

Mission

To create a culture of safety and empowered stakeholders through advocacy, education, collaboration, and service coordination for communities impacted by interpersonal violence

Guiding Principles

Survivor-Centered: Practices are centered on and responsive to survivors and those they care about. Practices are trauma-informed, culturally sensitive & nonjudgmental. Survivors are the experts in their unique experiences, which provide the foundation for the practices and interventions they receive.

Community Accountability: Survivors are never responsible for the abuse. It is the responsibility of the community to change the culture of tolerance to intolerance of abuse and coercive control, to hold offenders accountable, and focus on offender behavior rather than the behavior of the survivor.

Inter-Agency Collaboration and Coordination: No single organization or system offers the solution to interpersonal violence. Fostering open communication, transparency, and respectful coordination across agencies increases our collective capacity to hold offenders accountable and serve survivors.

Intentional Access: All survivors deserve access to systems, services, and resources. Identifying and removing barriers that limit or deny access is critical to increasing safety for survivors.

Scope of Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence and Stalking:

Practices and interventions are informed by the understanding that interpersonal violence is a pattern of purposeful behavior that includes coercion, intimidation, emotional harm, and assault that may vary in scope, severity, and duration. Establishing safety and accountability is an ongoing process.

Anti-Oppression: In our mission to end interpersonal violence, we oppose all forms of oppression. While our work is rooted in the historical context of violence against women, oppressions such as racism, sexism, homophobia/heterosexism, classism, ableism, ageism, xenophobia, and others contribute to the perpetuation of interpersonal violence.

Goals

- To develop and facilitate an effective community-wide system of prevention and intervention that is responsive to the needs of victims of interpersonal violence and those they care about
- To facilitate coordination and communication of best practices among community and systems based agencies
- To monitor, evaluate, and promote the quality and effectiveness of services and protections in the community
- To promote a clear understanding of interpersonal violence, current laws, and resources available in the community and the impact on the community
- To serve as a network for information and resource sharing for interpersonal violence issues

Committees

Committee	Purpose
Outreach and Awareness	Provide prevention education Engage other sectors and groups Promote resources
Advocacy	Promote victim safety and offender accountability Increase coordination of systems
Best Practices	Identify and promote evidence-based practices Collect data and conduct evaluation Set standards for coordinated community response Provide training