



## Domestic Violence Services Network

A collaboration among the Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Maynard, Stow, and Wayland Police Departments, Hanscom Air Force Base, Community Volunteers, Concord District Court, and Domestic Violence Services' Board  
Recipient of the Concord-Carlisle Human Rights Council's 2004 Climate for Freedom Award

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**Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN)** provides comprehensive, coordinated community responses throughout our nine towns and police jurisdictions, to victims of domestic violence and their families.

Together, DVSN and its law enforcement partners provide:

- Confidential advocacy services to victims through a network of highly trained and supervised volunteer community advocates
- Court support services to obtain abuse prevention orders
- Resource and victim's rights information
- Appropriate referrals to victims and their families in coordination with over 40 volunteer community advocates recruited, trained and supervised by DVSN
- Service to clients in ways that respect their dignity and choices while promoting their safety

Our programs focus on four key areas:

### Direct Services

The Domestic Violence Victims' Assistance Program (DVVAP) supports clients to identify their own pace for change and find appropriate interventions to meet the needs of their specific situation and level of danger. Our main objectives through telephone outreach is to encourage victims to tell their story, assess their risk, and develop a safety plan with them, to keep them and their children safe and connected to appropriate community resources.

### Court Support Program (CSP)

In our Court Support Program, court advocates help orient clients, answer client's questions about procedures and court personnel, decipher unfamiliar and seemingly mystifying behaviors, and offer non-judgmental support and encouragement. Risk assessment, safety planning, and referrals to viable, effective, and appropriate resources are crucial to the health and well being of the victims and their families during this period of heightened risk.

### Partnership with the Criminal Justice System

Annually DVSN trains over 225 police officers and dispatchers from our collaborating towns to provide consistent, appropriate and culturally sensitive interventions to victims of domestic violence. Regularly scheduled case reviews with police departments ensure community coordinated response to victims in high risk situations. Quarterly meetings with DVSN's Police Chiefs' Council, including the Commander of Security Forces at Hanscom Air Force Base, contribute to our strategic planning and program evaluation.

Bi-annual meetings with our Court Advisory Council (assistant district attorney, victim witness advocate, court clerk, probation officer, and DVSN advocates and staff) help coordinate court services to support domestic violence victims seeking restraining orders.

### Outreach and Education

DVSN staff, volunteers, and board members organize and implement programs to educate the community on the dynamics and effects of domestic violence. Through education and raising community awareness, we strengthen the safety net for victims of abuse and work towards building a society where domestic violence is not tolerated.

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## Christine Joyce

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**From:** Meena Hewett [mhewett@concordma.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2008 3:07 PM  
**To:** Christine Joyce  
**Subject:** RE: Domestic Violence Services Network

Hi Christine,

Please schedule us for Monday Sept. 22 at 8:00 P.M., 15 minutes. I will confirm who will be present at that meeting closer to the date.

Thanks for your help.

Best,  
Meena

-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Joyce [mailto:cjoyce@acton-ma.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 2:34 PM  
To: Meena Hewett  
Subject: RE: Domestic Violence Services Network

Hi, I have Sept. 22 at 8:00 P.M., 15 minutes  
Oct. 6 at 7:45 P.M., 15 minutes

Please confirm ASAP so I can hold the time on the Agenda, it fills up quickly.

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From: Meena Hewett [mailto:mhewett@concordma.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 2:17 PM  
To: Christine Joyce  
Subject: Domestic Violence Services Network

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