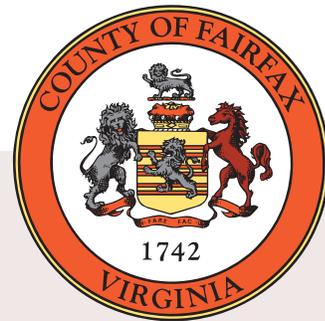


Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy & Coordinating Council



2013 Annual Report to the
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



November 26, 2013

Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins
Chairman, Human Services Committee
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035

Dear Supervisor Hudgins:

I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report of the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Coordinating Council (DVPPCC). This report, our first ever, highlights the state of domestic violence in Fairfax County as well as our coordinated efforts to prevent and respond to this violence in the County over the past year.

The DVPPCC, established by the Board of Supervisors in 2003, is a multi-disciplinary group of senior level public officials and community leaders formed to advise the Board on domestic violence policy and legislative and programmatic issues. The Council works in partnership with the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Network, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, the Domestic Violence Prevention Committee of the Faith Communities in Action Task Force, and the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Action Center to create and sustain a coordinated and collaborative community response to domestic violence.

The members of the DVPPCC wish to thank you for your leadership on addressing domestic violence and stalking in Fairfax County. We look forward to our continued partnership with you, and the rest of the Board, to prevent and end domestic violence in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Bobzien".

David P. Bobzien

Fairfax County Attorney

Chairman, Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Coordinating Council

cc: Members of the Board of Supervisors
County Executive Edward L. Long Jr.
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Deputy County Executive David M. Rohrer
DVPPCC Members



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The State of Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

Every month in Fairfax County, domestic violence hotlines receive almost 260 calls, victims request 65 family abuse protective orders, 14 families escape to an emergency domestic violence shelter, and over 160 domestic violence arrests are made. As domestic violence is the leading cause of homicide in our county, the importance of the timeliness, quality, and consistency of these interventions cannot be understated. Nor can the need for additional prevention efforts to break the cycle of domestic violence and prevent future generations from harm.

Sustaining a Coordinated Response

The Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Coordinating Council (DVPPCC) is tasked with leading the development of a coordinated response—both prevention and intervention—to domestic violence in Fairfax County. As such, over the past year, the DVPPCC and their partners have achieved the following tasks in furtherance of their four primary goals:

1. Engaged the community in a collective response to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence:
 - ◆ Raised awareness of domestic violence through events and programs such as the K-9 Krawl 5K, the Domestic Violence Action Center Grand Opening, and a feature episode of Supervisor Gross' Channel 16 Mason Matters show.
 - ◆ Equipped community members to join the response, including providing specialized training for medical professionals, increasing outreach to faith leaders, and developing the county's Domestic Violence Tier One training.
2. Developed and improved services that both support victim safety and promote offender accountability
 - ◆ Identified gaps in system services and generated recommendations to fill those gaps, including implementing the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation and Exchange program and the Family

& Friends Coming Together support group to address unique needs of families impacted by domestic violence.

3. Coordinated system and community interventions and ensured consistency and quality of those interventions through professional training and evaluation -
 - ◆ Organized a diverse group of human service agencies, justice professionals, and community members to collaborate effectively in responding to domestic violence through activities such as convening an Annual Meeting, developing a community website, and creating a detailed resource directory.
 - ◆ Collaborated and cross-trained with allied professionals—such as attorneys, school employees, social workers, and military providers—to increase the capacity of all professionals to respond to domestic violence.
4. Advised the Board of Supervisors on policy, funding, and legislative needs.
 - ◆ Promoted awareness months and released the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team annual report to emphasize to the Board, and the community at large, the prevalence, lethality, and effects of domestic violence on our community.

The Year Ahead

In the next year, the DVPPCC will continue its response efforts, including:

- ◆ Promoting the County's 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline [703-360-7273] and the need for increased community involvement and bystander intervention.
- ◆ Implementing lethality assessment tools and protocols system-wide in an effort to reduce future domestic violence-related homicides.
- ◆ Developing and enacting the County's Child Witness to Domestic Violence Response Plan.
- ◆ Sustaining the success of the Domestic Violence Action Center.



Sustaining A Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Coordinating Council (DVPPCC) was established by the Board of Supervisors on February 10, 2003 to bring together top leadership of county and community organizations to advise the Board of Supervisors and lead the development of a coordinated response to domestic violence.

In July 2012, an ad hoc workgroup was formed to strengthen the function and scope of responsibility of the DVPPCC. After an analysis of the groups' purpose, goals, and membership, the DVPPCC developed a new charter and bylaws, which the Board confirmed on January 8, 2013.

