



## DOVE Programs

### Supportive Counseling Services

**617-770-4065 x300** Please leave your name and a safe number and we will return your call within 24-48 hours.

DOVE offers supportive counseling, crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, support processing the impact of domestic violence, and information and assistance navigating social service systems to survivors of domestic violence.

### Support Groups

**617-770-4065 x300** Please leave your name and a safe number and we will return your call within 24-48 hours.

DOVE offers support groups where participants can increase knowledge about domestic violence, gain healthy coping skills, and make connections with other survivors. Groups are organized based on interest and availability.

### Chinese Advocacy & Outreach Services

**617-770-4065 x304**

DOVE offers culturally-specific advocacy services to survivors in the Chinese community. Services are offered in Mandarin and English.

### LGBTQ+ Advocacy & Outreach Services

### Counseling Services and Support Groups

**617-770-4065 x300**

### LGBTQ+-specific Trainings and Workshops

**617-770-4065 x302**

DOVE offers identity-specific counseling services which are affirming and knowledgeable about the unique challenges faced by LGBTQ+ survivors, as well as LGBTQ+ – specific trainings and workshops for providers and members of the community.

### Children's Services

**617-770-4065 x320**

DOVE offers services for children of survivors. Services include individual counseling, individual parenting support, parenting support groups, child/teen support groups and child advocacy services.

### Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate Program

A DOVE Advocate is based in multiple communities in Norfolk County, specifically Braintree, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph and Weymouth. Advocates work with those experiencing domestic violence in their relationships who are identified through police reports and other referrals. They offer assistance with safety planning, emotional support, restraining orders and a wide variety of other advocacy services. Advocates also work closely with police officers on the response to domestic violence in their communities and provide support to two District Courts on domestic violence issues.

Advocate for – Dedham and Norwood communities – **857-939-3058**

Advocate for – Bicultural/Bilingual Haitian Creole Advocate for – Holbrook, Milton, and Randolph communities – **617-831-8326**

Advocate for – Braintree, Quincy and Weymouth communities – **617-653-4226**

### Emergency Shelter

**617-471-1234**

Temporary refuge for adults and their children in a caring, confidential environment. While in shelter, survivors receive support, advocacy, case management, legal assistance, and children's services.

### Hotline

**24-Hour Anonymous Hotline**

**617-471-1234**

A professional team of staff provides support and crisis intervention to individuals impacted by domestic violence and to family, friends, and neighbors concerned about a loved one.

### Community Outreach, Education, and Prevention

**617-770-4065 x500**

DOVE offers presentations, workshops, and training on a range of topics for community service providers, churches, schools, and youth programs, colleges and universities, health care providers, businesses, and civic groups. DOVE also conducts a 35-hour comprehensive training on domestic violence and related issues twice annually.

### Mission Statement

*Hope, healing, safety, social change. Working together to end domestic and partner violence.*

### Vision

*A community unified in peace, justice, and equity, for the safety and well-being of every individual.*

### Statement of Welcome and Affirmation

DOVE welcomes refugee and immigrant survivors both documented and undocumented; people with disabilities; people who are D/deaf or hard of hearing; BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color); LGB, Queer, Trans, and Non-Binary individuals; people of all religion and faith beliefs; and individuals whose first language is not English. DOVE welcomes people of all identities, including those not named.

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### Community Advocacy & Prevention Services

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## IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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**617-471-1234**

**Legal Helpline**  
**617-770-4065 ext. 400**

**Toll Free Hotline**  
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**DOVE, Inc. (D**Omestic Violence Ended) is a multi-service organization providing comprehensive direct services and support to survivors of dating and domestic violence. DOVE works with adults, teens, and children of all genders who have been abused physically, emotionally, financially, and/or sexually. DOVE's services include crisis intervention, danger assessment and safety planning, supportive counseling, emergency shelter, legal advocacy and representation, and community outreach, education, and training.

DOVE strives to educate individuals, families and the community at-large to help change the societal conditions that allow domestic violence to persist. All of DOVE's services are grounded in survivor-centered and trauma-informed advocacy. DOVE respects each person's right to choose their own path. DOVE's services are confidential and offered with compassion in a comfortable setting.

## IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Immigrant survivors of domestic violence often face additional hurdles to receiving the support they need. Such hurdles include language barriers, isolation or separation from family and support networks, and fear of deportation. We provide comprehensive legal services to immigrant survivors. These services include affirmative applications for Immigration relief related to domestic violence as well as advice on the intersections of immigration and other areas of law.

U.S. immigration laws provide some protections for immigrant victims of domestic violence. What follows is basic information regarding the most common forms of relief.



### U visas

U nonimmigrant status (or U visa) offers immigration protection to undocumented individuals who are victims of certain serious crimes in the United States. To obtain a U visa, applicants must show that:

- ◆ They were the victim of a qualifying crime in the United States, including domestic violence;
- ◆ They have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of the crime; and
- ◆ They have information about the crime and were helpful, are being helpful, or will be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the crime. Applicants must obtain a certification signed by law enforcement or a judge.

The U visa provides temporary status with work authorization and the possibility of applying for Legal Permanent Residency (a green card) after three years.

### Relief under VAWA

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) allows victims of domestic violence who are spouses, former spouses, or children of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, or parents of adult U.S. citizens, to "self-petition" for a green card without needing to rely on the abuser to obtain immigration benefits. For self-petitions based on marriage, applicants must show that:

- ◆ The marriage was in "good faith" and they are still married or the divorce took place less than two years ago;
- ◆ They lived with the abuser even if for a short period of time;
- ◆ The abuse occurred in the United States;
- ◆ They were subjected to "battery or extreme cruelty;" and
- ◆ They are a person of "good moral character."

All services are free and confidential.

All services have full language support through the use of interpreters.

A related form of relief allows those who obtained "conditional" lawful permanent residence status, based on a new marriage, to remove the conditions without needing to rely on the abuser.

### Asylum

Some individuals who fear that they will be victims of domestic violence if they return to their home countries may qualify for asylum. Asylum is a form of protection for individuals who have a "well-founded fear" of persecution based on their "race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion." Generally, one must apply for asylum within a year of entering the United States, though there are some exceptions.

### T visas

T nonimmigrant status (or T visa) offers immigration protection to undocumented individuals who are victims of sex or labor trafficking in the United States. To obtain a T visa, applicants must show that:

- ◆ They were the victim of sex or labor trafficking;
- ◆ They are physically present in the United States because of trafficking;
- ◆ They have complied with any reasonable requests by law enforcement to assist in the investigation of the person who trafficked them (unless they are under 18 or are unable to cooperate due to physical or psychological trauma)
- ◆ They would suffer hardship if they were removed from the United States

The T visa provides temporary status with work authorization and the possibility of applying for Legal Permanent Residency (a green card) after four years.

Are you a survivor of domestic violence and have questions about your immigration status? Do you want to talk to an immigration lawyer about whether you may qualify for these or other forms of immigration relief?

Call our **Legal Helpline: 617-770-4065 x 400**

**Note: It is important to always consult with an immigration attorney before filing any applications with immigration!**