

Resources to Help Meet DCF Grant Requirements

While this document provides resources to help domestic abuse programs meet selected DCF grant requirements, it is not intended to be exhaustive, or to duplicate or replace the myriad technical assistance resources available through End Domestic Abuse WI. Many of the resources below are from national or other state technical assistance organizations; you may wish to review these resources for the information that may be most relevant to or helpful for your program.

Equitable Services for Male-Identified Survivors

Serving Male-identified Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

https://vawnet.org/sites/default/files/assets/files/2017-07/NRCDV_TAG-ServingMaleSurvivors-July2017.pdf

This Technical Assistance Guidance from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence supports advocates seeking to build capacity to recognize and respond to survivors across the gender spectrum, while honoring the gender analysis that helps us understand the root causes of violence and oppression. It offers guideposts for responding to the needs of male-identified victims of intimate partner violence.

Gender Integrated Shelters: Experience and Advice

<http://forge-forward.org/wp-content/docs/gender-integrated-shelter-interviews-FINAL.pdf>

This unique publication from Forge, a national transgender anti-violence organization, presents the results of in-depth interviews with 20 gender-integrated shelters, providing a thought-provoking roadmap for shelters wanting to serve all those in need.

Trans-inclusion in Domestic Violence Shelters: Tip Sheets for Providers

<http://forge-forward.org/publications-resources/anti-violence-publications/>

Forge has a wealth of information on their website, including a series of ten tip sheets addressing various topics of interest for domestic abuse shelters that are (or are planning on becoming) gender-integrated.

Shelter Rules

Model Policy on Shelter Rules

<https://wscadv.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Model-Policy-on-Shelter-Rules.pdf>

This document from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence contains general guidelines to keep in mind when crafting shelter rules, and includes a model set of rules structured in the form of rights and responsibilities, recommendations on warning and exit



policies, concrete suggestions for how programs can minimize rules and make sure the ones they have are respectful, and critical questions to ask about shelter rules.

How the Earth Didn't Fly Into the Sun: Missouri's Project to Reduce Rules in Domestic Abuse Shelters

<https://vawnet.org/material/how-earth-didnt-fly-sun-missouris-project-reduce-rules-domestic-violence-shelters>

This first-hand account of Missouri's project to reduce rules in domestic violence shelters offers practical tips for domestic abuse programs and individual advocates interested in this approach. It includes the history of the project, examples of common challenges and successes, and logistics of implementation.

Medication Policy for Shelters

Model Medication Policy for DV Shelters

<http://nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Model-Medication-Policy-for-DV-Shelters.pdf>

The Model Medication Policy from the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health offers guidance to domestic abuse programs on adopting medication policies that are accessible, trauma informed, and compliant with anti-discrimination laws.

Service Animals

Victims/Survivors Who Use Service Animals: An Updated Background Paper and Sample Policy for Domestic Violence and Sexual

<http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Victims-Service-Animals.pdf>

This resource from Disability Rights WI provides helpful suggestions and a sample policy to develop your own best practices regarding survivors who use service animals.

Service Animals in Domestic Violence Shelters

<https://wscadv.org/resources/service-animals-in-domestic-violence-shelters/>

This document from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is divided into three sections with the goal of minimizing confusion, providing a framework for addressing conflicts, and embracing complications as an integral part of advocacy. It covers basic information about service animals and the people who use them and about the laws that apply to domestic violence shelters and service animals. It includes suggested policies and procedures.

Policies on Serving the LGBTQ Population

Open Minds, Open Doors: Transforming Domestic Violence Programs to Include LGBTQ Survivors

http://www.ncdsv.org/images/TheNetworkLaRed_OpenMindsOpenDoors_2010.pdf

This guide outlines the process that The Network/La Red (a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in LGBTQ communities) suggests for making domestic violence programs more LGBTQ-inclusive. Each of the chapters focuses on one aspect of that process in detail, offering ideas for implementation.