The new charter articulates the DVPPCC's vision, mission, and values:

Vision

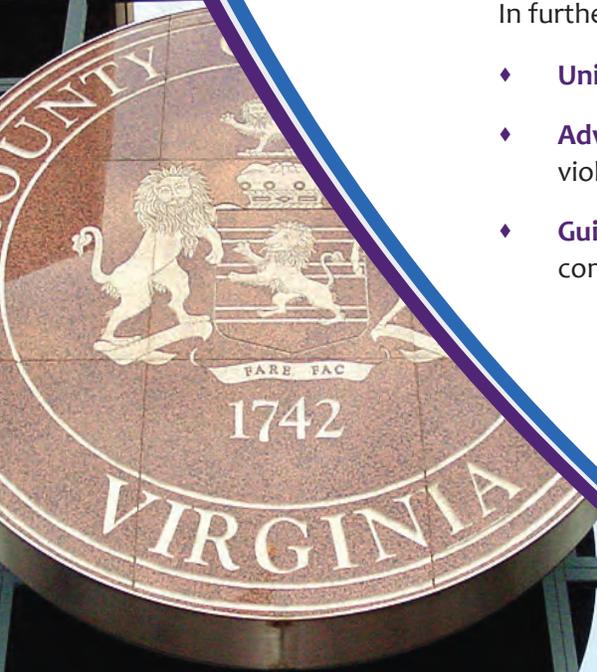
The DVPPCC envisions Fairfax County as a community:

- ◆ Where all individuals are safe, respected, and valued.
- ◆ Where any form of violence is unacceptable.
- ◆ Where a commitment to collective responsibility is upheld and embraced.

Mission & Purpose

In furtherance of that vision, the mission of the DVPPCC is to:

- ◆ **Unite** senior-level public officials and community leaders.
- ◆ **Advise** the Board of Supervisors on a range of domestic violence policy, legislative, and program issues.
- ◆ **Guide** the development of a coordinated and collaborative community response to domestic violence in Fairfax County.



Individual Rights and Responsibilities

- ◆ Everyone deserves respect and safety regardless of age, cultural or ethnic background, ability, gender, immigration status, marital status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status.
- ◆ Victims, offenders, and their families/ household members, have the right to confidential, accessible, and affordable services.
- ◆ Victims have the autonomy to determine their own lawful response, appropriate to their culture, religion, and needs. Victims have the right to full and accurate information when making any decision. Victims have the right to make these determinations without fear of any retribution and/or repercussion.
- ◆ Offenders of domestic violence-related crimes are responsible for their behavior and are held legally accountable.

Accountability

The Council partners are accountable for creating, developing, and implementing policies and practices that prevent and respond to domestic violence in a culturally-sensitive and accessible manner that preserves the rights and dignities of all individuals involved.

Prevention

- ◆ Council partners will implement age-appropriate and culturally-sensitive prevention initiatives and policies that deter violence and promote positive relationships.
- ◆ Council partners will implement evidence and research based approaches to early intervention/prevention with children, youth, and families appropriate to our community.

Community Engagement

- ◆ Our community is safer and served more effectively when systems and sectors work together to prevent, identify, and respond to domestic and sexual violence.
- ◆ Community responders must provide immediate crisis intervention and linkage to support services in a clear, culturally sensitive, easy-to-access way.
- ◆ Council partners will work to enable community members to be a part of the solution to end violence
- ◆ All community members can play an important role in the prevention and intervention of domestic violence by becoming active bystanders. Active bystanders are those who recognize a problem and decide to intervene in a way that feels safe and appropriate for them.

Collaborative Response

- ◆ Council partners recognize and address the intersections of other forms of oppression with domestic violence. These other forms of oppression include, but are not limited to, racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, ableism, and ageism.
- ◆ The first priority of all Council partners is the safety of those impacted by domestic violence and the Council will work to promote a cross system, collaborative response.
- ◆ Council partners share a commitment to work in a respectful and collaborative manner to help reduce or eliminate barriers that impede the development of a coordinated response.



Goals

The following four goals were enumerated by the DVPPCC in order to carry out the mission of the group:

1

Community Engagement

Engage the community in a **collective response** to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence.

2

Victim Safety and Offender Accountability

Support victim safety and autonomy and **promote offender accountability** and an opportunity for offenders to **eliminate violent behavior** in all forms.

3

Training and Evaluation

Increase coordination and consistency of system and community interventions and service provision.

