



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ALLIANCE (DVA) Presentation Overview August 4, 2023



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History of the Domestic Violence Alliance

1994

- Creation of The Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF) by the City Council on June 28, 1994
- Assisting the City with the development and coordination of domestic violence programs
- Providing recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and City Departments regarding
 - policies,
 - funding,
 - legislation,
 - legal advocacy,
 - victims' services,
 - and any other pertinent matters relative to domestic violence

2019

- On February 27, 2019, the DVTF was renamed the Domestic Violence Alliance (DVA)

2021

- Community Investment for Families Department is created and is responsible for staffing the DVA

Executive Board Members

- Stephanie Whack, Chair at LAHSA
- Rachelle Neshkes, Vice-Chair at Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice
- Cristina Cortes, Secretary at CIFD
- Carielle Escalante, Treasurer at Rainbow Services
- Tiffany Duvernay-Smith, Lived Experience Representative at LAHSA
- Maria Barahona, Member at Large at Haven Hills
- Tiernan Hebron, Member at Large at Sojourn, a project of The People Concern
- Amy Goldman, Immediate Past Chair at Community Legal Aid SoCal

Meetings and Committees

Executive Board Meeting

Second Monday of the month - 10am to 11am

General Meeting

Second Monday of the month - 11am to 12:30am

Funding Committee

Second Monday of the month - 12:30pm to 01:30pm

Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee

Third Thursday of the month - 10am to 11:30am

DV/IPV Intervention Strategies

Fourth Monday of the month - 2pm to 3pm (online)

Lived Experience Advocate Committee

TBD

Annual Marjorie Braude Award

Dr. Marjorie Braude Award nominates individuals and organizations who have a demonstrated history of improving or facilitating services to domestic violence survivors and stakeholders through collaborative efforts.

Nominations for this year are due 9/2/23

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Collaboration

Mayor's Office

City Councilmember

City Attorney

Los Angeles Police Department

Los Angeles Fire Department

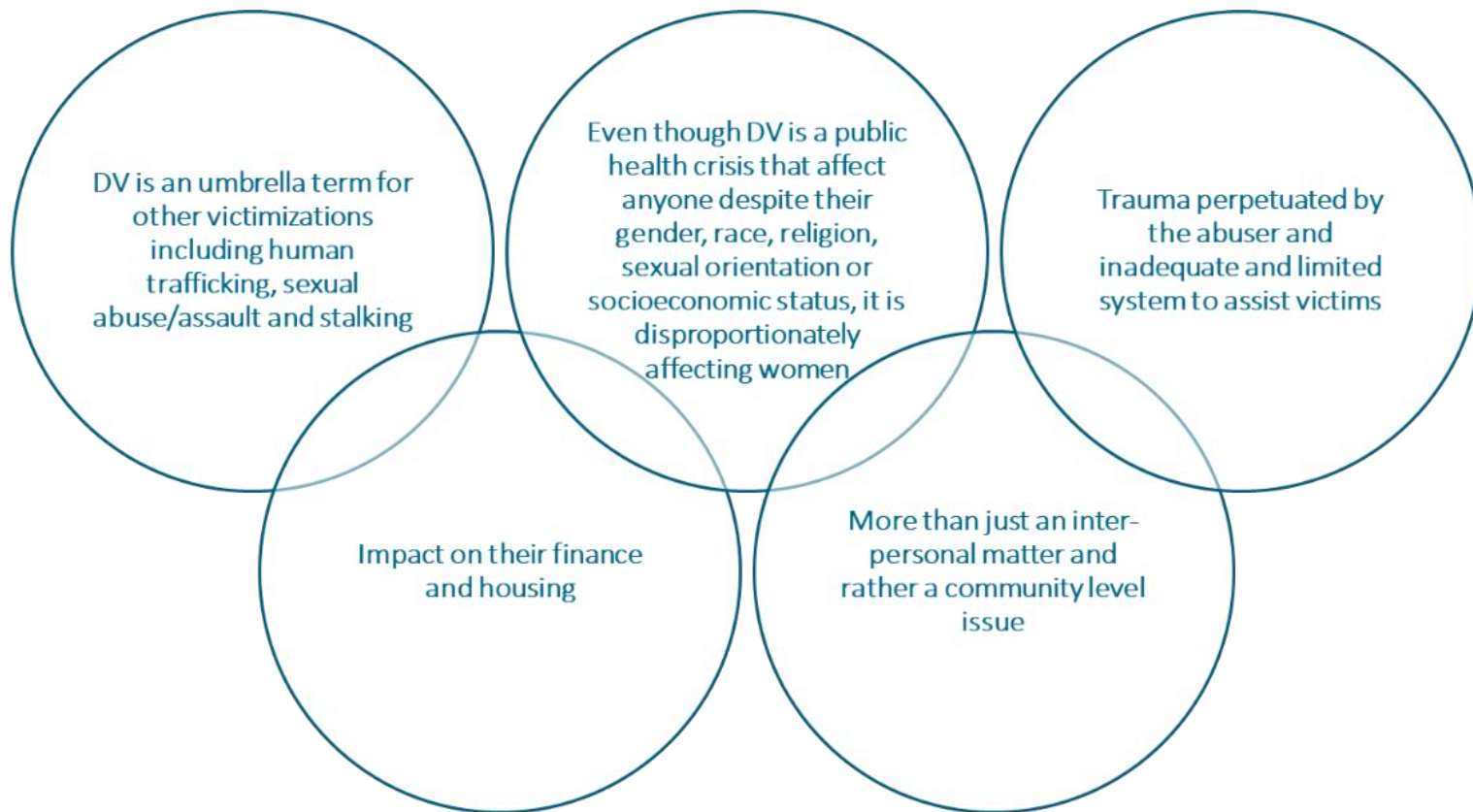
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Community Investment for Families Department

Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women

L.A. County Domestic Violence Council

Common work with CSW



The economic impact of IPV

The costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking exceed \$5.8 billion each year:

- \$4.1 billion: direct medical and mental health care services
- \$0.9 billion: lost productivity from paid work and household chores for victims of nonfatal IPV
- \$0.9 billion: lifetime earnings lost by victims of IPV homicide

*Converted to 2017 dollars, the cost of IPV in the United States would be \$9.3 billion

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States. Atlanta (GA): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2003.

Future Collaboration with CSW

- Review the Representatives for the CSW for the DVA
- On-going partnership between DVA and CSW
 - Elevate the DV issue in public space
 - Review protocols, programs and initiatives through a DV-lens
 - Support for SB914 authored by Senator Rubio and co-sponsored by Downtown Women's Center and Rainbow Services and signed into law by Governor Newsom
 - Requires cities, counties, and Continuums of Care receiving state funding to address homelessness to include families, people fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence and unaccompanied women within the vulnerable populations for whom specific system supports are developed
 - The law goes into effect January 1st, 2024

Question or Comments

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