The Domestic Violence Resource Network (DVRN) is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to inform and strengthen domestic violence intervention and prevention efforts at the individual, community, and societal levels.

The DVRN works collaboratively to promote practices and strategies to improve our nation's response to domestic violence and make safety and justice not just a priority, but also a reality. DVRN member agencies ensure that victims of domestic violence, advocates, community-based programs, educators, legal assistance providers, law enforcement and court personnel, health care providers, policy makers, and government leaders at the local, state, tribal and federal levels have access to up-to-date information on best practices, policies, research and victim resources.

The DVRN includes two national resource centers, three special issue resource centers, four culturally-specific Institutes, the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
800-537-2238
www.nrcdv.org and www.vawnet.org

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV), a project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, provides a wide range of free, comprehensive and individualized technical assistance, training and resource materials. The scope of NRCDV's technical assistance is broad and includes domestic violence intervention and prevention, community education and organizing, public policy and systems advocacy, and funding. The NRCDV develops information packets, fact sheets, applied research papers, funding alerts, and training curricula, and supports several special projects designed to explore issues more deeply or develop more comprehensive assistance to a particular constituent group. These special projects include the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, VAWnet – the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (funded by CDC), the Women of Color Network, Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence, and the current Domestic Violence Non-Residential Services & Supports study (funded by the National Institute of Justice).

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
406-465-1638
www.niwrc.com

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) is a Native nonprofit organization that was created specifically to serve as the National Indian Resource Center (NIRC) Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women. NIWRC will seek to enhance the capacity of American Indian and Alaska Native (Native) tribes, Native Hawaiians, and Tribal and Native Hawaiian organizations to respond to domestic violence. NIWRC provides extensive experience and commitment to providing technical assistance/training and resource information regarding violence committed against Native women and their children. This leadership will ensure that our work supports and upholds grassroots advocacy and policy development work to address these crimes. The NIWRC is dedicated to reclaiming the sovereignty of Native nations and safeguarding Native women and their children. Through public awareness and resource development, training and technical assistance, policy development, and research activities, we will provide leadership across the Nation to show that offenders can and will be held accountable and that Native women and their children are entitled to: 1) safety from violence within their homes and in their community; 2) justice both on and off tribal lands; and 3) access to services designed by and for Native women based on their tribal beliefs and practices.

SPECIAL ISSUES RESOURCE CENTERS

Battered Women's Justice Project
Criminal and Civil Justice Center
800-903-0111 ext. 1
www.bwjp.org

The Battered Women's Justice Project consists of two partnering agencies that operate in separate locations.

The Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP) promotes change within the civil and criminal justice systems that enhances their effectiveness in providing safety, security and justice for battered women and their families. BWJP provides technical assistance to advocates, civil attorneys, judges and court personnel, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, batterers intervention program staff, defense attorneys

and policymakers; and to victims of domestic violence and their families and friends. Through trainings and consultations, we disseminate up-to-date information on recent research findings and promote the implementation of best practices and policies that emerge from the work of pioneering communities around the country.

Battered Women's Justice Project
National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women
800-903-0111 ext. 3
www.ncdbw.org

The National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women, located in Philadelphia, PA, addresses the unique needs of battered women who, as a result of the abuse they have experienced at the hands of their intimate partner, end up charged with a crime. The National Clearinghouse strives to prevent the revictimization of battered women defendants by providing specialized technical assistance, resources, and support to battered women charged with crimes and to members of their defenses teams. Staff conduct trainings for the criminal justice and advocacy communities; consult with local, state and national organizations; maintain an extensive Resource Library of relevant case law, research and litigation materials; and advocate for public policy and institutional and social change.

Formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund

National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence
888-792-2873
www.futureswithoutviolence.org/health

The National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (HRC) supports health care practitioners, administrators and systems, domestic violence experts, survivors, and policy makers at all levels as they improve health care's response to domestic violence. The HRC supports leaders in the field through groundbreaking model, education and response programs, cutting-edge advocacy and sophisticated technical assistance. The HRC offers a wealth of free culturally competent materials and in-person trainings that are appropriate for a variety of public and private health professions, settings and departments.

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health
312-726-7020
www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org

The National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health is committed to developing comprehensive, accessible, and culturally-relevant responses to the range of trauma-related issues faced by domestic violence survivors and their children; to promoting advocacy that is survivor-defined and rooted in principles of social justice; and to eradicating the social and psychological conditions that contribute to interpersonal abuse and violence across the lifespan. Our goal is to improve the response of domestic violence programs, mental health systems, and the criminal justice and civil legal systems to domestic violence survivors and their children who are experiencing the traumatic effects of abuse and/or psychiatric disabilities. To this end, we focus our efforts on (1) promoting dialogue between domestic violence and mental health organizations, policy-makers, and survivor/advocacy groups about the complex intersections of domestic violence, trauma and mental health and current strategies to enhance work in this area, (2) building capacity among local agencies, state domestic violence coalitions, and state mental health systems, and (3) providing recommendations on policies, practices, and collaborative models that will positively impact the lives of survivors and their children, particularly in relation to trauma and mental health.

Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody
800-527-3223
www.ncjfcj.org/dept/fvd

The Family Violence Department (Department) of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (National Council) provides leadership and assistance to consumers and professionals dealing with the issue of child protection and custody in the context of domestic violence through operation of the Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody (Resource Center). The Resource Center provides access to the best possible sources of information and tangible products to those working in the field of domestic violence, child protection, and custody. The Resource Center provides technical assistance, training, policy development, and other resources that increase safety, promote stability, and enhance the well-being of battered parents and their children.

CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC INSTITUTES

Asian &Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence |
415- 568-3315
www.apiidv.org

The Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence is a national training and technical assistance provider and a clearinghouse on gender violence in Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities. It serves a national network of advocates, community members, organizations, service agencies, professionals, researchers, policy advocates and activists from community and social justice organizations working to eliminate violence against women. The API Institute's strategic agenda for programs, communities, and systems focuses on analyzing the critical issues that inform prevention and intervention in violence against Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women. This is achieved by improving the cultural relevancy of services; providing the tools to confront and change gender norms; and conducting research and policy reviews that increase access to systems.

Casa de Esperanza
651-646-5553
www.casadeesperanza.org

The National Latin@ Network for Healthy Families and Communities (NLN) exists to advance effective responses to eliminate violence and promote healthy relationships within Latin@ families and communities. The NLN addresses four primary issues: increasing access for Latin@s experiencing domestic violence through training and technical assistance; producing culturally relevant tools for advocates and practitioners; conducting culturally relevant research that explores the context in which Latin@ families experience violence; and interjecting the lived realities of Latin@s into policy efforts to better support Latin@ families. The NLN is led by five dynamic and experienced national leaders and supported by three national steering committees in policy, technical assistance, and research.

Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community
877-643-8222
www.dvinstitute.org

The Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC) is an organization focused on the unique circumstances and life experiences of African Americans as they seek resources and remedies related to the victimization and perpetration of domestic violence in their community. IDVAAC recognizes the impact and high correlation of intimate partner violence to child abuse, elder maltreatment, and community violence. IDVAAC's mission is to enhance society's understanding of and ability to end violence in the African American community.

OTHER DVRN PARTNERS

The National Domestic Violence Hotline (www.ndvh.org) provides an immediate response to victims of domestic violence and their families, and a seamless referral system to community programs in response to the needs of the women, men and children on the line. The Hotline, operated 24/7 and available in 170 languages, is the first step to safety for many callers whose unique situation is assessed and evaluated to meet short term needs, with a local referral to assist the caller in dealing with the long-term effects of family violence.