Highlights from Revised FVPSA Regulations for Advocates and Programs Serving LGBTQ Survivors

<http://lgbtqipv.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/FVPSA-Regs-Highlights-LGBTQ-Institute.pdf>

Most domestic abuse programs in Wisconsin receive some portion of their funding through the federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). Updated regulations went into effect January 3, 2017. These updates include important clarifications regarding access to services for LGBTQ survivors, as well as improved definitions of some key concepts. This guide succinctly highlights the updated regulations.

Workplace Violence

Model Workplace Policy

<https://www.workplacesrespond.org/resource-library/modelpolicy/>

This model policy, from Workplace Respond to Domestic and Sexual Violence: a National Resource Center, contains clear guidelines to help employers appropriately respond to domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking that affecting the workplace and promote a workplace culture of respect and prevention. While this is a general resource for all employers, domestic abuse agencies may want to use it as a starting point to create their own policies to address when one of their own staff is a victim/survivor or a perpetrator of domestic violence.

<https://www.workplacesrespond.org/resource-library/modelpolicy/>

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Toolkit: A Guide for Domestic Violence Organizations

http://www.cpedv.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/emergency_preparedness_toolkit_a_guide_for_domestic_violence_organizations_final.pdf

This Toolkit from the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence includes a compilation of trusted emergency preparedness resources and guidance materials. This toolkit can help both residential and nonresidential domestic abuse programs plan for and respond to emergencies.



Interim Guidance for Homeless and Emergency Shelters on the Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus

<https://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/homeless.htm>

This document from the Centers for Disease Control provides interim guidance specific for homeless and emergency shelters during the outbreak of novel influenza A (H1N1) virus and suggested means to reduce the spread of influenza in these settings and communities.

Preventing the Spread of Bloodborne Pathogens

https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/Photos/Take_a_Class/Preventing_the_Spread_of_Bloodborne_Pathogens_Fact_and_Skill_Sheets.pdf#

This document from the American Red Cross contains standard precautions to help prevent the spread of bloodborne pathogens and other diseases whenever there is a risk of exposure to blood or other body fluids.

Technology

Safety Net Project

<https://www.techsafety.org/resources-agencyuse>

The way domestic violence, sexual assault, and other victim service agencies use technology can impact the security, privacy, and safety of the survivors who access their services. This toolkit, created by the National Network to End Domestic Violence Safety Net project, contains recommended best practices, policy suggestions, and handouts on the use of common technologies.

Trauma-Informed Services

Tools for Transformation: Becoming Accessible, Culturally Responsive, and Trauma-Informed Organizations

http://www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/NCDVTMH_2018_ToolsforTransformation_WarshawTinnonCave.pdf

The National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health has designed this Tool to offer a flexible but comprehensive approach to examining and reflecting on the various aspects of our work that are involved in the creation of accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed services and organizations.

A Guide for Using the Trauma-Informed Practice Scales

https://vaw.msu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Tips_Using_TIPS_Sullivan_Goodman_2015.pdf

This guide was created to assist domestic violence programs in using the Trauma Informed Practices (TIP) Scales to examine and improve upon their work. The TIP Scales measure the



degree to which programs engage in trauma-informed practices *from the perspective of program participants*.

Outcomes

FVPSA Outcomes Project Information Center

<http://nrcdv.org/FVPSAOutcomes>

A manual and instructions on collecting the outcomes required by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act are available online from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

Surveys to Collect Required Outcomes

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/webinars#>

Copies of surveys for shelter, support group, supportive services/advocacy, and counseling, as well as an archived webinar on Domestic Abuse Program Outcomes can be found at the link above.

Anti-Oppression

Making Connections - Diversity, Multiculturalism & Anti-Oppression: A Manual for Domestic Abuse Programs in WI

<http://www.endabusewi.org/FileStream.aspx?FileID=91>

This Manual, created by the Access Committee of the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse, contains numerous articles for discussion and exercises to use with staff, volunteers, or Board members on anti-oppression issues.