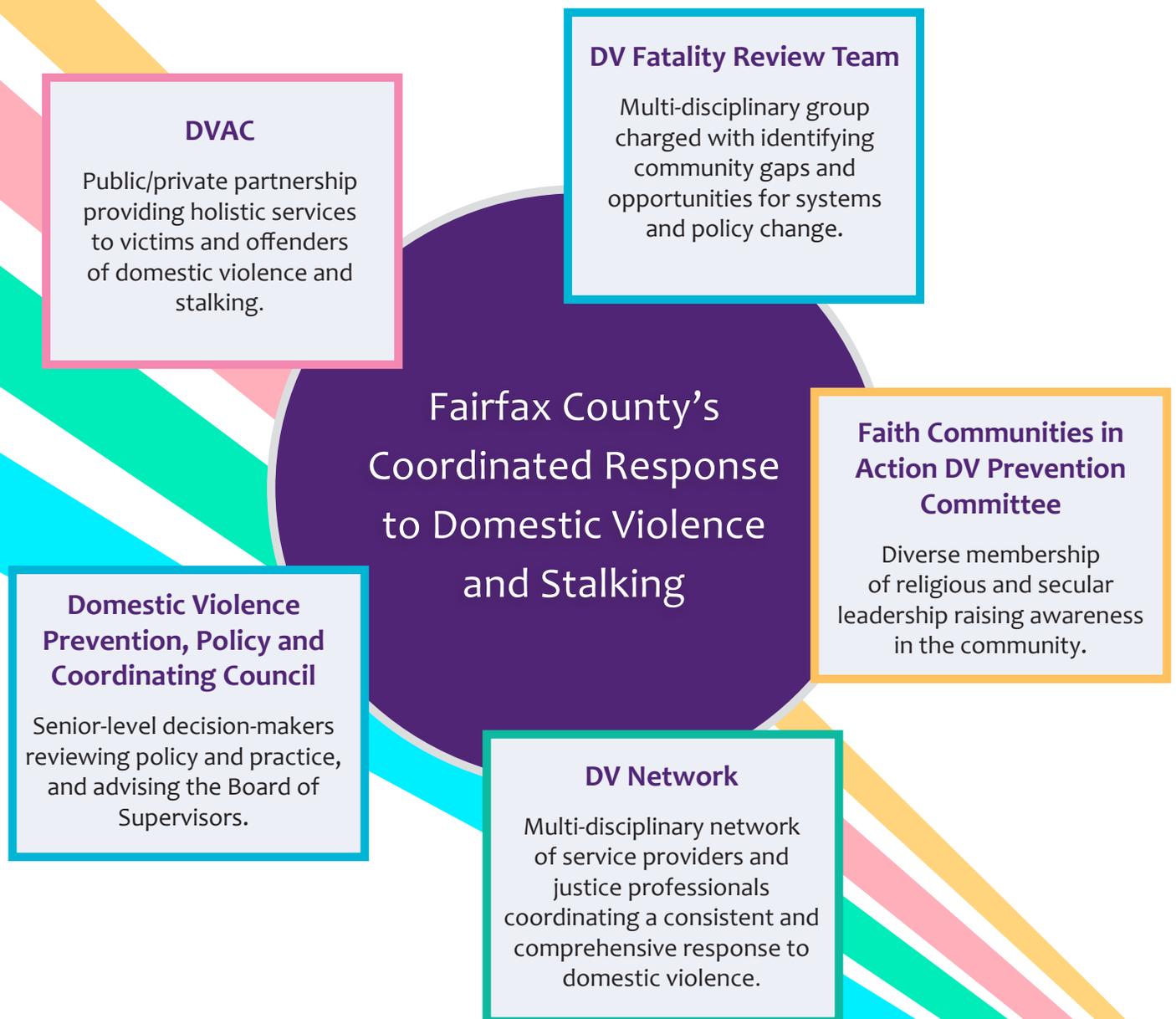
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Policy, Funding and Legislation

Advise the Board of Supervisors on policy and legislative priorities for improving the County's response to domestic violence.

DVPPCC members serve on one of four committees, each designed to effectuate one of the four defined goals. The DVPPCC committees work in collaboration with the Domestic Violence Network (DV Network), the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT), the Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC) partner agencies, the Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Domestic Violence Prevention Committee, and the council membership agencies.

Each of these other coordinating teams and coordinating projects are described below:





DV Network

The Domestic Violence Network is a multi-disciplinary group of service providers and justice professionals coordinating a consistent and comprehensive direct response to domestic violence in Fairfax County.



