

Dear Stakeholder, -

The Fairfax County [Council to End Domestic Violence \(CEDV\)](#) Accountability Workgroup is gathering input from survivors of domestic violence to learn how the community can promote change and responsibility in people who cause harm. We are contacting you, because your organization is part of our coordinated community response to domestic violence. We invite you to participate in any of the following ways:

1. Facilitate a focus group, online or in-person in English, Spanish, or another language
2. Host a space for a focus group
3. Host a focus group within a survivors' group you currently lead
4. Conduct one-on-one interviews with survivors
5. Invite survivors you know or serve to participate in a focus group, interview, or survey

We seek to host focus group sessions in shelters, support groups, community centers, or other locations, as well as video sessions. We are also specifically seeking facilitators who could lead a focus group in another language. Focus group sessions will last 90 minutes. Gift cards will be offered to focus group and interview participants. Refreshments will be available at in-person sessions, and interpretation services will be available where needed.

Our goal is to recruit facilitators by the end of February 2023. We plan to offer focus groups and interviews and distribute surveys to survivors during March and April 2023.

Please discuss this initiative with your organization and share this with others. **Please contact Andréa Nunes-Gardner at 703-207-7776 or andrea.nunes-gardner@fairfaxcounty.gov and tell us how you would like to support these efforts. Please respond by February 28, 2023.**

After conducting the sessions, the CEDV Accountability Workgroup will identify themes and create recommendations. Your support will help the community understand better how to promote accountability and honor the needs of survivors. Thank you in advance for your support of this project!

Thank you,

The CEDV Accountability Workgroup