

**Influencing Policy & Legislation**

- Work with law enforcement agencies and the judicial system to require mandatory arrest of the primary aggressor when responding to a domestic violence call.
- Support legislation that:
  - Allows minors to petition for Protective Orders (POs) on their own behalf and explicitly describe the procedure for doing so.
  - Allows victims of intimate partner sexual abuse, stalking and harassment to access POs.
  - Allows minors to access all sensitive services without parental involvement.

**Changing Organizational Practices**

- Work with the judicial system to require IPV offenders to attend comprehensive and reputable batterer's intervention programs.
- Work with schools of medicine, nursing, dental and allied health to require training on early recognition and response of intimate partner violence.
- Work with local law enforcement agencies to identify targeted personnel with that agency and require of them training specific to the investigation and discovery of suspected intimate partner violence cases.

**Fostering Coalitions & Networks**

- Participate in the local Intimate Partner Violence Death Review Team.
- Establish a multi-disciplinary coalition to mobilize community leadership and resources, maximizing efficiency of resources, and to avoid duplicative services and contradictory messages.
- Work with multi-disciplinary groups to establish or expand effective services for victims, such as shelters and legal aid.

**Educating Providers**

- Educate physicians, nurses, dentists, and all other healthcare workers on early recognition and response of intimate partner violence.
- Educate law enforcement personnel on early recognition and investigative response of intimate partner violence.
- Facilitate educational opportunities regarding intimate partner violence.

**Promoting Community Education**

- Promote information and resources about intimate partner violence and healthy dating relationships through social Domestic Violence Abuse Awareness Month activities.
- Post the telephone numbers for local violence hotlines, shelters, and help groups in bathroom facilities.
- Promote information regarding UVisas (<http://www.usimmigrationsupport.org/visa-u.html>) and protection for undocumented individuals in domestic violence situations.
- Promote information and resources about intimate partner violence through social media such as Twitter, Facebook, etc.



**Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills**

- Implement evidence-based dating violence prevention programs (e.g., Safe Dates [www.crimesolutions.gov](http://www.crimesolutions.gov); Youth Relationship Project [www.youthrelationships.org](http://www.youthrelationships.org)) for all middle school, high school, and college students.
- Promote services such as low cost couples counseling.
- Establish or expand batterer's intervention programs.

*For more information, go to:*

[www.cdc.gov/injury](http://www.cdc.gov/injury)

[www.breakthecycle.org/](http://www.breakthecycle.org/)



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