The mission of the DV Network is to support the development of a community-wide system of prevention and intervention that is responsive to the needs of families impacted by domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

The Fairfax County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team is a multi-disciplinary group of professionals who meet regularly to review the facts and circumstances surrounding all intimate partner homicides and homicide-suicides in Fairfax County, with the aim of diminishing the likelihood of future intimate partner fatalities.

The mission of the DVFRT is to:

- ◆ **Identify** the circumstances leading up to intimate partner homicides and homicide-suicides.
- ◆ **Determine** indicators that prompt early identification, intervention, education, and prevention efforts in similar cases.
- ◆ **Improve** communication in all systems that serve persons involved in domestic violence in an effort to diminish the likelihood of future intimate partner homicides.

Faith Communities in Action Domestic Violence Prevention Committee

The Domestic Violence Prevention Committee of the Faith Communities in Action Task



Force is composed of members from diverse religious and secular backgrounds who believe that violence and abuse in intimate and familial relationships are deeply antithetical to the values of faith communities in Fairfax County.

The countywide committee seeks to:

- ◆ **Raise awareness** about the prevalence and impact of family abuse.
- ◆ **Educate** about domestic abuse and the various roles in a coordinated community response.
- ◆ **Inspire and empower** communities and their leadership to support survivors of abuse and eliminate domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Action Center

The Fairfax County Domestic Violence Action Center is a comprehensive, co-located service center, staffed by



county agency and community non-profit partners, created to provide culturally responsive information and support services for victims of intimate partner domestic violence and stalking, and their families, as well as to promote the accountability of offenders of these crimes through specialized prosecution and offender supervision.



The Year in Review

The DVPPCC member agencies and our partner coordinating teams have worked hard the past year to effectuate the goals outlined by the council.

The following highlights some of the major accomplishments of our coordinating teams:

1

Community Engagement

Goal 1: Engage the community in a collective response to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence.

The DVPPCC Community Engagement Committee collaborate with the Outreach Committee of the DV Network and the Faith Communities in Action Domestic Violence Prevention Committee to raise awareness of domestic violence in our communities as well as equip our community members with knowledge on the resources and options available to families impacted by domestic violence.

October 13, 2012



The Victim Services Section of the Fairfax County Police Department hosted its **6th Annual K-9 Krawl 5K**. Over 200 people attended the walk, which brought awareness to the community about the connection between animal cruelty and domestic violence.

October 25, 2012

Chairman Sharon Bulova commenced the **Domestic Violence Action Center Grand Opening**, speaking to the need for coordinated service delivery to families impacted by domestic violence. The Grand Opening also featured Christi Adams, who spoke about her own experience as a survivor of domestic violence and her journey to developing the community non-profit organization, SAVE (Stop Abuse, Victim Empowerment).



December 5, 2012

The DV Network's Outreach Committee conducted its first **medical provider outreach training** at Fairfax Family Practice. The Outreach Committee, with the Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services Community Engagement team taking the lead, has since conducted several additional trainings for medical professionals.

January 31, 2013

The FCIA Domestic Violence Prevention Committee hosted a training entitled Domestic Violence Intervention: First Steps for Clergy and Faith Leaders. This was the third such training the Committee has hosted, **educating a combined 227 faith leaders** from a variety of faith communities.

February 2013

Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross featured the Domestic Violence Action Center, the County-Wide Domestic Violence Coordinator Sandy Bromley, and Mason District Police Station Domestic Violence Detective Carolyn Kinney, from the Mason District Police Station, on **Mason Matters**, a monthly cable television program on the County's Channel 16.

◆ March 2013

Channel 16 produced and released a promotional video about the Domestic Violence Action Center, **educating our community about resources** available through this public/private partnership. The video can be viewed at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/domesticviolence/dvac.

◆ April 19, 2013

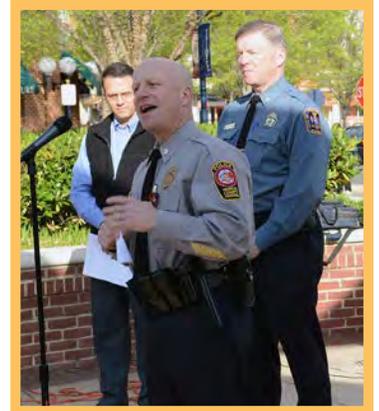
Inspired by lessons from her family violence course, taught by professor and DVPPCC member Dr. Angela Hattery, a George Mason University basketball player organized her fellow team members to collect toiletries at each hotel they visited throughout the basketball season to support victims of domestic violence. Joy Harrington and her teammates collected hundreds of bottles of shampoo, lotions, and other necessities and donated them to Artemis House, the County's 24-hour emergency domestic violence shelter.



