

# End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin

## The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence

For advocates, survivors, and their allies, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (End Abuse) is the ONLY statewide coalition of social workers, public policy advocates, attorneys and experts working to support, connect, equip, empower and lead organizations throughout WI for social change to end domestic abuse -

**because everyone deserves safety and dignity.**

### **Our Mission:**

We promote social change that transforms societal attitudes, practices, and policies to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, abuse and oppression.

### **Our Vision:**

We envision communities fully mobilized to ensure the safety and dignity of all.



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### **Our Work:**

Our work to end domestic violence is multifaceted. Since 1978, our coalition has grown and expanded in how we've been able to serve survivors and advocates around WI. Our support of survivors and direct service agencies remains constant, even as our initiatives change in response to the national anti-oppression landscape. As we center survivors in our work against domestic violence, we recognize our role in a larger anti-oppression movement.

Based in Madison, WI but with staff across the state and country, we work on a wide array of initiatives including engaging youth, public policy and legal systems advocacy, outreach to under-served communities, homicide prevention, and multidisciplinary response team support.

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**Program Areas:** Below is a list of End Abuse program areas, with a brief description of the work that is centered in each program area.

## **Children & Youth, Teens, and Families**

Children, youth & family services, & teen dating violence

## **Coordinated Community Response**

CCR/community collaborations, systems advocacy, & victim services.

## **Homicide Prevention**

Lethality assessment program, homicide response; reporting; and prevention, community collaborations, & systems advocacy

## **Legal**

Legal system & issues, restraining orders, family law, immigration, language access, and public benefits law

## **Public Policy**

General public policy, legislative advocacy, and media relations. (i.e. housing, child welfare, human trafficking, and civic engagement)

## **Prevention**

Primary prevention & anti-oppression. Prevention grant program, statewide prevention public awareness

## **Program Capacity & Support**

Victim services, trauma-informed care, program administration, capacity development, executive director support, and community collaboration

## **Reach**

Culturally specific services, anti-oppression and youth work. Outreach to Tribal communities, trauma-informed care, services for elders and individuals with a disability

## **Education & Training**

End Abuse hosts trainings and events related to preventing and ending domestic abuse, and works to keep advocates and allies informed of trends, resources, policies, and practices that have an impact on survivors, families, and communities affected by domestic abuse.

# Resources: Learning About Domestic Violence & Accessing Safety



Our **Get Help Map** connects you to local experts who can provide safety planning & resources for those experiencing domestic violence.

Visit [www.endabusewi.org/get-help](http://www.endabusewi.org/get-help) to access this list of local domestic violence service providers by region, view the services offered by each agency, and locate direct contact information.

Understanding that **violence disparately impacts historically marginalized communities**<sup>\*</sup>, our map includes culturally specific program information to ensure those experiencing violence have access to services that are responsive to individuals' needs, identities, and experiences.

<sup>\*</sup>US National Library of Medicine - National Institutes of Health: Journal of Women's Health

We also offer responses to Frequently Asked Questions about Domestic Violence, including what to expect from a domestic violence program. The following resources are from experts at the [National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, & Mental Health](#), the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#), the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#), the [National Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#), the [National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life](#), [Love Is Respect](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), and [Break The Cycle](#):

[What is intimate partner violence?](#)

[About Domestic Violence](#)

[What is domestic violence?](#)

[Dynamics of Abuse](#)

[Warning signs of abuse](#)

[Warning signs of dating abuse](#)

[When Someone You Know is Being Abused](#)

[Making the Decision to Talk with Someone About Being Abused](#)

[Safety Planning Strategies & Guidelines](#)

[Video on Safety Planning with Older Survivors](#)

# Resources: Health Impacts of Domestic Violence

## How does domestic violence impact health?

According to VAWnet, "the health impacts of domestic violence vary and may be physical or psychological, and short or long term. Domestic violence is a public health problem, and **health care providers can play a significant role in domestic violence prevention, identification, and intervention.**"

Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80 percent more likely to have a stroke, 70 percent more likely to have heart disease, 60 percent more likely to have asthma and 70 percent more likely to drink heavily than women who have not experienced intimate partner violence, according to [Futures Without Violence](#).

[Futures Without Violence: The Facts on Healthcare and Domestic Violence](#)

[National Institutes of Health: Addressing domestic violence in primary care: what the physician needs to know](#)

[US Department of Health & Human Services – Office on Women's Health: Effects of Violence Against Women](#)

[VAWnet: Impact of Domestic Violence on Health](#)

## HEALTH IMPACT: Women exposed to intimate partner violence are →

### Mental Health



### Sexual and Reproductive Health



### Death and Injury



End Abuse recognizes that **domestic violence impacts all genders**, but that globally, violence against women and girls is significant, and this significance is often reflected in language found in resources about gender-based violence. The United Nations Development Fund for Women estimates that at least 1 of every 3 women globally will be beaten, raped or otherwise abused during her lifetime. In most cases, the abuser is a member of her own family.