

DOVE, Inc.'s

# Domestic Violence Awareness Training

The Domestic Violence Awareness Training is ideal for social service providers, advocates, law enforcement, health care workers, clergy and anyone committed to helping end domestic violence. This intensive training, complete with special guest speakers, videos and role-plays, offers valuable knowledge and skills needed to appropriately work with victims and survivors of domestic violence.

## Training dates and topics

<b>Monday, September 15</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Domestic Violence- An Overview</b>
<b>Thursday, September 18</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Understanding the Batterer</b>
<b>Monday, September 22</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Working with Children Exposed to Domestic Violence</b>
<b>Thursday, September 25</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Legal Issues &amp; The Police Response to Domestic Violence</b>
<b>Monday, September 29</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Working with Survivors: Part I</b>
<b>Thursday, October 2</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Working with Survivors: Part II</b>
<b>Saturday, October 4</b> (9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	<b>Risk Assessment, Safety Planning and Survivors' Stories</b>
<b>Monday, October 6</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Responding to Domestic Violence in the G(ay) L(esbian) B(isexual) T(ransgender) &amp; Immigrant Communities</b>
<b>Thursday, October 9</b> (6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)	<b>Later-in-Life Abuse, Teen Dating Violence &amp; Special Populations</b>

### **Training Registration Fees**

\$20.00 per session or \$150 when you register for the entire training program (all nine sessions). **Advance registration is required.** Space is limited to 30 participants, so please register early.

\*Training is free for all DOVE volunteers and interns

### **Training Location**

All training sessions will be held at the Old Colony Campus of Eastern Nazarene College:  
180 Old Colony Avenue, Quincy MA  
Classroom #101

\* A one-time processing fee of \$20.00 will be added to the registration fee for participants requesting Social Work CEUs. Please contact Mallory Winter for more information.

For more information, or to register for one or all of the sessions,  
please contact **Mallory at 617-770-4065.**

## **Domestic Violence- An Overview**

This is the first of nine sessions to educate professionals, paraprofessionals and community members on the many issues related to domestic violence. An overview of domestic violence is presented including, but not limited to, defining domestic violence, the five forms of abuse, and the strengths and limitations of theories related to the Cycle of Violence, Power and Control, and family and intimate partner abuse as they relate to working with victims and survivors. Attendees also learn about DOVE's programs and services.

## **Understanding the Batterer**

Participants explore different theories of abuse and the impact of violence, including psychoanalytic, family systems, social-learning, feminist, and ecological perspectives. Participants learn potential warning signs of battering personalities, as well as appropriate intervention models for working with those who choose to abuse.

## **Working with Children Exposed to Domestic Violence**

Explore the devastating impact family violence has on children from birth through adolescence to adulthood. Emotional, behavioral, and cognitive indicators are addressed. In addition, the parent-child relationship in the context of the domestic violence experience is explored as well as interventions for working with children.

## **Legal Issues and the Police Response to Domestic Violence**

Gain general knowledge of the legal system and law enforcement as they relate to working with victims and survivors of domestic violence, with special focus on the Massachusetts Victim's Bill of Rights. The "Quincy Model," a national law enforcement model for responding to domestic violence situations, is introduced. The 209A restraining order and criminal complaint processes, along with strengths and challenges facing law enforcement when responding to domestic violence are also examined.

## **Working with Survivors: Part 1**

Learn knowledge and skills to work with adults who have experienced abuse. The issue of why victims stay in abusive relationships is re-framed to examine what prevents them from being safe, thus avoiding victim-blame. Crisis intervention, symptoms of abuse, trauma, and helper boundary issues are discussed.

## **Working with Survivors: Part II**

Study the skills and knowledge needed to appropriately advocate on behalf of and for survivors of domestic violence. Local, state and federal services for survivors are presented, including accessibility and eligibility requirements. Techniques and tools useful for advocating with systems are analyzed as well.

## **Risk Assessment, Safety Planning & Survivors' Stories**

Learn to identify key risk and dangerousness indicators and work with survivors to develop and implement safety plans when they remain in abusive relationships, prepare to leave such relationships, and what to do once the relationship ends. The second part includes a panel of survivors sharing experiences and answering audience questions.

## **Responding to Domestic Violence in the G(ay) L(esbian) B(isexual) T(ransgender) & Immigrant Communities**

Examine the unique, multi-faceted challenges facing survivors in the GLBT and Immigrant communities. Participants are educated on dispelling myths and stereotypes often associated with these communities. In addition, culturally sensitive interventions are presented.

## **Later-in-Life Abuse, Teen Dating Violence & Special Populations**

Learn about the special challenges facing older domestic violence victims, mandated reporting in elder abuse cases and the resources and services available to them. Participants explore issues facing adolescents experiencing unhealthy or abusive dating relationships and gain insight into recognizing teen dating abuse as well as studying models for intervening with teen victims and offenders.