◆ April 21, 2013

The Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Section hosted the 1st Annual 5K Walk and Candlelight Vigil in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Sixteen agencies provided information and resources to the over 200 people who attended the walk.

Chief Roessler speaks to the crowd of over 200 people who attended the FCPD Victim Services Section Crime Victims' Rights 5k Walk in April 2013.



◆ June 2013

The DV Network Training Committee held its third round of Domestic Violence Tier One training (previous rounds were held in October 2012 and February 2013). The 20-hour basic training on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking is designed to be a beginning training for new professionals to the field as well as train community members and potential volunteers to help address domestic violence in their communities. A total of 275 people attended Tier One training through September 2013.





The Year in Review

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Victim Safety & Offender Accountability

Goal: Support victim safety and autonomy and promote offender accountability and an opportunity for offenders to eliminate violent behavior in all forms.

The DVPPCC Assessment and Standards Committee partners with the Services and Needs Committees of the DV Network, and individual member agencies to improve the quality and effectiveness of services available to families impacted by domestic violence in our community.

◆ **December 10, 2012**

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Services received approval to begin accepting clients at **Safe Havens**, a supervised visitation and exchange program developed entirely for families impacted by domestic violence. Safe Havens complements the existing Stronger Together program (located directly across the hall) and fills a gap by providing free, trauma-informed services for families where safety is a major concern in their custody case.

◆ **February 2013**

The partners of the Domestic Violence Action Center began a project, entitled **Advocate of the Day**, within the Domestic Relations Intake Office at Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. A victim advocate is now available each day to work with protective order petitioners on planning for their safety and informing them of available options and resources.

◆ **March 5, 2013**

The Needs Committee of the DV Network held a **Family Law Services Roundtable**, inviting the leaders of legal aid organizations and private attorneys to discuss gaps in current family law options for victims of domestic violence as well as brainstorm solutions to fill those gaps. Approximately 45 people attended the Roundtable, which resulted in great ideas for improved collaboration among agencies and strategies for developing our community's capacity for providing affordable family law services for victims.

◆ **July 9, 2013**

Family & Friends Coming Together, a peer support group for family and friends of victims of domestic and dating violence, was launched. This joint project of the Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and the Department of Family Services Domestic Violence Unit was created to respond to the unique needs of our community members who are supporting families impacted by domestic violence.

3

Training & Evaluation

Goal: Increase coordination and consistency of system and community interventions and service provision.

The DVPPCC Training and Evaluation Committee works closely with the DV Network's Coordination and Training Committees in order to improve the quality and consistency of services available to families impacted by domestic violence in Fairfax County.

◆ **September 18, 2012**

The Fairfax County Domestic Violence Community held their first **Annual Meeting**, bringing



together over 100 members of county and community agencies to celebrate the successes of the prior year and kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). Following a Breakfast with the Judges, facilitated by Judge Thomas Mann, Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison opened the event, noting the importance of the community's collaborative efforts. Awards of excellence were also distributed at the event. Our 2012 Annual Award winners were Jeannie Kuley–Service Provider Award of Excellence; Judge Thomas Mann–Allied Professional Award of Excellence and Jewell Mikula–Community Member Award of Excellence.

November 2012

The Department of Family Services Domestic Violence Unit began training all **School Age Child Care (SACC) employees** on the developmental, behavioral, and social effects of witnessing domestic violence on children. Impressed at the response to the training by their staff, SACC leadership now offers this domestic violence training regularly through their mandatory continuing education program.

February 2013

The DV Network's Coordination Committee finalized a **Resource Directory**, compiling over 70 member agencies, and the services they provide, into one document that professionals can access to determine eligible and appropriate referrals for their clients. The Resource Directory is available at <http://fairfaxdvcommunity.org>.

April 22, 2013

DVAC partners hosted the Ft. Belvoir Family Advocacy Program and the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program (SHARP) for a meet-and-greet and cross training. **County, community, and military service providers** were able to discuss cross-jurisdictional cases and develop more effective collaborations among the providers.

May 30, 2013

The Fairfax Bar Association invited the County-Wide Domestic Violence Coordinator to present at their Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Updates & Hot Topics Continuing Legal Education program. The coordinator presented to **private attorneys and guardians ad litem** on the 2012 Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team's Annual Report and how to effectively work with families impacted by domestic violence and trauma.

July 2013

With the support of DVPPCC member Christy Eaton and volunteer Michelle Mueller, the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Community debuted their **website: <http://fairfaxdvcommunity.org>**.



This site is accessible to all county and community partners and features a calendar of events and other important updates and information for both providers and community members.

