

STRATEGIES BEYOND SCREENING



1

PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence



Our member is a network of 59 local domestic violence programs provides free and confidential direct services and survivors of domestic violence and their children in all 67 counties of the Commonwealth.

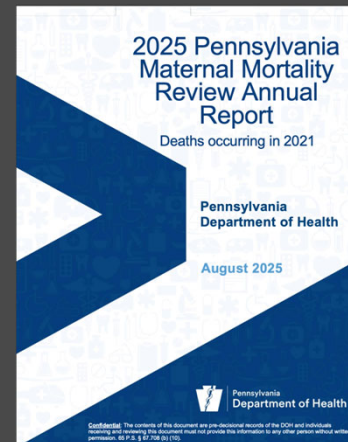
Together, local programs and the Coalition work in collaboration to deliver a continuum of services, support, and systems to help survivors find safety, obtain justice, and build lives free of abuse.



2

From PA's MMRC 2025 Report

"The PA and Philadelphia MMRCs devised 45 recommendations for 20 cases, or 15% of all cases, where IPV was identified, which highlights that improvements must be made to serve individuals experiencing IPV. Those recommendations are found throughout the priority areas [named in this report]."



From: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/health/documents/topics/documents/programs/2025%20MMR%20Report.pdf>

3

FROM PA'S MMRC 2025 REPORT

The most common themes of IPV recommendations include:

- Screening of pregnant individuals throughout pregnancy.
- Warm hand-off referrals to community organizations.
- Education on IPV and trauma-informed care for providers.

From: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/health/documents/topics/documents/programs/2025%20MMR%20Report.pdf>

4

“Health care systems need to develop meaningful collaborations with local IPV programs. These collaborations need to include education for providers on the unique intersection of IPV and pregnancy, including strategies for screening and responding to disclosures. Similarly, health care providers need to provide crucial education to advocates to help them learn how to best support the health needs of pregnant and postpartum survivors.

Encouraging Moving
Beyond Simply
Screening
&
Once You Know, You
Know



3



7

To Which Tables Can You Invite Your Local DV Program?

PCADV
PENNSYLVANIA COALITION
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

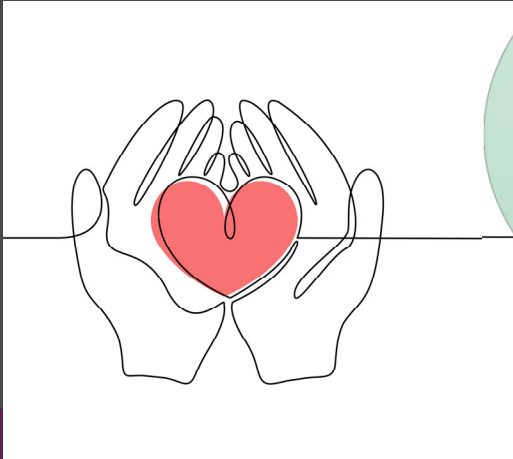
Go to www.pcadv.org

Click the “Find Help” Tab.

Then, click on “Find Your Local Domestic Violence Program”

8

Here to Help Those Who Help



Your local domestic violence program will help you process the experience of working with a survivor and offer strategies you can use to help support folks!



9

An abstract graphic featuring a sphere with a gradient from purple to blue. A thick, 3D-looking blue band wraps around the sphere, creating a sense of depth and movement.

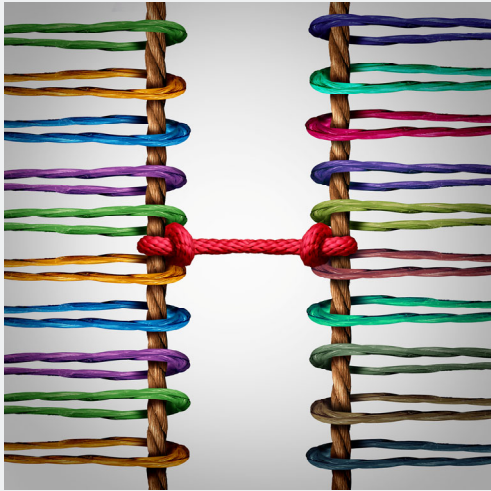
The logo for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV). It features a stylized white 'P' inside a dark circle, followed by the text 'PCADV' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this, in smaller text, is 'PENNSYLVANIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE'.

Meaningful, robust collaborative partnerships with your local domestic violence program is the key to increasing safety and supports for all of your patients.

Domestic violence programs can help survivors to connect with engage with healthcare providers!

10

Suggestions for Collaborating with Referral Sources



Cross-training about your roles and work

Collaborate often-don't wait for a crisis

Celebrate the successes of collaboration

Warm Referrals

11

Share information with ALL patients

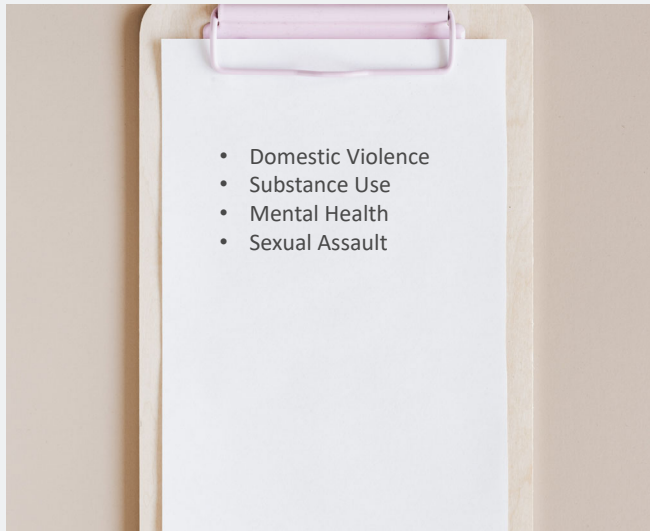
Resource sharing should not be reliant on disclosure.

What materials do you routinely provide your clients?

Can you add information about domestic violence?

Great start for an ongoing collaborative meeting with the organizations that are listed!

- Domestic Violence
- Substance Use
- Mental Health
- Sexual Assault



12

Electronic Medical Records



Patient portals can decrease safety for survivors.



Encourage “check-ups” on patient portal passwords.



Review with patients who is listed as someone you can speak with about their care.



You can always say “provided appropriate referrals to community-based resources” without being specific about which resources you shared.

13



14

Mae Reale

Health Education Specialist

mreale@pcadv.org

