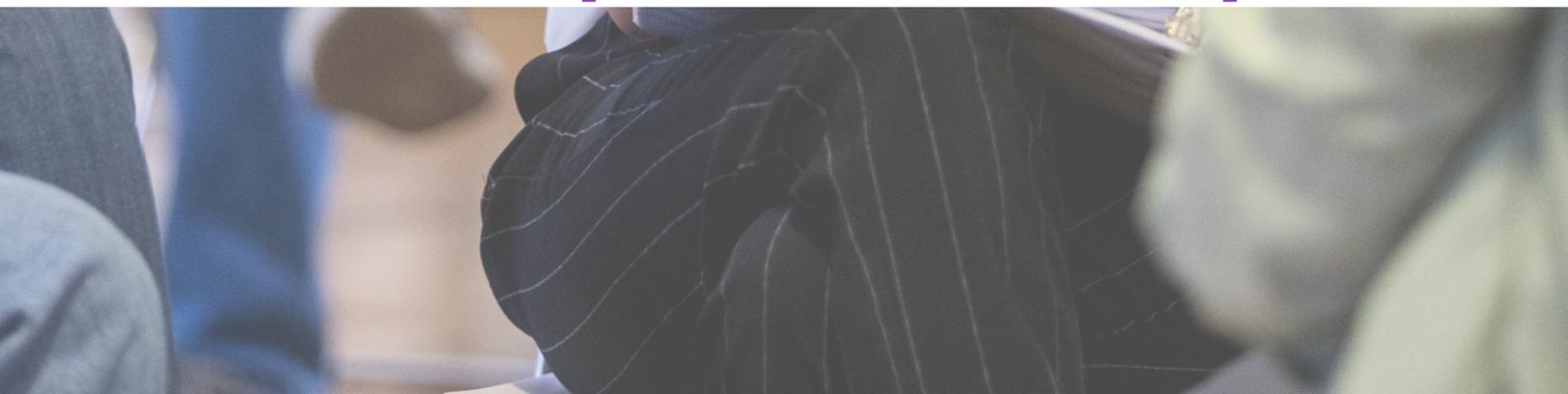




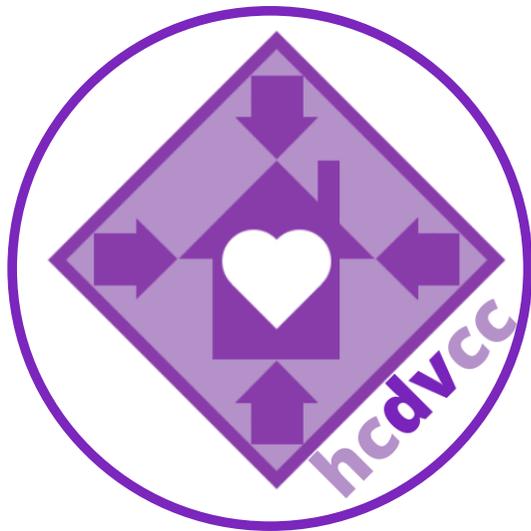
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# ABOUT HCDVCC

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*Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council*



## *History*

In Harris County during the late 1980s and early 1990s changes in leadership at several organizations took place which led to discussions on how to formalize all the informal agreements among individuals working in the domestic violence field here in Harris and surrounding counties.

For years networking meetings were held once a month and while these meetings allowed individuals to interact with one another and create informal working agreements, little movement was made toward formalizing those agreements.

In 1995, a small group of people from the Harris County District Attorney's Office, the Houston Police Department and Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse began serious conversations on how to make this dream a reality. The group approached Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes, Jr and Houston Police Chief Sam Nuchia to co-host a meeting of community leaders to discuss issues relating to domestic violence and how to work together collaboratively. Both men agreed to do so and on April 18, 1996, the first meeting of the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC) was held.

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## *History Continued*

In attendance at that meeting were leaders from law enforcement, prosecution, the courts, pre-trial services, post-conviction services like probation, domestic violence agencies, health organizations and the education system.

All agreed to commit to sending representatives to a monthly meeting on the second Thursday of every month who had the authority to help create written protocols to ensure the flow of cooperation and information remain open regardless of who was in what position. The protocols would include every aspect of the community that had contact with domestic violence survivors and their children. By April 1997, HCDVCC had incorporated as a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, adopted bylaws, and formed committees to do the work that was needed to be done.

Over the years the work HCDVCC accomplished was recognized, as well as the need for full-time staff to dedicate themselves only to this work. In 2010, The Houston Endowment invested in HCDVCC which allowed the organization to hire two full-time staff members to work exclusively to make a significant impact on domestic violence in Harris County. Today HCDVCC has over forty employees who are leading efforts to build collaborative systems and innovative programs that increase access to services and safety for survivors of domestic violence in Harris County.