August, 31, 2013

The County-Wide Domestic Violence Coordinator, in partnership with the Department of Family Services Domestic Violence Unit, conducted an in-service training on the effects of domestic violence on children for Fairfax County Public Schools **Family Life Education teachers**.





The Year in Review

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Policy, Funding & Legislation

Goal: Advise the Board of Supervisors on policy and legislative priorities for improving the county's response to domestic violence.

The Policy, Funding, and Legislation Committee of the DVPPCC collaborates with the Needs Committee of the DV Network in order to inform county leadership on the policy, legislative, and funding needs of the domestic violence community.

September 25, 2012



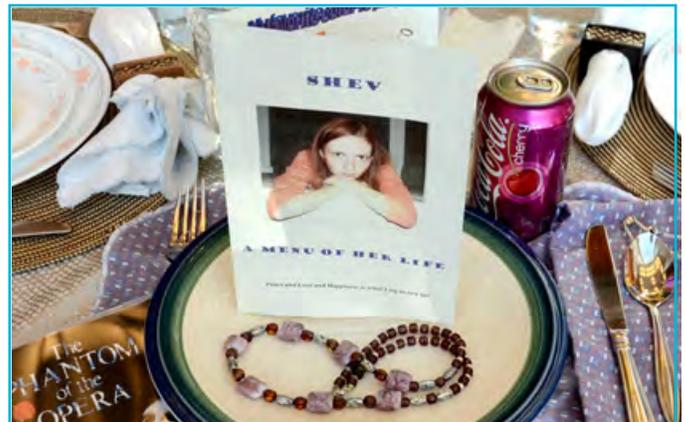
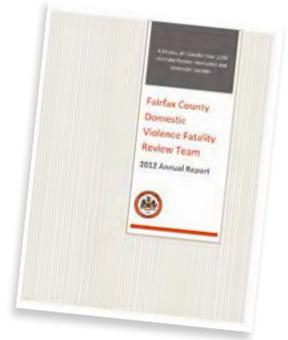
The Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services celebrated the 35th anniversary of Artemis House (previously called the Women's Shelter) with a reception and proclamation from the Board of Supervisors declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fairfax County.

January 8, 2013

Lt. Col Thomas Ryan, Deputy Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department and Co-Chair of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review team, accepted the Board of Supervisors' proclamation that January 2013 was designated as Stalking Awareness Month in Fairfax County. In his acceptance speech, Lt. Col. Ryan highlighted the fact that 40% of the 2009 domestic violence-related homicides, reviewed by the team in 2012, involved stalking prior to the murder.

February 2013

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team presented its first ever annual report to the Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors. The report revealed the results of the team's reviews of domestic violence-related homicides and provided recommendations for system improvement. Following the release of the report, the Fairfax County Police Department immediately implemented two of the recommendations. First, they created a Lethality Assessment Workgroup to design the tool and program the Department will employ in order to better assess for lethal cases and, second, instituted training on teen dating violence as a mandatory component of their annual School Resource Officer training.



October 2012

Empty Place at the Table display – Honoring the Life of DV Homicide Victim Siobhon Russell

Shev was a 19-year-old who was murdered by her 17-year-old boyfriend on April 12, 2009. Russell's slaying was the third homicide in the county that year.

The plate setting was filled with Shev's favorite things and resembles her empty seat at the family's dining table.

The following goals and activities are a sample of those that have been set forth by the DVPPCC and our partner coordinating teams to work on during the year ahead:

1 Engage the community in a collective response to the prevention and intervention of domestic violence.

- ◆ Increase community outreach and engagement efforts, particularly focusing on promoting the use of the county's 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline (703-360-7273) and the need for increased community involvement and bystander intervention.
- ◆ The Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department took the lead on this task by providing purple wristbands to their employees to wear during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 2013. The wristbands read "Speak Out to End Domestic Violence," a message more agencies, community groups, and individuals can send throughout 2014.

2 Support victim safety and autonomy and promote offender accountability and an opportunity for offenders to eliminate violent behavior in all forms.

- ◆ Implement lethality assessment tools and protocols system-wide. Taking the lead from the Fairfax County Police Department, all member agencies will work to implement a lethality or risk assessment process that works for their profession and organization.
- ◆ With leadership from the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Services and George Mason University, the DVPPCC Assessment and Standards Committee will design a community assessment study to review the civil family abuse protective order process through the lens of victim safety and offender accountability.

