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domestic violence network





WHO WE ARE

The Domestic Violence Network is an intermediary organization that brings the community together to create collaboration among organizations. We facilitate the Community Wide Plan to End Domestic Violence, host monthly Advocate Trainings and provide trainings to community members.

DVN is committed to challenging cultural norms by empowering diverse groups of Hoosiers to recognize and respond to domestic violence. A trusted expert in domestic violence, sexual assault, and teen dating abuse, the Domestic Violence Network provides comprehensive education and outreach to community members and organizations.

MISSION

The mission of the Domestic Violence Network is to engage the community to end domestic violence through advocacy, education and collaboration.

Engage. Collaborate. Transform.

TRAINING

Domestic violence is a complicated, community issue, and the Domestic Violence Network offers training on abuse catered to local organizations' and groups' specific needs.

Examples of training subjects include:

- The Dynamics of Domestic Violence
- Medical Professionals and Domestic Violence
- Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community
- Responding to Domestic Violence in the Faith Community
- Law Enforcement and Domestic Violence
- Employers and Domestic Violence

To schedule a training or learn more, please contact Mary-Margaret Sweeney at msweeney@dvnconnect.org.

YOUTH

Sadly, young people experience violence and abuse in their relationships starting at a very early age. The Domestic Violence Network is committed to the prevention of violence and abuse through healthy relationship education.

DVN offers the following youth programming:

- Healthy Relationship Education for schools and community groups
- The Youth Network—a group of Central Indiana youth dedicated to promoting healthy relationships and ending abuse
- Training for educators and youth leaders on the response and prevention of violence

To learn more about the Youth Program or to schedule training, please contact Lindsay Hill-Stawick at lhill@dvnconnect.org.

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ADVOCATES

The Domestic Violence Network's Advocates Group is a network of individuals from social service organizations, law enforcement agencies, judiciaries, prosecutors' offices, health care institutions, faith-based organizations, and other stakeholders that share a concern about domestic violence in Central Indiana and interact with victims, survivors and/or perpetrators of domestic violence.

DVN facilitates monthly Advocates Group meetings. To learn more about the Advocates Group and to join the network, please contact Mary-Margaret Sweeney at msweeney@dvnconnect.org.

COMMUNITY

LGBTQ+

Dating abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault impact the LGBTQ+ Community at higher rates than heterosexual/cysgender people. The Domestic Violence Network is committed to serving all people and leading the community to this end. DVN offers training and consultation to organizations on LGBTQ+ issues and on developing policies to ensure equity of service to all people.

To learn more about training or the endorsement process, please contact Chris Handberg at chandberg@dvnconnect.org.

@ WORK

The Domestic Violence Network offers training for HR professionals, managers/supervisors, employees, and business owners on how to recognize, respond, and refer when someone at the workplace is a victim of violence. In addition, we provide tools that assist with creating a workplace domestic violence policy and how to respond if an employee is a perpetrator of violence.

To learn more about @Work or to schedule training for your company, please contact Mary-Margaret Sweeney at msweeney@dvnconnect.org.

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COMMUNITY WIDE PLAN

For twenty years, the Domestic Violence Network has been a leader in the community, addressing the issue of domestic violence in Central Indiana. Through facilitating collaborative relationships between service providers, providing training on best practices, and advocating for those who experience violence, DVN enters into a new phase to bring these issues to the community. *Intersections: Engage, Collaborate, Transform* will guide the work of the Domestic Violence Network over the next three years. This community wide plan will examine social issues which intersect with domestic violence by providing educational events and collaborative opportunities to transform the community.

To learn more about the Community Wide Plan, please contact Chris Handberg at chandberg@dvnconnect.org.

COORDINATED ACTION NETWORK

The Coordinated Action Network is a group of professionals who gather to discuss the current state of domestic violence in Marion County, available resources, and methods of overcoming barriers faced by those who experience abuse. Consisting of professionals from law enforcement and the criminal justice system, and local service providers, the group meets quarterly to collaborate on these issues.

To learn more about the Coordinated Action Network, please contact Chris Handberg at chandberg@dvnconnect.org.

HIGHER EDUCATION IMPACT TEAM

Beginning in 2014, the Higher Education Impact Team formed to facilitate dialogue between institutions of higher education, local service providers, and law enforcement to address dating abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault on campus. The group meets monthly to discuss best practices in responding to and preventing violence and to coordinate educational opportunities, promote conferences, and collaborate on events designed to raise awareness of these issues.

To learn more about the Higher Ed. Impact Team, please contact Chris Handberg at chandberg@dvnconnect.org.



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