# ABOUT HCDVCC

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*Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council*

## *Mission*

To improve Harris County's response to domestic violence, we lead efforts to build collaborative systems and innovative programs that increase access to services and safety.

## *Vision*

We envision a community where all persons have relationships that are safe, healthy, and free from domestic violence.

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## *Training and Technical Assistance Services*

Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council is available to provide professional development courses to equip first responders and community member work effectively with survivors of domestic violence.

We have training and technical assistance courses for:

Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement, Probation Officers, Jailers, Case Managers, Judges, etc)

Healthcare (Nurses, physicians, allied health workers, etc.)

Educators (k-12, college and university)

Corporate (Human Resource Professionals, Managers, Supervisors, etc)

Social Service (Case Managers, After School Programs, etc)

Religious Institutions (Religious and Ministry Leaders)

**To schedule a training, please contact Thecia Jenkins, Training Director  
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# Domestic Violence Introduction

## *Domestic Violence 101*

### DESCRIPTION

One in three women and one in seven men according to the Texas Council on Family Violence experience domestic violence during their lifetime. Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of death for women on an international level. It is also one of the most dangerous crimes that law enforcement will respond to; and it also a frustrating crime to address for most law enforcement. This session provides the overview of the dynamics of abusive relationships and insight on how the victim/survivor's decisions in their relationship.

### KEY POINTS

1

Participant will be able to identify and discuss the tactics used by the partner who is choosing violence.

2

Participant will be able to discuss the mindset of the survivor/victim.

3

Participant will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the dynamics by completing case study assignment during class.

**LENGTH: 45 - 90 min**

# Not Seen, Not Heard

*DV102 - Children and Youth Who Witness Domestic Violence*

## DESCRIPTION

Over ten million children and youth witness domestic violence every year. Often when children and youth are reported about through the media it is said “the children were not harmed.” However, the reality is they are harmed. During this session, the impact of domestic violence on children is discussed to assist first responders and community members to better comprehend the child’s emotional needs.

## KEY POINTS

1

Participant will be able to recognize signs commonly associated with children and youth who may be exposed to a parent/caregiver who chooses violence in the intimate relationship.

2

Participants will be able to discuss Adverse Childhood Experience and the long-term effects.

3

Participant will be able to discuss the tactics that the person who is using violence uses to maintain control of the survivor through the children/youth.

**LENGTH: 45 - 90 min**

# What Happened?

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*DV103 Trauma Informed Response*

## DESCRIPTION

As service providers and victim advocates the question often asked is “what’s wrong with them?” One in two people will experience trauma during their lifetime and most definitely over the last two years, everyone has been touched by trauma. In the area of gender based violence intervention, the after affects of trauma will determine the victim/survivor’s interaction with law enforcement and other supportive services. This session equips first responders and members of the Coordinated Community Response to increase their competence about trauma and working effectively with victim/survivors.

## KEY POINTS

1

Participant will be able to define trauma.