3 Increase coordination and consistency of system and community interventions and service provision.

- ◆ Develop and enact the County's Child Witness to Domestic Violence response plan, which will include prevention, intervention, professional education, and community engagement goals that will respond to the traumatic effects that children experience when exposed to domestic violence.
- ◆ The DVPPCC Training and Evaluation Committee will work to strengthen the domestic violence content in Fairfax County's existing workplace violence training, ensuring that every county employee develops a baseline understanding of domestic violence and how it affects the workplace.

4 Advise the Board of Supervisors on policy and legislative priorities for improving the county's response to domestic violence.

- ◆ The DVPPCC will promote the success of the Domestic Violence Action Center and its partner agencies in order to sustain the project financially following the conclusion of the current grant funding cycle in September 2014.





The State of Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

The following statistics reflect Fiscal Year 2013 (July 2012 – June 2013) numbers from selected organizations, both county government and community non-profit, who work to prevent and intervene in cases of domestic violence.

These numbers do not reveal an exhaustive list of families in our community that are affected by domestic violence, as those families may have chosen not to reach out for services or received services from organizations who were either unable to provide their data or are not traditional domestic violence service agencies (for example, a local community center).

Hotline & Helpline Calls

Fairfax County - 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence

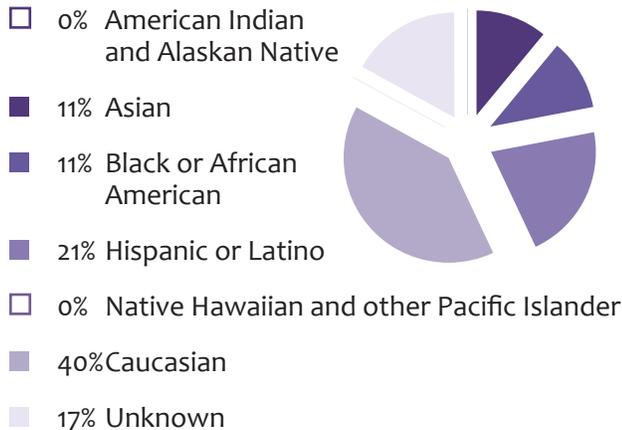
Hotline 703-360-7273

- 1664/year
- 138/month

Age

13 - 17	2%	40-59	28%
18-24	5%	60+	5%
25-39	60%		

Ethnicity FY13



Artemis House Hotline

24-hour emergency domestic violence shelter

- ♦ 1165/year
- ♦ 97/month

Bethany House of Northern Virginia Helpline

Domestic violence shelter - Fairfax County callers only

- ♦ 261/year
- ♦ 22/month

3090 calls per year

257 calls per month

Shelter

Artemis House

24-hour emergency domestic violence shelter

- ♦ 128 new families/year
- ♦ Over 10 new families/month

Age: 142 children



0 - 12	48%	25-39	25%
13-17	5%	40-59	10%
18-24	11%	60+	1%

Ethnicity

35%	Black/African-American
22%	Caucasian
24%	Hispanic/Latino
10%	Asian

Gender

- ♦ 127 females
- ♦ 1 male

- ♦ 10% of clients (with 21 children) exited the shelter back to the home where their abuser lived.
- ♦ Due to the shortage of emergency shelter beds, 283 eligible households turned away.

Bethany House of Northern Virginia

Domestic violence shelter, Fairfax County residents only

- ◆ 42 new families/year
- ◆ Approximately 4 new families/month

Age

Children	65	30-39	32%
18-19	3%	40-49	22%
20-29	36%	60+	2%

Ethnicity

45%	Black/African-American
26%	Asian
21%	Caucasian
45%	Hispanic (all races)
7%	Multi-Ethnic

Gender

- ◆ 42 females (with 65 children)
- ◆ Due to the shortage of emergency shelter beds, 128 eligible households turned away.

In addition to our domestic violence shelter numbers, according to the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness' 2013 Point-in-Time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness, **30% of homeless families identified domestic violence as the reason for homelessness.**

Criminal Justice

Fairfax County Police Department
Domestic Violence Calls for Service

11,138 per year

928 per month

Arrests

- ◆ Assault on Family Member
 - ◆ 1665/year
 - ◆ 139/month
- ◆ Violations of Protective Orders:
 - ◆ 293/year
 - ◆ 24/month

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

Two DVAC-funded domestic violence specialized prosecutors

Cases from law enforcement

- ◆ Received 1476
- ◆ Accepted 733/year 61/month
- ◆ Declined 718
- ◆ Transferred/Other 9

Civil Justice - Protective Orders & Legal Services

Ayuda Fairfax County clients only

- ◆ Immigration Legal Services - 43 clients

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Family Abuse Protective Orders

