

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

### *You have the right:*

- To be safe from abuse.
- To court advocacy and legal protection from abuse.
- To confidential counseling and support.

### Safety Planning

*Remember, no one has the right to hurt or threaten you. Some things to keep in mind if you are experiencing violence in your relationship:*

- Think about whether you need to leave your home and identify the safest way to do so.
- If a violent episode seems unavoidable, try to stay near an exit or in a room with access to an exit. When possible, stay away from the kitchen, bedroom or any room where potential weapons might be.
- Identify a neighbor that you can talk to and ask them to call 911 if they hear a disturbance in your home.
- Decide and plan where you will go if you need to leave quickly.
- Tell your children the plan and teach them to dial 911 for help.
- Remember that leaving can be your most dangerous time. Review your plan regularly, get support from someone you trust and use caution when you go.

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## SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

### District Attorney's Office

#### •Victim Witness Unit:

##### *Hampshire County:*

Northampton (413) 586-5780  
Belchertown (413) 323-5275

##### *Franklin County:*

Greenfield (413) 772-6944  
Orange (978) 544-7376

### Shelter Referral/Advocacy

**\*24 hr**

#### •Safe Passage

Northampton (413) 586-5066\*  
Toll free (888) 345-5282\*

#### •NELCWIT

Greenfield (413) 772-0806\*  
Orange/Athol (978) 544-9857  
Toll Free (888) 249-0806\*

#### •Center for Women & Community

UMASS hotline (413) 545-0800\*  
Toll free (888) 337-0800\*

#### •The Network/ La Red (GLBQ/T Project)

Hotline (617) 742-4911\*

### SAFEPLAN (court advocacy)

Northampton (413) 586-4545  
Greenfield (413) 772-0806  
Belchertown (413) 732-3121  
Orange/Athol (978) 544-9857

### Batterer's Intervention Services

•Moving Forward Program at ServiceNet, Inc.  
(sliding scale fee)  
Hampshire & Franklin County (413) 587-9050  
Toll free (888) 636-9050

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT

### PARTNERSHIP FOR A COORDINATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE

### A Cooperative Effort of

Northwestern District Attorney  
David E. Sullivan's Office

Police Departments in Hampshire and  
Franklin County and Town of Athol

### Safe Passage

The New England Learning Center For  
Women In Transition (NELCWIT)

Center for Women & Community

Northampton and Shelburne Falls  
State Police Regional Dispatch Centers



For More Information  
(413) 774-3186  
NorthwesternDA.org

## WHAT IS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROJECT (DVIP)?

The DVIP is an early intervention model designed to coordinate the efforts of police, advocates, court personnel and batterer's intervention programs. *Its goals are:*

- To reduce the high risk of domestic violence and to improve the delivery of services to survivors and their children.
- To provide direct contact and crisis intervention with victims of abuse immediately following an abusive incident.
- To quickly identify high risk cases to be referred to the High Risk Team for further assessment.
- To enhance and expand the collaboration of providers assisting survivors of domestic violence.
- To build a partnership with on-going training, that utilizes a team approach to problem solving difficult cases.

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## WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE DVIP?

The DVIP Partnership is comprised of representatives from the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT), Safe Passage, Center for Women & Community, SAFEPLAN, Shelburne Falls and Northampton State Police Dispatch Centers and the following Police Departments:

### *Hampshire County*

Amherst, Amherst College, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hampshire College, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Mount Holyoke College, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, Smith College, South Hadley, Southampton, University of Massachusetts, Ware, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Worthington

### *Franklin County/North Quabbin Area*

Ashfield, Athol, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Wendell and Whately



## WHAT DOES THE DVIP DO?

### *Intervention for the Victim*

Specially trained advocates from the local domestic violence programs are immediately available to respond following a domestic violence incident. Police officers contact the on-call advocate who then contacts the victim. The advocate's role is to offer the victim immediate support, information regarding her/his options and referrals for counseling, shelter and/or legal advocacy.

### *Identify High Risk Offenders*

DVIP Advocates and police officers are trained in high risk assessment, utilizing research based factors to identify offenders who may be most likely to kill their intimate partner. Factors include behaviors such as threats to kill, strangulation and suicidal ideation. These cases are referred to the High Risk Team for further assessment and possible increased monitoring.

### *Partnership Working Group*

The Partnership Working Group provides an opportunity for police and advocates to acquire training and to do program planning and problem solving as a collaborative team.