

Fairfax County Department of Family Services

DSVS

Domestic & Sexual
Violence Services



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FAMILY SERVICES



Vision

Peaceful, thriving, powerful communities where all people are safe and free from oppression, fear, and violence.

MISSION

We work with communities to transform society's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and stalking by challenging oppression, collaborating to inform policy and providing all persons impacted by violence with equitable access to trauma informed support, advocacy, education, and a space for healing .

Just a refresher

WHAT IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE?



Public Health and Public Safety issues



Deeply rooted in historical oppression, gender inequality and toxic norms of masculinity



Most pervasive form by intimate partners



Can include physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, reproductive and psychological, economic abuse



Perpetuated by lack of justice, dearth of resources, and lack of economic opportunities



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Lethality Assessment Program (LAP):

Multi-disciplinary team coordinating effective implementation of county-wide program & reviewing data and trends on victims in high risk

Step Up For Kids Coalition (SU4K):

Diverse membership of county, FCPS, and non-profit leadership building a response to children who experience DV

DV Network:

Multi-disciplinary network of service providers & justice professionals coordinating a consistent & comprehensive response to domestic violence

Fairfax County's Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence & Stalking

Council to End Domestic Violence (CEDV):

Senior-level decision-makers reviewing policy & practice and advising the Board of Supervisors

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART):

Co-chaired by the Commonwealth Attorney's office & Fairfax County DV/SV Services in coordination on SV policy & legislative issues

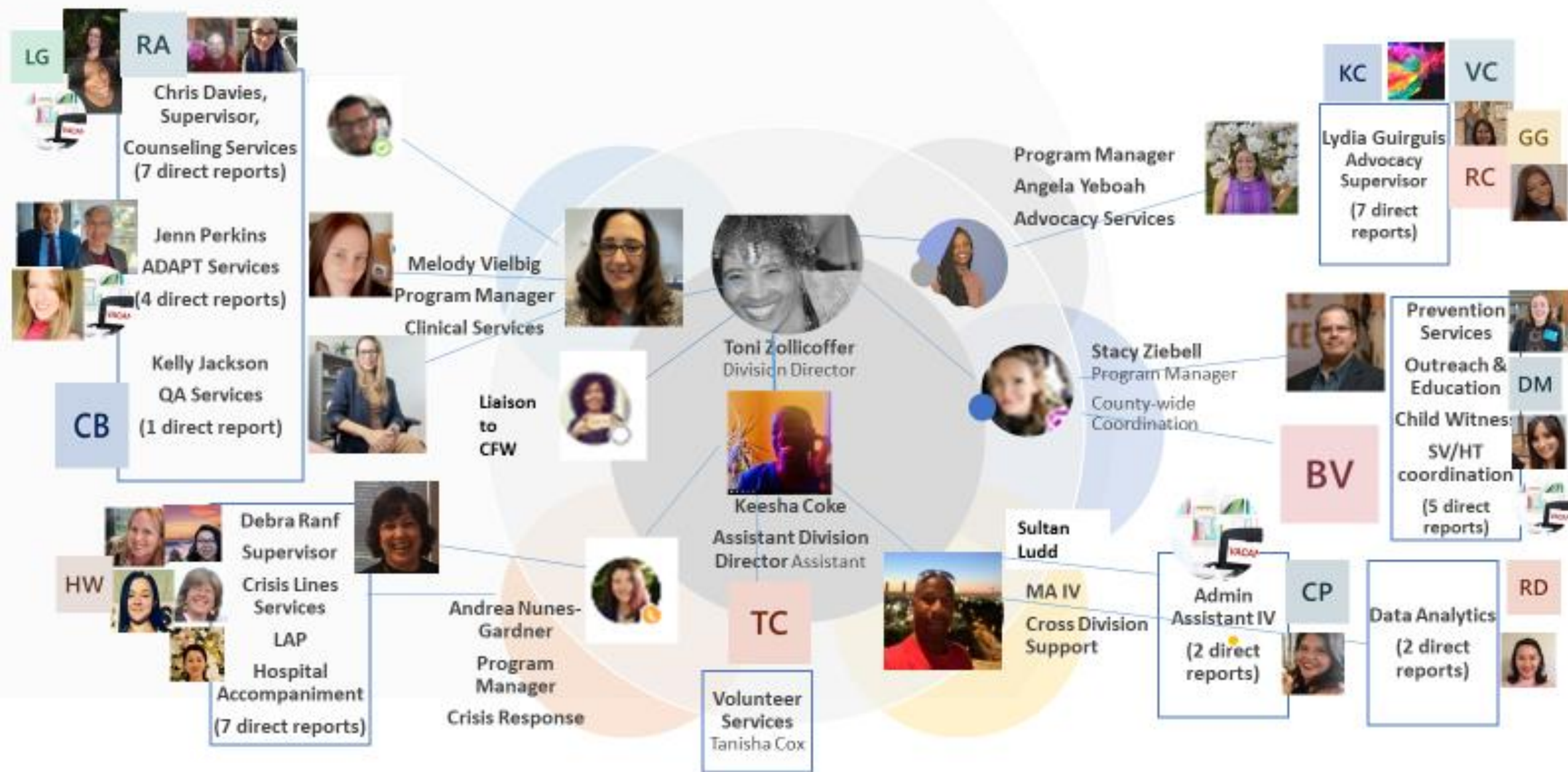
Domestic Violence Action Center (DVAC):

Public/private partnership providing holistic services to victims and offenders of domestic violence & stalking

DV Fatality Review Team:

Multi-disciplinary group charged with identifying community gaps opportunities for systems and policy change

DSVS Organization Chart



DSVS Programs and Services



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703-360-7273
TTY 711



Advocacy

- *DVAC
- *Liaison to Artemis House
- *Partnership development

Clinical Services

- * Counseling
- *ADAPT
- *QA

Crisis Response

- * Hotline
- *LAP
- *HA

PECT

- *Prevention
- *Sexual Violence Coordination
- *Outreach and Education
- *Youth Services

Cross Division Operations

- *Administrative Support
- *Data Analytics

*Volunteer Services

- *Liaison to CFW

Six Priorities

Integrate equity
and social justice

Improve and
elevate services
(SV, HT, stalking)

Assess, improve,
deepen
partnerships

Become more
data-informed

Update technology,
systems, processes

Streamline services
to focus on
greatest impact



1888 hotline calls

357 LAP calls

1045 Advocacy clients

3000 counseling sessions

Community Measures

3738 domestic violence calls

253 arrest charges due to strangulation

What's New With DSVS

- Strategic partnerships (Second Story, GMU, culturally specific organizations)
- Advocacy services available in community settings (Lee community center, Tysons Mall, HNRC, Connections for Hope, INOVA Cares Clinic)
- Emphasizing *accountability* to increase survivor safety
- New grant –HYPE in Spanish
- Equity considerations in P&Ps and focus on impact vs. activities
- Gender workshops in libraries



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“You should talk to *Advocacy* first”

a general district court judge



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- **Counseling**
- **Crisis
Intervention**
- **Information &
Referral**
- **Support**