

Domestic Violence Council (DVC)

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LA County Domestic Violence Council



VISION

We envision a **community free from violence, abuse, and exploitation.**

We acknowledge that **violence, abuse, and exploitation thrive in isolation and separation.**

We believe that **responding to domestic violence requires a united, coordinated community response.**



MISSION

The Los Angeles County
Domestic Violence Council
(DVC)
provides leadership
in the
creation and support
of a
victim/survivor-centered,
countywide
and
coordinated approach
to educate, prevent, and
respond to domestic/
intimate partner violence.



VALUES

1. Community-informed
2. Customer service
3. Data driven
4. +Equity/- Disparities
5. Innovation
6. Partnership
7. Stewardship
8. Victim/survivor-centered



ROLE AND OBJECTIVES

The Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council (DVC) intends to reduce incidents of domestic/intimate partner violence in Los Angeles County by:

As a LEAD CONVENER: Establishing and coordinating systems and procedures to provide a working forum for interaction and the exchange of information between public, private, and non-profit agencies that provide services, resources, support, and education to individuals in an effort to end domestic/intimate partner violence.

As a THOUGHT LEADER: Identifying and analyzing best/promising practice prevention, intervention, and treatment techniques related to domestic/intimate partner violence for LA County implementation.

As a THOUGHT PARTNER: Sharing critical analysis of current and proposed legislation and policies to the DVC membership, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (the Board), and other interested parties.

As a LEAD CONVENER: Creating a repository of domestic/intimate partner violence related data and resources for use by DVC members, public, private, and non-profit agencies, the media, educational sources, and other interested parties.

MEMBERSHIP

The DVC was established as a permanent Council by order of the Board of Supervisors in 1979, and is composed of member agencies.

There are 70 member agencies (many more participants who are not formal members).

Member agencies are public, private, or non-profit organizations that services specific to domestic/intimate partner violence, including:

- Direct services
- Legal services (including prosecuting and/or defending DV cases)
- Advocacy
- Systems review
- Public education
- Training
- Self-help
- Community organizing
- Work to end DV by serving victim/survivors
- Re-educating perpetrators and potential perpetrators to end abusive behaviors





STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **Committee on Systems Improvement (CSI)** implements domestic violence laws and policies, provides resources and support to community partners, and address emerging issues that impact victims of domestic violence.
2. **Health Committee** promotes collaboration between the healthcare and domestic violence advocacy fields to improve and develop policy and systems change.
3. **Interfaith Committee** informs, educates, and support the faith community in the prevention and response to domestic violence, inclusive of all religions.
4. **LA Regional Policy Committee (LARP)** works to evaluate and recommend appropriate legislations to its membership and the LA County Board of Supervisors.
5. **LGBTQI+ Issues Committee (LGBTQI+)** engages communities, brings visibility, and raise awareness of the high rates of domestic violence and multiple forms of violence impacting LGBTQ communities. The Committee also works to educate service providers about the barriers that the LGBTQ community faces when trying to access services.
6. **Shelter Directors Committee** works to strengthen domestic violence shelters and to provide comprehensive support to survivors.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- ☐ **DV and Child Maltreatment Workgroup:**
The goal is to operationalize and implement recommendations from DVC 2022 DV and Child Welfare Report.
- ☐ **Multilingual Access Project:** The goal is to identify systems and service gaps for limited English survivors, and to develop and implement policies and protocols improve training, policies, and protocol which would enhance access for refugee/immigrant/undocumented survivors.
- ☐ **Lived Experience Advisory Peer (LEAP) Group:** The purpose is to provide mutual support domestic violence survivors, clients and service providers; and to integrate survivors' voices in all DVC spaces in alignment with the DVC's value of survivor-centered approach to ending gender-based violence
- ☐ **DVC African American Caucus:** The purpose is to provide support for self-identified Black/ African American/ African Immigrant DV survivors, service providers, and community members working to prevent initial and ongoing violence; and to advise the DVC on protocols, policies, and practices which work to improve access and response for DV for Black/AA DV survivors, families, and communities.
- ☐ **Prevention Advisory Committee (PAC):** The purpose is to highlight and educate the community on best/promising practices for ending gender-based violence prevention.



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For more information about the DVC, our meetings, and other related information:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/dvcouncil/>