

Women of Color Task Force Mission Statement

The Women of Color Task Force of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence pledges a deep commitment to establishing a supportive system for all women of color who are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

We resolve to continue to work toward positive social change by acknowledging and confronting the issues of oppression and victimization of battered women and their children, as well as victims of sexual assault.

As women of color in the domestic violence movement, we work toward the affirmation and empowerment of all people. We pledge to celebrate our diversity and yet value the unity of all who work to end domestic violence.

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide nonprofit coalition of agencies and individuals, working to stop domestic violence.

The Coalition supports equality in relationships and encourages victims of abuse to assume control over their own lives.

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WOMEN of COLOR TASK FORCE

Ending DV in Communities of Color
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Honoring the diversity of domestic violence victims and survivors with a unique and culturally informed approach toward improving awareness, resource assistance, and targeted provision of services.



Statement of Purpose & Goals

The Women of Color Task Force has been continuously involved in addressing issues relevant to domestic violence (DV) against women since its founding in November 1999. Several original and early members remain actively involved. Outreach to the faith-based community has been a significant part of our work due to its significance for many women of color seeking DV help and guidance.

In recognition of the isolation, frustration, anger, lack of representation, and invisibility felt by women of color in the DV movement, we pledge to work toward the following goals:

- To **educate** through training, prevention, and availability of resources.
- To **advocate** by removing barriers and connecting with national organizations.
- To **empower** through education.
- To **network** through outreach and making contacts with others who share our experience, philosophy, and goals.
- To **be proactive** by identifying opportunities for collaborative efforts.

Membership

Membership in the **Women of Color Task Force** is free and open to all Delaware women whose self-identity and experiences are aligned with other women of color. While attempting to avoid complexities of race and ethnicity, confirmation of membership is the decision of designated members. Solidarity, affiliation, and/or familiarity with women of color is insufficient for membership; as well as marriage to, partnership with, or parenting of children of color. Women of color who have a sincere interest in issues of violence against women, as well as survivors of domestic violence are welcome to apply. No special work experience, education, training, skills, or talents are required.

DV IS OFTEN LETHAL! We have a lot of work to do. Did you know... ?

- **Black women are 3 times more likely to die because of DV than white women?**
- **DV is the #1 cause of cause of death for Black women between the ages of 15 and 35?**
- **While Black women make up only 8% of the general population, 22% of DV-related homicides impact them?**

Because DV victims or survivors are diverse, our approach to addressing violence against women of color is necessarily diverse.

Can you identify other factors that might impact women of color domestic violence victims or survivors?

Increased vulnerability – Barriers to safety – Obstacles to leaving – Economic factors – Cultural and institutional impediments – Experiences with law enforcement & legal systems – Religious views & practices – Rearing/upbringing – Family relationships & supports – Connection to neighborhood & community – Perception of partnership, marriage & parenting – Level of comfort with engaging with service resources – Sense of values/right & wrong – Definition of strengths & weaknesses – Authenticity in interactions with others – Personal expectations – And the reasons why some women choose to stay in abusive or unhealthy relationships.

Please complete if you identify as a woman of color and are interested in applying for membership in the Women of Color Task Force and mail or email to the address listed below:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____
Phone _____
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Apply online at
<https://dcadv.org/who-we-are/task-forces-and-committees/>

If you are interested in having members of the Women of Color Task Force present to your group or participate at an event, please contact us about availability.

Contact Person _____
Group/Organization _____
Contact Email _____
Contact Phone _____
Type of Event/Activity _____
Date of Event/Activity _____
Estimated Number of Participants _____