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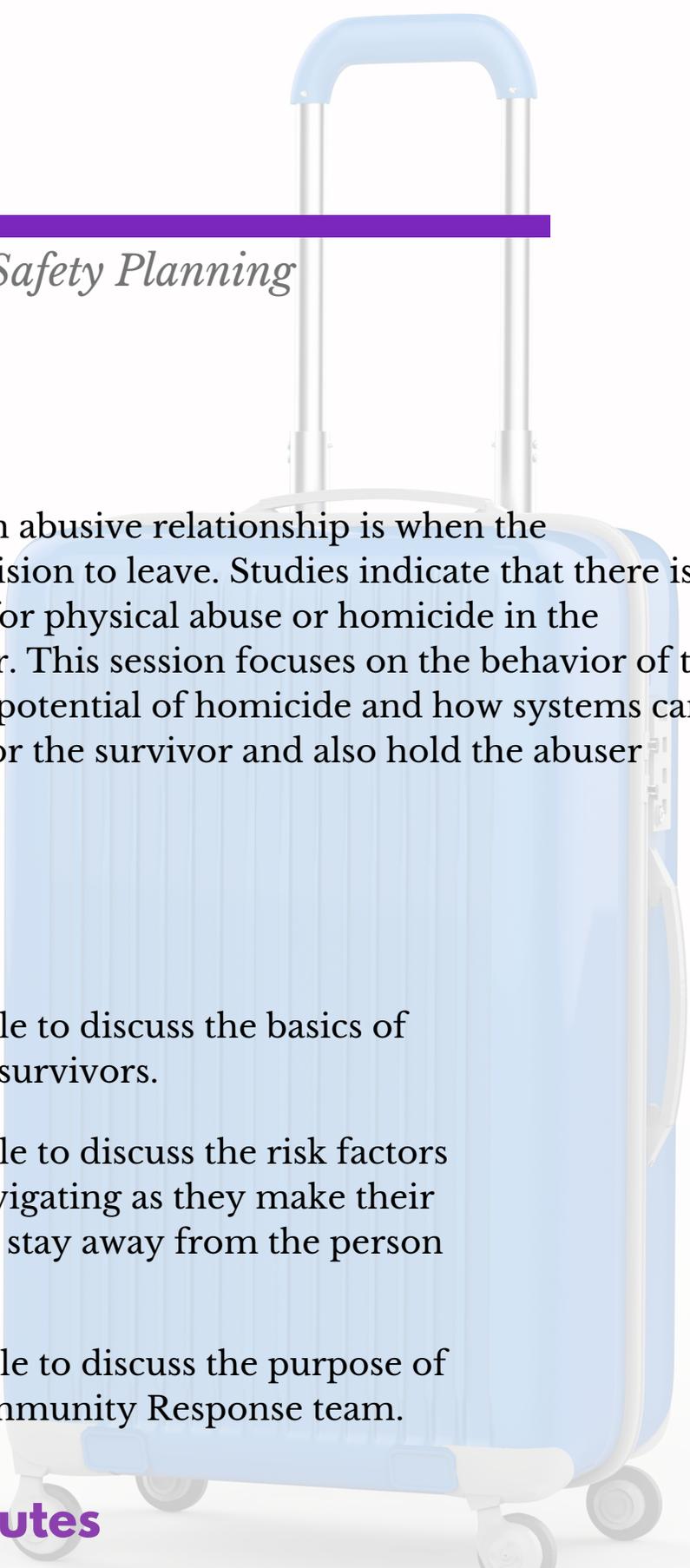
Participant will be able to recognize trauma responses exhibited by survivors of domestic violence.

3

Participant will be able to discuss the 3 e’s and 4 r’s of trauma to build trauma informed services and organizations.

**LENGTH: 45 - 90 min**

# Safer



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## *DV104 Survivor Defined Safety Planning*

### DESCRIPTION

The most dangerous time in an abusive relationship is when the victim/survivor makes the decision to leave. Studies indicate that there is a seventy-five percent increase for physical abuse or homicide in the aftermath of leaving the abuser. This session focuses on the behavior of the abuser as the indicator for the potential of homicide and how systems can coordinate to increase safety for the survivor and also hold the abuser accountable.

### KEY POINTS

- 1 Participant will be able to discuss the basics of safety planning with survivors.
- 2 Participant will be able to discuss the risk factors that survivors are navigating as they make their decision to leave and stay away from the person causing them harm.
- 3 Participant will be able to discuss the purpose of the Coordinated Community Response team.

**LENGTH: 60/90 minutes**

# Leaving Is A Process

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*DV105 Stages of Change and Domestic Violence*

## DESCRIPTION

The first step is recognizing that a person may be in an abusive relationship, the second step is providing a response. The tactics of the abuser used to gain power and control over the survivor's life can decrease their ability to seek help, leave the relationship and most importantly protect themselves and those close to them physically safe.

This session provides options available through the legal, government and social service systems to aid survivors in creating a safety plan to be safer in their process of leaving and starting a new life.

## KEY POINTS

- 1 Participant will be able to identify the stages of change.
- 2 Participant will be able to discuss strategies to assist the survivor along the stages of change.
- 3 Participant will be able to identify community referrals for survivors.

**LENGTH: 60/90 minutes**

# Options for Survivors

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*DV106*

## DESCRIPTION

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This session provides options available through the legal, government and social service systems to aid survivors in creating a safety plan to be safer in their process of leaving and starting a new life.

## KEY POINTS

- 1 Participant will be able to identify and discuss financial assistance available for survivors.
- 2 Participant will be able to identify and discuss crisis intervention programs available for survivors.
- 3 Participant will be able discuss the basics of orders of protection.

**LENGTH: 60/90 minutes**

# In Their Shoes

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*DV 107*

## DESCRIPTION

Designed with the classroom in mind, In Their Shoes: Teens and Dating Violence - Classroom Edition is an engaging way to talk about dating violence and healthy relationships with young people in one class period. Participants become one of six characters based on the experiences of real teens including sexting, pregnancy, homophobia, and stalking.

They make choices about their relationships and move through the scenario by reading about interactions with their dating partner, family, friends, counselors, police, and others.

