

Sharing LGBTQ Resources

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June is LGBTQ Pride month, an opportunity to celebrate the diversity and strengths of the LGBTQ community. Delaware has long been a welcoming and inclusive state and a leader in ensuring LGBTQ equality.

As we celebrate Pride month, we must remain vigilant in protecting LGBTQ rights and persons, including protections for LGBTQ victims of domestic violence. LGBTQ individuals experience intimate partner violence at similar or higher rates as heterosexuals, but also experience the added fear of being judged, turned-away, or victimized further when they seek assistance. As a community, we need supportive responses and services that recognize the unique concerns of LGBTQ victims of intimate partner violence. We have a shared responsibility to ensure we are offering welcoming, inclusive, and responsive safety, health and legal protections for LGBTQ victims of domestic violence.

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) offers training and resources for providers, first responders, medical personnel on trauma-informed best practices for assisting LGBTQ victims of violence. DCADV stands in solidarity with the LGBTQ community, in celebration of the community's strengths and in acknowledgement of the need for support and collaboration.

All of the domestic violence service providers in Delaware offer assistance and support to LGBTQ victims of intimate partner violence. These services are accessed through the Delaware DV hotlines:

Delaware's 24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotlines

- [CHILD Inc.'s Domestic Violence Program](#)

New Castle County [302-762-6110](tel:302-762-6110)

- [The SAFE Program at People's Place II](#)

Kent & Sussex Counties [302-422-8058](tel:302-422-8058)

- [Abriendo Puertas Bilingual Hotline](#)

Sussex County [302-745-9874](tel:302-745-9874)

In addition, there are national LGBTQ-friendly resources:

- [The Anti-Violence Project](#): serves people who are LGBTQ; Hotline 1-212-714-1141, Bilingual 24/7
- [The Network La Red](#): serves people who are LGBTQ, poly and kink/BDSM; Bilingual. Hotline - Voice: 1-617-742-4911; Toll-Free: 1-800-832-1901; TTY: 1-617-227-4911
- [FORGE](#): serves transgender and gender nonconforming survivors of domestic and sexual violence; provides [referrals](#) to local counselors, 1-414-559-2123
- [LGBT National Help Center](#): Youth Hotline 1-800-246-PRIDE (7743); LGBT National Hotline 1-888-843-4564; Sage LGBT Elder Hotline 1-888-234-7243; or Online Chat at <http://www.volunteerlogin.org/chat/>

- [Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project Hotline](#): 1-800-832-1901
- [Let's Talk About It: A Transgender Survivor's Guide to Accessing Therapy](#)
- [National Sexual Assault Hotline](#): 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) 24/7 or [Online Counseling](#)
- [Love is Respect Hotline](#) (for youth): online chat; 1-866-331-9474 (24/7); TTY: 1-866-331-8453; or Text "loveis" to 22522