

Community Education and Training

DVCCC staff, board members and volunteers conduct domestic violence education and prevention programs and training at schools, businesses, organizations, health fairs, and community events. This includes Latino Outreach through an ongoing collaboration with La Comunidad Hispana.

Our Medical Advocacy Program trains health care providers to screen patients for domestic abuse and provides technical support to hospitals in developing policies and protocols to respond to domestic violence.

Our Police Training Program is designed to coordinate services, and provide training and protocol development support for local police departments and law enforcement agents.

Dating Violence education is available for area schools and youth groups.

A 45 hour domestic violence training for volunteers is offered twice a year.

For more information call 610-431-3546.

Member agency

United Way of Chester County
United Way of Southern Chester County
The Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) charitable organization. A copy of the official registration may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling, toll-free in Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County

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All services are free and
confidential.



Southern Chester County Satellite Offices

731 W Cypress Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-7550 Ext 233/243
(English/Spanish)

35 North Third Street
Oxford, PA 19363
610-932-8557 Ext. 211

Northwestern Chester County Satellite Office

1001 East Lincoln Highway
Suite 103
Coatesville, PA 19320
610-384-2774



AGENCY SERVICES

The Mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to provide intervention, education, outreach, advocacy and programs to prevent, reduce and remedy domestic violence in Chester County.



Adult Counseling

- ◆ 24 Hour Hotline
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Intake and Needs Assessment
- ◆ Individual & Group Counseling
- ◆ Service and Safety Planning
- ◆ Information and Referrals
- ◆ All Services Free and Confidential

Trained counselors provide crisis intervention, intake and needs assessment, individual and group non-therapeutic counseling, service and safety planning, information and referrals to other agencies

Individual counseling is provided by our trained counseling staff, volunteers, and student interns. Sessions are accessible through our hotline. Morning through evening hours are available.

Counselors facilitate weekly support groups for survivors of domestic violence. Groups are designed to ensure the safety and confidentiality of the participants. These meetings are held at a confidential location.

Legal Center

- ◆ Legal Advocacy
- ◆ Legal Representation
- ◆ Accompaniment to Court Hearings
- ◆ Outreach to District Courts
- ◆ All Services Free and Confidential

DVCCC staff attorneys and Legal Advocates provide legal options counseling, advocacy and representation to victims of domestic violence in areas including Protection from Abuse Orders, custody, immigration, spousal support, child support, bankruptcy. The Legal Center works in collaboration with law enforcement to assure that domestic violence victims are served efficiently and compassionately.

Housing

DVCCC offers emergency shelter and transitional housing options to victims of domestic violence and their dependent children.

Emergency Shelter

- ◆ Safe House/24 Hour Access
- ◆ Case Management
- ◆ Safety Plan Development
- ◆ Food and Emergency Clothing
- ◆ Counseling and Support Groups
- ◆ Life Skills Workshops
- ◆ Referral Services

Emergency Shelter is available for up to 30 days in a 6 month period.

Bridge Transitional Housing

- ◆ A Supportive, Shared Facility
- ◆ Monthly Program Fee
- ◆ Case Management and Long Term Supportive Services
- ◆ Goal-planning and Life Skills Development

Bridge Housing is available for up to 18 months.

Phase III "Scattered Sites" Independent Living

- ◆ Five Subsidized Housing Units in Locations Throughout Chester County
- ◆ Monthly Program Fee
- ◆ Case Management and Access to all Domestic Violence Center Services.

Phase III housing is available for 12-18 months.

Phase IV Transitional Housing Program

- ◆ 13 Three Bedroom Townhomes Convenient to Community Services
- ◆ Monthly Lease Payments.
- ◆ Case Management and Access to All Domestic Violence Center Services.

Phase IV housing is available for up to 2 years.

Children's Services

The DVCCC Children's Program provides Individual and group counseling, along with recreational activities for children of victims of domestic violence. The focus is to provide a space where the children can feel safe to explore feelings that effect daily living, and regain a sense of safety and acceptance.

Advocacy services for children living in the Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing or in the community are designed to ease their transition after leaving a violent home, and help reduce the effects of trauma resulting from domestic violence. This includes a liaison service for children needing to enroll in or leave a school for safety purposes. Referrals to other agencies and resources are also provided as needed.

Child care is provided during adult support group meetings, and for other activities such as court appearances (when scheduled in advance.)

In addition to the direct work with the children, the DVCCC Children's Program also works with the parents in our Shelter, Transitional Housing and Counseling programs to assist them in addressing their children's' emotional needs after the family's life has been disrupted by domestic violence.

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