

Domestic Violence Resources

About Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is any pattern of behaviors that attempts to control and intimidate a partner or family member through fear, manipulation, isolation, financial abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and/or verbal abuse. Domestic violence does not discriminate. It cuts across all ethnic, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds. Domestic violence does not always manifest as physical abuse. Emotional and psychological abuse can often be just as extreme as physical violence. Lack of physical violence does not mean the abuser is any less dangerous to the victim, nor that the victim is any less trapped by the abuse. [YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee](#)

In the United States

- 1 in 4 women will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime.
- 3 women are killed each day by a man who says he loves her.
- 15.5 million children witness domestic violence each year.

In Tennessee

- More than half of crimes against persons are domestic violence-related.
- Tennessee ranks 7th overall in the nation for the number of women killed by men (TN is the 16th most populous state in the U.S.). [YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee](#)

Intersectionality with Brain Injury

As many as 20 million women each year could have a traumatic brain injury caused by domestic violence. The head, neck and face are common targets of intimate partner assaults. Women who are abused are more likely to have repeated injuries to the head. Brain injuries often go undetected and untreated because women are more likely to seek shelter than treatment. (St. Ivany, Bullock, et al. 2018) Survivors of DV with a TBI are likely to experience difficulty with attention, concentration, memory, executive functioning and processing information. These challenges make it harder to assess danger, make decisions related to safety and to adapt to living in a shelter. In one study of women who experienced DV, 85% experienced blows to the head, 50% of those experienced them too many times to count. In the same study, 83% experienced strangulation (which can lead to anoxic brain injuries), 88% experienced strangulation multiple times. Survivors of domestic violence should be assessed for brain injury and prior history of brain injury, undergo cognitive screening, be given customized accommodations and referred to community resources as needed.

Screening Tools

DV Risk assessment:

- Danger Assessment <http://www.dangerassessment.org/>
- Ontario Domestic Violence Risk Assessment <http://odara.waypointcentre.ca/>
- Domestic Violence Inventory <http://www.domestic-violence-inventory.com/>
- Lethality Assessment Protocol for Law Enforcement <https://ofs.nashville.gov/get-to-know-us/what-we-do/high-risk-programs/lap/#:~:text=The%20LAP%20is%20an%2011,to%20plan%20for%20their%20safety.>

Screening for History of Brain Injury:

- Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) CHATS Head Injury Identification and Accommodation Tool:
<https://www.odvn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/CHATSAdvocateGuide.pdf>
Spanish: https://www.odvn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CHATS_Spanish_August2021_combined.pdf

Crisis Intervention Tools:

Tennessee 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotlines (Connection to shelter)

Middle Tennessee

Ashland City – Save Haven Cheatham County (615) 681-5863

Centerville – Women are Safe (800)-470-1117

Clarksville – Urban Ministries Safehouse (931) 552-6900

Columbia - Center of Hope (931) 381-8580

Franklin - Bridges DV Shelter (615) 599-5777

Gallatin- Homesafe of Sumner County (615) 452-4315

Lawrenceburg – The Shelter Inc. (931) 762-1115

Nashville

- YWCA - (800) 334-4682
- Morning Star – (615) 860-0003

Manchester – Haven of Hope (1-800) 435-7739

Murfreesboro-Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program (615) 896-2012



East Tennessee

Athens – Hope Center (423) 745-5289

Bristol - Abusive Alternatives (423) 764-2287

Campbell and Claiborne Counties - Family Services Center (423) 562-8325

Cleveland - Harbor Safe House (423) 476-3886

Cookeville – Genesis House (1-800) 707-5197

Chattanooga – Partnership for Families, Children & Adults (423) 755-2700

Crossville – Avalon Center (1-800) 641-3434

Kingsport – Frontier Health Safe House (877) 928-9062

Knoxville:

- Helen Ross McNabb (865) 637-8000
- Salvation Army of Knoxville (865) 522-4623

Lenoir City – Iva’s Place (866) 239-0871

Maryville - Haven House (423) 442-5096

McMinnville – Families in Crisis (931) 473-6221

Sevierville - Safe Space (1-800) 244-5968

West Tennessee

Jackson – WRAP (800) 273-8712

Scott County – Haven of Hope (423) 569-3333

Memphis:

- YWCA Memphis (901) 725-4277
- Family Safety Center of Memphis (901) 222-4400

Somerville – Fayette Cares Inc (800) 356-6767

Tennessee Websites:

Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence: <https://tncoalition.org/>

Tennessee Department of Children’s Services, Domestic Violence Resources:
<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/home/community-menu/domestic-violence-resources/domestic-violence-resources.html>



Tennessee Rape Prevention Education Programs: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/rape-prevention-and-education/rpe-prevention-programs.html>

2023 Tennessee Domestic Violence Report:

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tbi/documents/Domestic%20Violence%202023%20Final%20SECURED.pdf>

Tennessee Maternal Violent Deaths: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/fhw/prevention-of-maternal-violent-deaths/about-maternal-violent-deaths.html>

Nationwide Websites:

The Hotline: <https://www.thehotline.org/>

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: <https://ncadv.org/>

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury: <https://www.odvn.org/brain-injury/>

This Hits Home (trailer) 2023: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WRWUHtWn_I

Infographics:

Power and Control Wheel: <https://www.thehotline.org/identify-abuse/power-and-control/>

CDC Violence Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/violence-prevention/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/NISVS-infographic-2016.pdf

Resilience and Domestic Violence <https://childrensresilience.weebly.com/resilience-and-domestic-violence.html>

Building Resiliency in Children Exposed to DV, Factsheet: <https://gcadv.org/wp-content/uploads/Building-Resiliency-Children.pdf>

Building Resiliency in Youth Exposed to DV, Factsheet: <https://gcadv.org/wp-content/uploads/Building-Resiliency-Youth.pdf>

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN): <https://www.odvn.org/resources/>

ODVN Head Injury Education Card: Has Your Head Been Hurt? : <https://www.odvn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Final-CARE-rack-card-no-crops.pdf>

ODVN Invisible Injuries Overview: <https://www.odvn.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Invisible-Injuries-Overview.pdf>

Trainings

Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN): <https://www.odvn.org/training/>

National Head Injury Administrator's Association (NASHIA) Webinar – View recording:
[Intimate Partner Violence and Brain Injury: A Panel Discussion](#)

Brain Injury Association of America, David Strauss Clinical Webinar – Traumatic Brain Injury, Strangulation, Domestic Violence and Culture: What's the Link? Recorded Webinar:
<https://shop.biausa.org/product/STRM102121CD/20211021-traumatic-brain-injury-strangulation-domestic-violence-and-culture-whats-the-link-recorded-webinar>

Support Groups

Online:

- Secondary Survivors (Loved ones of DV survivors)
-sign-up by calling (615)-862-7773

In-person:

Nashville area:

- Males Survivor Support Group at Nashville Family Safety Center
-Sign-up by calling (615) 862-7773

Cookeville area:

- Domestic and Sexual Violence support group through Genesis House
-Sign-up by calling (931) 526-5197

TN Brighter Futures groups that are a part of this System of Care:

YWCA of Nashville & Middle Tennessee

TN Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

TN Department of Health Rape Prevention and Education Program

Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council

AGAPE <https://agapenashville.org/>