

About the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV), established in 2001, oversees the citywide delivery of domestic violence services, develops policies and innovative programs, and works with diverse communities, City agencies, community based organizations and local leaders to raise awareness about domestic violence and strengthen the safety net for victims and their children.

OCDV Programs

New York City Family Justice Centers

The New York City Family Justice Centers (FJC) provide comprehensive multi-agency services for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, and sex trafficking. Located in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, the Centers are co-located with the local District Attorney's Office and have NYPD Domestic Violence Prevention Officers (DVPOs) and staff from over 35 community partners on-site to offer counseling services for adults and children, civil legal assistance, immigration assistance, economic empowerment and supportive services. The FJCs are safe, caring environments, the services are free and confidential and all are welcome regardless of language, income, immigration status, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT)

Staten Island DVRT seeks to reduce the incidence of homicide by providing rapid response to high risk cases of intimate partner violence. DVRT facilitates interagency coordination and collaboration and creates individualized action plans to quickly and effectively meet the service and safety needs of clients.

NYCHA DVRT operates in 15 identified public housing developments throughout the City. In addition to providing services to high risk clients, NYCHA DVRT also conducts a robust outreach and public education campaign to raise awareness about healthy relationships and link residents directly to services at the FJCs.

NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy

The NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy offers interactive workshops on dating violence and cyber abuse for adolescents, young adults, parents and service providers. Workshops are facilitated by trained Peer Educators who encourage discussion and critical thinking about these challenging topics. On-site workshops are free and offered in English and Spanish year-round throughout New York City.

Coordinated Approach to Preventing Stalking (CAPS)

CAPS is a homicide prevention initiative that seeks to increase the identification and reporting of intimate partner stalking cases, enhance stalking arrests and prosecutions, and link victims directly to appropriate services through the DVRT. Currently, the CAPS program is operated in Staten Island in collaboration with the NYPD and the Richmond County District Attorney's Office.

Queens Human Trafficking Intervention *Pro Bono* Project

The Queens Human Trafficking Intervention *Pro Bono* Project provides legal representation on immigration law matters for foreign-born defendants in the Human Trafficking Intervention Court (HTIC) who are victims or individuals at high risk of sex trafficking. This project, which is in collaboration with Sanctuary for Families and the Queens HTIC, is housed at the Queens Family Justice Center where clients can easily access all available services.

New York City Fatality Review Committee (FRC)

The FRC, led by OCDV, examines data pertaining to family-related fatalities and develops recommendations for the coordination and improvement of services for victims in New York City. The Committee includes staff from ten City agencies, two representatives from social service organizations, and two survivors of domestic violence. To raise awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence and of services available, the FRC members also participate in community outreach in neighborhoods with a high number of domestic violence homicides.