

Community Education and Prevention

DVCCC provides educational presentations to various community groups and organizations about domestic violence, how to identify abuse, and what resources are available in our community. Presentations can be tailored to the needs of the audience. Programming includes but is not limited to:

Teen Dating Violence: We are proud to partner with high schools and youth organizations throughout Chester County to cover the topic of dating violence in discussion-based presentations—healthy vs. unhealthy behaviors, abuse & technology, and how to support one another.

Coaching Boys Into Men: This evidence-based program—based on the tenants of respect, integrity, and nonviolence—trains coaches of high school athletic teams to have discussions with their athletes around many topics ranging from crossing the line with jokes and taking responsibility for their actions to consent, and technological abuse.

Lethality Assessment Program: Law Enforcement are the first line of defense for victims of crime, especially domestic violence. The LAP program supports our local police in identifying victims of abuse, assessing their safety, and immediately connecting them with our agency.

Healthcare Response to DV: Did you know that 37% of victims of abuse felt safest disclosing to their healthcare provider? In this training, we will discuss a general understanding of domestic violence, identifying physical and behavioral signs of abuse, and referring patients to available, local services.

Member agency

United Way of Chester County

United Way of Southern Chester County

The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. A copy of the official registration may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling, toll-free in Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.

Registration does not imply endorsement.

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

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24-Hour Toll-Free Hotline

1-888-711-6270

610-431-1430

610-431-7262 (TTY)

www.DVCCCPA.org

All services are free and confidential.

We are committed to an equal program service and equal employment opportunities. The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County's program services and employment will be designed to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, gender, color, creed, age, national origin, sexual identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic, social or marital status or political or religious beliefs.



Outreach Offices

731 W Cypress Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-7550 Ext 233/243

35 North Third Street
Oxford, PA 19363
610-932-8557 Ext 211

105 Vineyard Way, Suite 200
West Grove, PA 19390
610-444-7550 ext. 2001

1001 East Lincoln Highway
Suite 103
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-384-2774

148 Church Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460
610-917-2185



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER
of Chester County

Freedom Through Empowerment

Agency Services



The Mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to provide intervention, education, outreach, advocacy and programs to prevent, reduce, and remedy domestic violence in Chester County.





Adult Counseling

- ◆ 24-Hour Hotline
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Intake and Needs Assessments
- ◆ Individual and Group Counseling
- ◆ Case Management and Safety Planning
- ◆ Information and Referrals
- ◆ All Services are Free and Confidential

Counseling is provided by trained staff, volunteers, and student interns.

Services are accessible through our hotline:

1-888-711-6270 or 610-431-1430



Legal Services & Options

- ◆ Legal Options Counseling
- ◆ Legal Advocacy
- ◆ Legal Representation
- ◆ Accompaniment to Court Hearings
- ◆ Assistance with Navigating the Protection from Abuse Order, Custody, Spousal and Child Support, **Immigration**, and Bankruptcy processes.
- ◆ All Services are Free and Confidential

Housing

DVCCC offers emergency safe house/shelter and housing options to victims of domestic violence and their dependent children.



Emergency Shelter

- ◆ Safe House/24 Hour Access
- ◆ Case Management
- ◆ Safety Plan Development
- ◆ Food and Emergency Clothing
- ◆ Counseling and Support Groups
- ◆ Life Skills Workshops
- ◆ Referral Services

Bridge Diversional Housing

- ◆ A supportive, shared housing facility.
- ◆ Affordable monthly program fee.
- ◆ Case management and long-term support services.
- ◆ Goal-planning and life skills development.

Independent Housing Programs

- ◆ Three-bedroom townhomes
- ◆ One bedroom apartments
- ◆ All housing conveniently located within walking distance to community services, public transportation, shopping & restaurants.
- ◆ Affordable monthly lease payments.
- ◆ Case management and access to all DVCCC services.

Children's Services

The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County provides various support services for children who have witnessed and experienced domestic violence.

- ◆ Individual and Group Counseling
- ◆ Parental Support & Education
- ◆ School Liaison Services
- ◆ Recreational Activities/Opportunities
- ◆ Donation Drives (Holiday, School Supply, etc.)
- ◆ Court Accompaniment



Topics commonly addressed in these sessions include:

- * Adjusting to change: transition into a new environment, new family dynamics, etc.
- * Identifying, labelling, and appropriately expressing emotions.
- * Self-Esteem, Self-Respect, Self-Confidence, & Self-Worth.
- * Respecting others: Healthy relationships and friendships.
- * Dealing with Bullies & Problem-solving during conflict.
- * Health & Safety.
- * Goals, Choices, and Consequences.
- * Identifying and utilizing appropriate coping skills.