

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.

DVCCC collaborates with Crime Victims' Center of Chester County, Family Court, and the District Attorney's office through our Local Police Training Program to coordinate services, and provide training and protocol development support for local police departments and law enforcement agents.

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, Inc.

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All services are free and confidential.



Southern Chester County Satellite Offices

106 West State Street
Kennett Square, PA 19348
610-444-6797 (English/Spanish)

35 North Third Street
Oxford, PA 19363
610-932-8557 Ext. 209

Northwestern Satellite Office

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



The Mission of the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County is to provide intervention, programs, outreach and advocacy 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
- ◆ Rapid Response
- ◆ 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

The Rapid Response program is designed to help victims and their children at the time of a crisis. Upon notification from medical and/or law enforcement personnel, DVCCC Crisis Counselors/Advocates will meet with victims at the emergency room or police department to provide support.

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 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 aAll Domestic Violence Center Services.

Phase III housing is available for 18 months.

Phase IV Transitional Housing Program

- ◆ 13 Three Bedroom Townhomes Convenient to Community Services
- ◆ Day Care is Available On Site.
- ◆ Monthly Lease Payments.
- ◆ Case Management and Access to All Domestic Violence Center sServices.

Phase IV housing is available for 2 years.

Children's Services

The DVCCC Children's Program is designed to provide a continuum of services to support participants in getting and or maintaining employment, and to provide a safe place where their children will be cared for. Day long care and education for children of victims is provided as well as individual and group counseling and recreational activities.

Counseling

- ◆ Support groups geared to the particular needs of children in our emergency shelter and transitional housing, and those living off-site meet weekly.
- ◆ The Children's Counselor / Advocate provides learning accomplishment profiles to help parents monitor children's development, identify developmental delays and link clients with appropriate services.

Garfield Commons Early Care and Education Center (ECEC)

- ◆ Licensed Public Day Care
- ◆ Keystone Stars II Rated
- ◆ Open to General Public
- ◆ Affordable Rates
- ◆ Before and After School Programs
- ◆ Summer Programs
- ◆ For More Information Call 610-436-1653

