



## Domestic Violence Initiative

**Serving Women, Men and Children with Disabilities**

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**DVI: Helping women with disabilities and their children live in safety, free of violence and abuse since 1985**

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DVI is a private non-profit 501(c) 3 organization that relies on donation from our community to provide safety and support to women, men, and with disabilities who experience domestic violence, sexual assault, caregiver abuse, elder abuse and stalking.

### **HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

As a volunteer or financial contributor, you are our most valuable resource. Find a way to make a difference in the lives of families who are affected by domestic violence.

**Financial Contributions:** What your cash donation helps to provide:

- \* Medications
- \* Phone minutes
- \* Transportation
- \* Food
- \* Utility assistance
- \* Gas
- \* Personal Care Item
- \* Rent

### **INKIND DONATIONS:**

We are always in need of grocery gift cards as well as gas, and major retail store gift cards as we occasionally have client needs we are unable to fulfill without making purchases.

**Thank you for considering donating to DVI**

### **Mail your contribution to:**

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## Domestic Violence Initiative Serving Women, Men and Children with Disabilities

Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities (DVI) is a non-profit agency dedicated to the survival and safety of Colorado's men and women with disabilities and their children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, caregiver abuse and other crimes.

Through comprehensive case management, client advocacy and collaborative community outreach, DVI provides crime victims with disabilities and their children with tools for self-sufficiency that supports safe and fulfilling lives free of violence and abuse.

**Our Goals:**To assist women with disabilities who have experienced domestic violence or caretaker abuse by:

**Providing** peer support, education, awareness, resources, self advocacy, and safety planning to victims/survivors of abuse.

**Advocating** for the elimination of the physical and attitudinal barriers that lead to re-victimization;

**Serving** as a liaison via networking between women with disabilities and the myriad of community agencies.

**Fostering** unity and growth through sharing experience with others to reduce isolation;

**Increasing** awareness about violence against people with disabilities through education and training to the community and providing technical assis-

### What you should know about people with disabilities and domestic violence

- A woman with a disability is 85% more likely to be a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault than a woman without disabilities
- As many as nine out of ten people with developmental disabilities and one of every two elders with a disability report abuse by a caregiver or others in a position of trust
- All people with disabilities and their children have a right to live in safety, free of violence and abuse
- The majority of crime victims with disabilities live at or below the poverty level

### Victims with disabilities face unique barriers:

- The abuser may be the victim's intimate partner, parent, or child as well as the primary caregiver.
- Service availability and accessibility are limited.

### Victim Support

DVI offers a range of services to people with disabilities who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. Our culturally competent programs empower clients to build safer, independent lives without isolation, abuse and victimization.

### How We Help

- Safety and Survival Planning
- Individual Counseling & Advocacy, Peer Support,
- Direct Court Support for Victims and System Agencies
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Community Education
- Statewide Advocacy Service

**To make an appointment to speak to an advocate or to get information, please call us at 303 839-5510.**

### Community Outreach & Education

We also offer community education throughout the greater Denver area to help empower communities to prevent, reduce and effectively respond to domestic violence.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION

DVI provides educational presentations about domestic violence and disabilities and abuse to increase community awareness, encourage prevention, and develop effective community responses.

**Our community education services are provided at no cost, though we appreciate donations from those who can afford to contribute and help cover our costs.**

### General Domestic Violence Program

Community Education presentations cover essential information about domestic violence as well as specialized information for particular groups. We are happy to work with you to assess your needs and particular areas of concern.

### Corporate Training Program

Corporate trainings are designed for management, employees, and human resource administrators to increase their awareness about domestic violence and its consequences in the workplace. These trainings can improve both institutional and individual responses to domestic violence. The benefits range from increased productivity to a safer working environment for everyone.

**To make schedule training please call us at 303 839-5510.**