒 ES <b>Elizabeth Freeman Center</b> Berkshire County: 866-401-2425 📞	🕒 <b>Violence Recovery Program (Fenway Health)</b> Springfield: 617-927-6250
🕒 <b>NELCWIT</b> Franklin County/North Quabbin: 413-772-0806 📞	🕒 ES <b>YWCA Western Massachusetts</b> Hampden County: 800-796-8711 📞 TTY: 413-733-7100
🕒 ES <b>Safe Passage</b> Hampshire County: 888-345-5282 📞 TTY: 413-586-5066 📞	

See other side for a list of culturally specific programs and much more. ➡

# Questions?

