## Impact of Domestic Violence on Healthcare

- Annually, women experience 2 million injuries from intimate partner violence (IPV). 1
- The cost of IPV exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion for direct medical and mental health care services. 2
- 324,000 pregnant women each year are battered by their intimate partners. 3
- 75% of injuries are to the head, neck, or mouth, areas routinely assessed by dental health professionals. 4
- 81% of women and 35% of men who experienced IPV reported at least one health-related impact. 5
- In four different studies, 70 -81% of abuse survivors reported that they would like their healthcare providers to ask them privately about intimate partner violence . 6
- 1, 2, 5 Center for Disease Control
- *3* National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- 4 Medscape Journal
- 6 Futures Without Violence



The Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County works to prevent domestic violence and empower victims to move towards self-sufficiency.

#### Services are Free and Confidential

- 24/7 Hotline: 610-565-4590
- Emergency Safe Housing (up to 30 days)
- Counseling and Support Groups
- Children's Supportive Counseling
- Assistance Filing Protection Orders and Legal Representation
- Assistance with Filing Crime Victims Compensation
- Court Accompaniment
- Professional Training and Speakers on Domestic Violence

For information about DAP programs, donations needed, and volunteer opportunities, please contact us:

#### Phone: 610-565-6272

Website: www.dapdc.org



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#### DAP offers free, on-site training.

Receive screening tools and local resources tailored to your needs.

# For training information, contact DAP's Medical Advocate, Blake Cohen:

610-565-6272 ext. 3118

or

bcohen@dapdc.org

## Domestic Violence and DAP's Medical Advocacy Program



## Schedule free training with the Domestic Abuse Project

- \* Provide your staff with necessary training hours
- \* Bring an expert speaker to your monthly staff meetings
- \* Topics tailored to your needs
- \* Approximately 1-1.5 hours, can be adjusted to your need
- Interactive activities such as role play scenarios

### Participants Gain

- Increased understanding of the dynamics of victims and abusers
- Greater ability to identify warning signs of patients in a health care setting
- Knowledge of the RADAR screening tool
- Resources and referral information
- A clear understanding of their role as a service provider within a domestic violence context

#### Who Benefits from Training

- Doctors
- Nurses
- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ Home Health
  Care Providers
- ✓ Dental Health Providers
- Counselors

#### What people are saying

- "...opened my eyes to screening."
- "...offered good examples on how to converse with patients or start the conversation."
  - "...instructor knowledgeable and obviously passionate about her profession."
  - "...helped me formulate better questions to ask and identify different ways people can be abused.."

#### The Medical Advocacy Program (MAP)

- Educates Delaware County health care providers to identify domestic violence warning signs and best practices for patient support
- Provides telephone and in-person patient advocacy and education based on patient needs
- Attends health and community fairs to foster relationships and awareness throughout the community
- Maintains the county's Healthcare and Domestic Violence Task Force



- Ith Technicians ders ✓ Medical Assistants
  - ✓ EMT's

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- ✓ Schools and
  - Universities

✓ Case Managers

Therapists

✓ Medical