- ◆ Requested 764
- ◆ Granted 268
- ◆ Denied, Withdrawn or Dismissed 434
- ◆ Pending/Unknown 62

Legal Services of Northern Virginia

Fairfax County clients only

Staff Cases	467	Pro Bono Cases	145
◆ Protective Order	113	◆ Protective Order	126
◆ Divorce	113	◆ Divorce:	14
◆ Custody	154	◆ Custody	3
◆ Support	58	◆ Housing & Consumer	2
◆ Other	29		

Tahirih Justice Center Fairfax County clients only

- ◆ Immigration Legal Services: 411 clients
- ◆ Family Legal Services: 58 clients

The State of Domestic Violence in Fairfax County

Victim Advocacy and Counseling Services

Fairfax County is fortunate to offer victims both system-based advocacy services, through the Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Section, and community-based advocacy services, through DVAC and other community organizations. Victims can also access counseling services through a variety of organizations. The following are a sample of the advocacy and counseling services provided in FY13:

Ayuda - Advocacy & counseling

37 victims served

Domestic Violence Action Center

Advocacy provided by on-site partners – Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and The Women's Center.

594 Victims served

♦ 50 new clients/month

Gender

♦ 557 females ♦ 35 male

FAITH Social Services - Advocacy & counseling

81 victims served

Northern Virginia Family Service - Multicultural Human Services - Advocacy & counseling

89 victims served

Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services - Counseling

312 victims served

Ethnicity

48% Hispanic/Latino; 28% Caucasian; 14% Black/African American; 7% Asian

Gender

♦ 94% females ♦ 6% male

SAVE – Stop Abuse, Victim Empowerment Advocacy

17 victims served

Victim Services Section, Fairfax County Police Department - Advocacy

1460 cases/year ♦ 121 cases/month

- 3 Homicides
- 1273 Assaults
- 184 Violations of Protective Orders

These numbers reflect domestic violence cases only; Victim Services offers services to all violent crime victims in the county.

The Women's Center - Advocacy & counseling

33 victims served

Offender Services

Fairfax County has three certified Batterer Intervention Programs which provide 18-week psycho-educational groups to both court-ordered and self-referred offenders of domestic violence. Additionally, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, through the DVAC grant, employs a Civil Protective Order Compliance Officer who monitors respondent's compliance with treatment or intervention provisions of a protective order.

Northern Virginia Family Service Multicultural Human Services

91 clients completed

Ethnicity

100% Hispanic/Latino (all Spanish speaking)

Gender

♦ 93% Males ♦ 7% Female

OAR of Fairfax County

- ◆ 46 clients court-ordered
- ◆ 40 clients completed

Ethnicity

37% Caucasian, 24% Asian, 22% Black/African-American, 10% Hispanic/Latino, 7% Other

Gender

- ◆ 100% Male

Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services – ADAPT Program

- ◆ 14 new English groups and 5 new Spanish groups.
- ◆ 215 clients started group
 - ◆ 173 completed
 - ◆ 24 dropped out
- ◆ 13 excused for non-compliance, 5 involved other circumstances.

Ethnicity

34% Hispanic/Latino, 25% Caucasian, 21% Black/African American, 14% Asian

Gender

- ◆ 77% Male ◆ 23% Females

JDRDC Protective Order Compliance Officer

- ◆ At the end of June 2013, monitoring 46 active cases.
- ◆ Approximately one new referral per week .

Children Impacted

National estimates reveal that more than 3 million children witness domestic violence every year. Additionally, children who live in homes where there is domestic violence also suffer higher rates of physical abuse or neglect. The following statistics reflect the numbers of known children impacted by domestic

violence in Fairfax County as self-reported by their parents or caregivers:

Department of Family Services Child Protective Services

- ◆ 17% (400) of all CPS intakes involve domestic violence.
- ◆ 35% (24) of all children entering foster care reported witnessing domestic violence.

Department of Family Services Domestic Violence Unit

- ◆ Co-managed child protective or family preservation services cases that involved 375 children.

Domestic Violence Action Center

- ◆ Advocacy clients report 580 children impacted
 - ◆ 60% of those children are under 8 years of age.

Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Supervised Visitation and Exchange Services

Stronger Together.

- ◆ 110 families served with 174 children.
- ◆ 70% of the families reported domestic violence as a contributing factor leading to supervised visitation.

Safe Havens - Specialized center exclusively serving families impacted by domestic violence

- ◆ 7 families served with 8 children -starting in February 2013.

Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services

- ◆ Fairfax County 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline callers reported 914 children impacted.
- ◆ Counseling team directly served 36 children and youth.



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