

## 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

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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.

### 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, working 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 variety of other advocacy services. Advocates work closely with police officers on the response to domestic violence in their communities and provide support in two District Courts on domestic violence issues.

Braintree, Quincy & Weymouth- 617-653-4226

Holbrook, Milton & Randolph- 617-831-8326  
(Haitian Creole Language Supported)

Dedham & Norwood- 857-939-3058

### Legal Advocacy

617-770-4065 X400 Please leave your name and a safe number and we will return your call within 24-48 hours.

DOVE's attorneys are trained in providing trauma-informed, client-centered services to survivors of domestic violence. Staff attorneys provide representation, legal advice, and information to survivors in the areas of family law, immigration law, restraining orders, and housing and benefits matters. DOVE's attorneys also provide court outreach at Norfolk Probate and Family Court and Quincy District Court.

### 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.

### 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.



All services are free and confidential.

### 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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## A Place to Begin to End Domestic Violence

### PARTNER ABUSE IN LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES



24-Hour Hotline  
617-471-1234

Toll Free Hotline  
1-888-314-DOVE (3683)

LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Outreach Services  
617-770-4065 ext. 302

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## DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WORRY ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

### Does your partner...

- Threaten to out you to friends, family, or coworkers?
- Belittle your sexuality or gender identity?
- Criticize or humiliate you in public or private?
- Monitor your phone calls, texts, emails, mail, or social media?
- Force or pressure you to do something sexual that you do not want to do?
- Withhold appreciation or affection as punishment?
- Threaten to harm themselves if you try to break up?
- Get jealous when you spend time with friends or family?
- Hit, push, kick, or shove you or throw things at you?
- Blame you for their problems?
- Tell you what to wear or make decisions for you?

### Do you...

- Feel afraid of your partner?
- Change your plans or behavior to avoid an argument?
- Take responsibility for your partner's actions?
- Make excuses for your partner's behavior?

If you checked yes to any of these questions, you may be in an abusive or unsafe relationship. You are not alone; help is available. You do not have to leave your relationship to receive support.

## WHAT IS PARTNER ABUSE?

Partner abuse is a pattern of behaviors where one person attempts to control the thoughts, actions, body or beliefs of a partner. Partner abuse can but does not necessarily have to involve physical violence. Abuse crosses all gender, ability, age, social, racial, and economic lines, and can take emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, financial, and cultural/identity-based forms.

Bisexual, trans, lesbian, gay, and queer individuals experience partner violence at rates equal to or greater than straight, cisgender individuals. Between 25%-33% of LGBTQ+ people experience domestic violence at some point in their lifetime. LGBTQ+ survivors face additional barriers in seeking services and leaving their relationship, including:

- ◆ Lack of resources for LGBTQ+ survivors
- ◆ Cultural myth that abuse only happens in heterosexual relationships and to cisgender people
- ◆ Discrimination including homophobia, biphobia, and/or transphobia
- ◆ Increased isolation due to small and insular community
- ◆ Lack of recognition of the relationship
- ◆ Challenges with parental and adoptive parent rights
- ◆ Fear of being outed



## DOVE's LGBTQ+ ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

**SERVICES** offer identity-specific counseling services which are affirming and knowledgeable about the unique challenges faced by LGBTQ+ survivors, including a support group for LGBTQ+ survivors.

### Is your organization, agency, or club looking for more information?

Trainings and presentations DOVE provides include:

- Fostering Healthy Relationships in LGBTQ+ Youth, for Parents, Mentors, Providers, and Guardians
- Gender and Sexuality 101
- Partner Violence in the LGBTQ+ Community

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