

Good afternoon Mr./Mrs. Stakeholder -

The Fairfax County Council to End Domestic Violence [Council to End Domestic Violence \(CEDV\) \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cedv) has developed an accountability workgroup in an effort to explore ways the community can promote accountability of domestic abusers for their actions and increase public safety through community-based accountability.

These efforts aim to learn from the shared wisdom and knowledge of stakeholders and survivors to assess the current state of Fairfax's response to domestic violence and strengthen accountability approaches. The focus groups and surveys aim to center survivor voices in the overarching process and solutions around accountability for those who cause harm. Survivors are the most valuable source of information on what victims/survivors need from their community. Therefore, the electronic and paper survey, focus groups, or in-person interviews are created to gather input from victims/survivors.

As a valued member of our domestic violence response, we wanted to include you in this process. Therefore, we are reaching out to stakeholders throughout Fairfax County to ask if your organization would be willing to facilitate any focus groups, in-person interviews and/or provide space within your location for a safe and confidential place for the surveys and focus groups to be conducted to gain helpful feedback.

Your perspective and expertise would be highly beneficial for facilitation and can help guide conversations with survivors. Your experience regarding domestic violence offenders is crucial, and we invite you to be a part of gathering more information on this issue.

We are recruiting facilitators for community-based events and any existing forums that could facilitate individual surveys, focus groups, and interviews.

Our goal is to recruit facilitators by February 2023

Planning to start focus groups and distribute surveys to Survivors within Fairfax County

Date: March and April 2023,

Time: TBD

Locations: TBD

We are holding # groups: **(The level of commitment)**

1. Artemis House/In Shelters (Address Fairfax, VA.) Date, Time, Virtual, In-person
2. Community Support group sessions (Address Fairfax, VA) Date, Time Virtual, In-person
3. Community Centers (Address Fairfax, VA) Date, Time, Virtual, In-person
4. *Town hall (Address Fairfax, VA) Date, Time, Virtual, In-person

****This group will be held in Spanish only. Only select this group if you are Bi-lingual to this group if you speak Spanish.**

Please share with me the names of 1-2 staff to represent your agency /organization, their role, and if they are available to schedule a time to discuss their participation in these efforts. If possible, please respond by February

If I can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you in advance for your support of this project!

Thank you.

People always like to hear about what information will be shared and how it will be disseminated. We haven't decided, so this is a possibility.

After conducting the sessions, we will identify themes and create recommendations regarding the future of accountability for those who cause harm through domestic violence. The themes and recommendations will be further reviewed and solidified during in-person meetings this upcoming year.

After we obtain the information regarding location and times:

1. Select which one you can attend
2. If you're interested in: contact this person
 - a. then that person behind the scenes can like help schedule
3. If this is going out by e-mail- utilize a sign-up genius or a calendar.
 - a. Something that would facilitate that scheduling process.