

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 abused 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
- ◆ 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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Domestic Violence

in the Health Care Setting:

YOU Can Make a Difference



DAP offers free, on-site training.

Receive screening tools and local resources tailored to your needs.

For training information, contact
DAP's Medical Advocate:

610-565-6272 ext. 3118

or

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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 for your audience**
- * **Length of trainings can be adjusted to your specific requirements**
- * **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 abuse in a health care setting
- ◆ Knowledge of the RADAR screening tool
- ◆ Resources and referral information
- ◆ A better understanding of their role as a service provider within a domestic violence context

Who Benefits from Training

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| ✓ Doctors | ✓ Case Managers |
| ✓ Nurses | ✓ Therapists |
| ✓ Social Workers | ✓ Medical Technicians |
| ✓ Home Health Care Providers | ✓ Medical Assistants |
| ✓ Dental Health Providers | ✓ EMT's |
| ✓ Counselors | ✓ Schools and Universities |

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
- ◆ Facilitates the county's Healthcare and Domestic Violence Task Force

