

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is a pattern of abusive behavior. In a relationship where there is abuse, one partner tries to maintain control over the other by using physical, emotional, verbal, and/or sexual violence. Although factors such as drug and alcohol use, stress, or a family history of abuse may contribute to the problem, domestic violence is primarily an issue of power and control.

In 2020 in Delaware

Delaware Family Court processed **2,947** Protection From Abuse Petitions (PFA), Statewide.

There were a total of **3,249** calls received by the Domestic Violence Hotlines statewide.

3,672 criminal incidents of intimate partner domestic abuse were reported to law enforcement.

From 2014 to 2018, there were **39** domestic violence homicides in Delaware.

About DCADV

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide, nonprofit organization and coalition of organizations, groups and individuals that strive to promote conditions that prevent and eliminate domestic violence by educating its members and community partners; providing informational resources to the community; and advocating as a strong, unified voice for victims/survivors of domestic violence, children who are affected, domestic violence programs and victim service providers.



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Against
Violence in
Every
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Statement of Purpose

WEAVER, **W**omen **E**mpowered **A**gainst **V**iolence in **E**very **R**elationship, is a Task Force comprised of survivors of domestic violence whose purpose is:

To educate the general public, criminal justice officials, government officials, service providers, advocates, and other professionals about domestic violence from a survivor's perspective.

WEAVER is not a service provider.

WEAVER is an ally for victims referring victims to Domestic Violence Hotlines when services are needed.

As WEAVER Task Force members, each one of us has experienced various effects of domestic violence in our lives. Our common experience with domestic violence as a form of oppression provides the foundation and is the common ground upon which we can build, working together to end all oppression, to end violence against women.

Task Force Goals



To empower the voices of survivors on behalf of battered women



To advocate on behalf of survivors and battered women



To take an active stand to effect social, political, and economic change on behalf of survivors and battered women



To educate ourselves and others surrounding the unmet needs of battered women



To create a network with those who share our experiences, philosophies, and goals

Membership

Membership is free and open to all women who have experienced domestic violence or abuse at the hands of an intimate partner.

Together we can make a difference!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you would like to be a member, please return this form to:

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