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What ACESDV Does

- **Trainings and Technical Assistance (free for members) anywhere in Arizona**
- **Legislative Advocacy**
- **Community Engagement (e.g., fairs, marches, tabling events)**
- **Helpline Advocacy**
- **Fatality Review**
- **Grant-writing Assistance**
- **Participation in Committees and Workgroups**
- **Develop Best Practices for DV/SV Programs**



Types of Memberships

- **Members (DV/SV programs, Victim Service Providers, Partners/Allies, Tribal Nations)**
- **Supporting Members (Individuals, Organizations, Businesses)**
 - **FREE for survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence**

Benefits of Memberships

- **Free or reduced cost to trainings**
- **Access to Coalition listservs**
- **Technical assistance and support**
- **Participation in Coalition committees**

Our mission is to:

Dismantle oppression. Promote Equity.

For more help...

- Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
 - www.acesdv.org
 - Helpline: 602-279-2900
- Maricopa County Centralized Screening for Emergency Shelter
 - 480-890-3039
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
 - 1-800-799-SAFE
- WomensLaw.org
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center
 - www.ilrc.org

City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center

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Victim Advocate

602-534-2120



City of Phoenix

Overview of Services

- ▶ **Our mission:** To provide comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, homicide and other violent crimes; and to take a leadership role in educating the community about the impact of violence.
- ▶ Victim Advocates are able to assist victims in obtaining a variety of services within one location
- ▶ The FAC is designed to be a comprehensive center for crime victims

Family Advocacy Center Staff

- ▶ Victim Services Program Manager
- ▶ Victim Advocate Supervisor
- ▶ Six full-time Victim Advocates stationed at FAC
- ▶ Three full-time Victim Advocates stationed in the community- Family Services Center, Phoenix Municipal Court, VICE Unit

Partnerships represented at FAC

Phoenix Police Family Investigations Bureau- Investigate police reports alleging crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, missing persons, cold cases

HonorHealth- Forensic Nurse Examiners to provide strangulation and sexual assault exams at no cost to the victim onsite. Exams are initiated by police.

Phoenix Municipal Court- FAC is a satellite office for Orders of Protection & Injunctions Against Harassment

Child Help- Investigative Bureau for Child Crimes including detectives, forensic interviewers, advocates, counselors

Community Partnerships

Jewish Family
and Children's
Services

EMPACT- La
Frontera Trauma
Healing Services

Phoenix Fire
Crisis Response
Team

Victim Advocate Services

- ▶ Victim Advocates provide a variety of direct victim services, assist with protective order petition and filing process, safety planning, Address Confidentiality Program, Victims' Rights education, Victim Compensation information and application assistance
- ▶ Provide victim with education on the police investigative process and the criminal justice system
- ▶ Education to victim around dynamics of abuse and trauma
- ▶ Collaborate with other city departments and outside agencies such as Maricopa County Attorney's Office and City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office
- ▶ Provide resources and referrals for other victim needs such as counseling, long-term case management, basic needs, family court issues, immigration issues

Domestic Violence Awareness

- ▶ According to the *National Coalition Against Domestic Violence*, domestic violence is:
 - ▶ willful intimidation
 - ▶ physical assault
 - ▶ sexual assault
 - ▶ Threats
 - ▶ Stalking
 - ▶ Harassment
 - ▶ and/or other abusive behavior as part of systematic pattern of power and control perpetuated by one intimate partner against another.

Statistics on domestic violence

- ▶ 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime.¹
- ▶ The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.¹⁰
- ▶ 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.⁵
- ▶ A variety of health effects have been linked with intimate partner violence:
 - ▶ Adolescent/unintended pregnancy
 - ▶ neurological disorders
 - ▶ chronic pain
 - ▶ anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- ▶ Victims of domestic violence are also at higher risk for developing addictions to alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.⁷

Other populations affected by DV

- ▶ Male Victims
 - ▶ 1 in 18 men are severely injured by intimate partners in their lifetimes.
- ▶ Teen Victims
 - ▶ Nearly 1.5 million high school students in the United States are physically abused by dating partners every year.
- ▶ Elder Victims
 - ▶ 76.1% of physical abuse toward older adults is perpetrated by a family member.
- ▶ LGBTQ Victims
 - ▶ Abusive partners in LGBTQ relationships reinforce power and control tactics with societal factors that compound the complexity a survivor faces in leaving or getting safe in an LGBTQ relationship.


How to be a supportive person to a victim?

- ▶ Offer support in various ways:
 - ▶ Communicate the abuse is not their fault
 - ▶ Acknowledge the fact that they are in a very difficult and dangerous situation
 - ▶ Be supportive and listen
 - ▶ Be non-judgmental and respect their decisions whether that is to stay or leave the relationship
 - ▶ Reassure them that there are help & resources available to them
 - ▶ Encourage them to reach out to appropriate professional support services
 - ▶ Remember that you cannot “rescue” them

Information obtained from the National Domestic Violence Hotline

References

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- ▶ https://ncadv.org/assets/2497/male_victims_of_intimate_partner_violence.pdf
- ▶ <http://www.thehotline.org/is-this-abuse/lgbt-abuse/>
- ▶ https://ncadv.org/assets/2497/abuse_in_later_life--formatted.pdf
- ▶ https://ncadv.org/assets/2497/domestic_violence.pdf
- ▶ <https://ncadv.org/learn-more/statistics>



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My Sister's Place and Pathways Program

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My Sister's Place

Emergency Shelter

- ▶ Located in the East Valley
- ▶ Serves men, women and children (protected by HIPAA)
- ▶ Case Management
- ▶ Safety Planning
- ▶ Skill/Resource Building
- ▶ Victim Advocacy
- ▶ Referrals/Resource assistance (employment, assistance, housing, health and medical, etc.)
- ▶ Community Kitchen
- ▶ For Emergency Shelter, call (480) 821-1024 for Centralized Screening

My Sister's Place

Support Groups

- ▶ **Weekly Support Groups for Survivors**
 - ▶ Domestic Violence Education
 - ▶ Self care
 - ▶ Relationship building
 - ▶ Parent education
- ▶ **Weekly Support Groups for Children**
 - ▶ Art and Pet Therapy
 - ▶ Recreation/Games
 - ▶ Crafts
 - ▶ Life Skills (hygiene, stranger danger, etc.)

Pathways Program

Victim Advocacy

- ▶ Case Management
- ▶ Safety Planning
- ▶ Assistance in Filing Protective Orders
- ▶ Court Accompaniment
- ▶ Referrals for Legal Resources and Counseling
- ▶ Address Confidentiality Program
- ▶ Hope Phone Issuance
- ▶ Victim's Rights/Compensation Guidance
- ▶ Client Assistance for Survivors
 - ▶ transportation, job training, rental/utilities assistance
- ▶ Transitional Housing

Pathways Program

Counseling

- ▶ **No Charge for Survivors**
- ▶ **General Counseling available for families, children and couples**
 - ▶ Sliding pay scale based on income
- ▶ **Spanish-speaking counselors available**
- ▶ **To schedule, (602) 749-4405**

Pathways Program

Support Groups

- ▶ **English Speaking Support Groups in Mesa, AZ**
 - ▶ Skill building
 - ▶ Self care
 - ▶ Emotional Support
- ▶ **Spanish Speaking Support Groups in Chandler**
- ▶ **No Referral Needed**