\*\*Two options available (1) Youth/Teens and (2) Adult

## KEY POINTS

1

Participant will be able to identify and discuss the signs of coercive control in teen and young adult relationships.

2

Participant will be able to discuss the barriers for teen and young adult in abusive relationships.

3

Participant will be able create their plan to address to teen and young adult dating violence in their school and non-profit or faith-based organization.

**LENGTH: 1.5/hrs**

# Stalking and Domestic Violence

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*DV 108*

## DESCRIPTION

One in three women and one in six men will experience stalking in their lifetime. Stalking is a crime in all fifty states, however, seems overwhelmingly hard to prove. This introductory session provides the legal definition of stalking, the elements of stalking and strategies to work with survivors. Stalking and domestic violence often co-occur and may be an indicator of homicide.

## KEY POINTS

1

Participant will be able to define stalking.

2

Participant will be able to discuss the stalking law in Texas.

3

Participant will be able to recognize the signs of stalking using the SLII model so they can work with survivors and also provide education and awareness in the community.

**LENGTH: 60/90 minutes**

# Survivors And Substance Abuse

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*DV 109*

## DESCRIPTION

Domestic violence is a complex crime has many intersections that may create barriers to survivors leaving the relationship. This session focuses on the survivor, who is dealing with substance abuse issues. The goal of the session is to engage in dialogue that explores the issues of credibility, safety planning and system responses.

## KEY POINTS

- 1 Participant will be able to discuss the intersection of trauma response and substance abuse in the abusive relationship.
- 2 Participant will be able to discuss strategies for systems to work with survivors with the intersection of substance abuse and domestic violence.
- 3 Participants will be able to provide community resources for survivors of domestic violence, who are experiencing substance abuse, to assist them in achieving and managing their sobriety.

**LENGTH: 60/90 minutes**

# Traumatic Brain Injury & DV

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*DV 110*

## DESCRIPTION

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a significant, yet often overlooked, consequence of domestic violence. While physical injuries are visible, the brain damage caused by repeated blows to the head, strangulation, and other forms of abuse can lead to long-term cognitive, emotional, and physical impairments. This intersection creates a dangerous cycle where the brain injury can make it more difficult for a survivor to leave the abusive relationship, while the ongoing abuse can worsen the injury.

## KEY POINTS

- 1 Participant will be able to define traumatic brain injury.
- 2 Participant will be able to discuss the signs of traumatic brain injury in survivors of domestic violence.
- 3 Participant will be able to discuss strategies to effectively work with survivors who are experiencing traumatic brain injury.

**LENGTH: 60/90 minutes**

# Before it begins . . .

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*PRV 101 - Primary Prevention of Domestic/Dating Violence*

## DESCRIPTION

One of the goals of the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council is to prevent homicides related to domestic violence. One of the strategies to prevent homicides is to provide the tools to prevent and/or decrease abuse in relationships.

Domestic/Dating Violence is a public health issue and to that end we are committed to embracing the primary prevention model to respond to domestic/dating violence.

During this session professionals and community members will be introduced to primary prevention.

## KEY POINTS

1

Participant will be able to define primary prevention and discuss the three types of prevention.

2

Participant will be able to discuss the four levels of primary prevention.

3

Participant will be able to identify at least one strategy at each level that they or their organization is able to implement.

**LENGTH: 45 - 90 min**

# Healthy Relationships

*PRV 102 Healthy Relationships to Prevent Domestic/Dating Violence*

## DESCRIPTION

Domestic and Dating Violence are preventable. Through the work of the Adult Violent Death Review Team, a closed committee that reviews homicide cases in Harris county, we have recognized the trend that in many cases there was a history of abusive relationships. One of the recommendations from the committee is to increase awareness about recognizing the signs of a healthy relationship to equip individuals to both prevent victimization and causing harm in their relationships.

## KEY POINTS

- 1 Participant will be able to discuss the four pillars of a healthy relationship.
- 2 Participant will be able to recognize unhealthy/abusive signs in relationships and respond to their personal situations and those in their circle.
- 3 Participant will be able to identify community resources to utilize and refer family, friends and clients to for services and enhanced safety.

**LENGTH: 45 - 90 min**

# FAQ

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## *Is there a fee for training?*

There is no fee for the training, our agency receives funding to provide training and awareness programs to equip professionals to work effectively with survivors of domestic violence.

## *Is training in person or virtual?*

Training is provided both virtually and in person. Virtual programs are traditionally hosted on the agency's Zoom platform. Please discuss alternative hosting sites (i.e. TEAMS and hosting on your agency/company platform prior to scheduling your training.

## *How may I stay connected to learn about virtual/live training programs offered by HCDVCC?*

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