

Intimate Partner Violence

WHAT ARE THE TOOLS IN YOUR TOOLBOX?

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Advocacy

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Effective Referrals

- Goals of Service Referrals;
 - Facilitate connection between survivor and services that can assist her in ending the abuse.
 - Increase the outside support a survivor has.
 - Providing options to give survivor back a measure of control over their life.

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As Survivors Tell It....



HOUSING

Increase the availability of safe, stable and affordable housing.



ACCEPTANCE

Educate communities about the dynamics of domestic violence so people are prepared to help; and to reduce the judgment and stigma around the problem.

\$ FINANCIAL STABILITY

Work on things like living wages, education and job training opportunities, increasing minimum wage and addressing the gender pay gap.



ASSISTANCE

Expand eligibility for social safety net programs, including increasing income limits, and allowing supports for immigrants and survivors with criminal histories.



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Promote neighborhood safety and connectedness with things like neighborhood watch programs and free activities that bring neighbors together.

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Possible Referrals

Emergency Shelter

- 30 to 45 days of residency without charge and with intense services
- Can move from emergency shelter to long-term transitional housing.



Law Enforcement/Legal Advocacy

- Referral to prosecutor's office to file civil protective order or citizen's complaint (vs law enforcement response)
- Referral to pro bono councils for assistance with divorce



Counseling Agencies

- Group counseling in a group focused on dv
- Individual counseling to address personal issues as well as dynamics of dv.

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The only way a referral is effective is if it meets the needs of the survivor.



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Advocacy Services

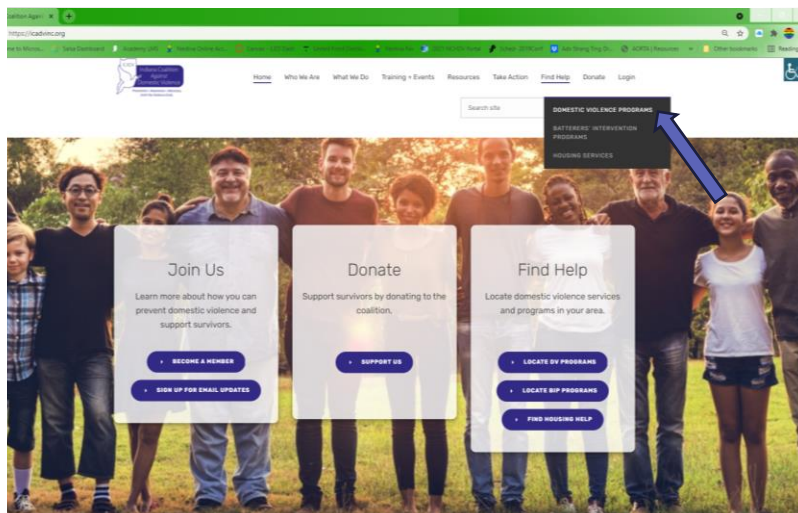
- Survivors can access many different services through many different agencies.
- Most hospitals have social workers on staff who can function as an initial resource.
- Survivors who choose to enter an emergency shelter will receive advocacy services from specially trained case management staff.
- Transitional housing programs offer ongoing advocacy services as a part of the survivor's residency contract.
- The county prosecutor's office and law enforcement departments keep advocates on staff to assist survivors navigate the legal process.

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Advocacy Services Contd

- Advocacy occurs in the areas of legal issues, self-sufficiency, resource access and personal growth.
- Advocacy is an essential part of a support system that can assist survivors in regaining control of their lives.
- State of Indiana does not offer nor require certification for advocates.
- Qualification of advocates is monitored by employing agency with guidance from other bodies.

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Advocates & Confidentiality

- MOST advocates working with domestic violence service agencies are covered by both state and federal confidentiality laws.
- Indiana confidentiality laws were rewritten in 2008 to fall inline with the Violence Against Women Act, which is directly related to their funding streams.
- Advocates working for law enforcement and prosecutor's offices are not covered by the same confidentiality rules.
- Advocates must have a specific release of information signed by the survivor to exchange information with other service providers.

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Services for Partners Who Use Violence

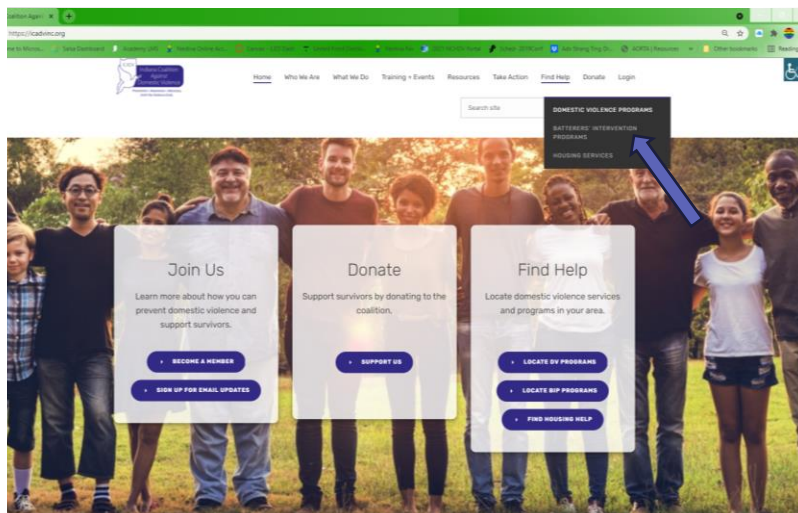
- Batterers Intervention Programs
 - Batterers wishing to accept responsibility and change abusive behaviors should seek out a certified Batterers Intervention Program NOT AN ANGER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
 - BIPs are not "anger management" or "relationship improvement" counseling groups.
 - BIPs are programs that approach domestic violence as a behavioral choice made by the batterer and work with the batterer to identify and change the incorrect foundational beliefs that he uses to justify his abuse.

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Services for Partners Who Use Violence Contd

- BIPs operate from a foundation of increasing safety for the survivor and their children
- Batterers can connect with BIPs in two ways:
 - Self-Referral; a batterer who has accepted responsibility for changing his behaviors can contact the local BIP provider and enroll in group. Sometimes insurance will cover the cost. Self referring batterers are usually more successful in the program.
 - Court-Ordered; a batterer convicted in a criminal case can be ordered into BIP as a part of their sentence. Their participation is monitored by a probation or parole officer and they can be arrested for failure to comply with the program. There is usually some cost for the batterer.

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Resources

- Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.icadvinc.org 800-538-3393 317-917-3685
- Futures Without Violence
www.futureswithoutviolence.org
- Domestic Violence Network Employers Group
<http://dvnconnect.org/resources>
- National Network to End Domestic Violence SafetyNet Project
<http://nnev.org/projects/safetynet.html>

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THOUGHTS & REFLECTIONS

Thank you for your time and attention.

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