

NCTSN External Resources Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October 2019)

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is offering resources to help educate parents caregivers, families, educators, professionals, and policy makers about domestic violence and its impact on children and families.

Every year millions of children are exposed to domestic violence. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning.

The following resources provide information on the impact of domestic violence on children, families, and their communities.

For Educators

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

- [Domestic Violence, Child Welfare, and the School System](#)
Provides resources on how the school system identifies, responds, and provides support to children, youth, and families exposed to domestic violence and offers support to parents and caregivers who may be victims of domestic violence.

[U.S. Department of Education](#)

- [Teen Dating Violence In The United States \(2013\)](#)
Fact sheet explain what teen dating violence is, how it affects schools, and what schools can do to address teen dating violence

[Stalking Resource Center – The National Center for Victims of Crime](#)

Promotes awareness, action, and advocacy to enhance victim safety and hold stalking offenders accountable.

For Judicial Personnel

[Center for Court Innovation](#)

Seeks to help create a more effective and humane justice system by designing and implementing operating programs, performing original research, and providing reformers around the world with the tools they need to launch new strategies.

- [Domestic Violence Benchbooks: A Guide to Court Intervention \(2015\)](#)
Reviews themes and best practices captured in similar guides around the country.

[National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#)

Provides all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

- [Decision-Making in Custody Cases Involving Domestic Violence: A Review of the Literature \(2016\)](#)
Summarized results of empirical research studies on decision-making in custody cases involving domestic violence.

For Parents

[Childhood Violent Trauma Center](#)

Works “to reduce the impact of violence on children and families and increasing public awareness of the effects of violence on children, families, communities and society.” Offers training and support for professionals, access to partners in national collaborations promoting best practices, links to other domestic violence and abuse websites, and more.

[Child Witness to Violence Project](#)

- [For Parents and Caregivers](#)

Provides information to help parents understand the effect of violence on children and provides information on how to support children exposed to violence.

[Futures Without Violence](#)

Works globally to prevent and end violence against women and children including domestic and dating violence, child abuse, and sexual assault.

[Promising Futures Resources for Families](#)

Provides information on when and where to seek help as well as ways parents can support their children.

[That’s Not Cool.Com](#)

Provides digital abuse prevention resources for youth and families on forming and sustaining healthy relationships with peers and romantic partners.

[Stalking Resource Center – The National Center for Victims of Crime](#)

Serves victims of any crime in the United States. Whether by chat or phone, our specialists assist victims in locating appropriate national, local, or online referrals.

[Technology Safety- National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)

Discusses technology, privacy, and safety in the context of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and violence against women.

[National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)

A resource center that offers information for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and agencies that work with them. Works to end violence against women and children through coalition building, support for battered women and children through alternative programs such as safe homes and shelters, public awareness education and technical assistance, developing policies and innovative legislation, and much more.

[U.S. Department of Justice: Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#)

Provides assistance (financial and technical) to communities working toward ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Through grants and agreements OVW helps protect and offer services to victims and enables communities to hold offenders accountable. Includes links to related help hotlines and resources, nationwide family justice centers, tips on how to help end domestic violence, and more.

For Policy Makers

[DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)

Focuses on legislative and judicial activity impacting domestic violence and related issues including tracking and analyzing. Educates policy makers, conducts outreach and public awareness campaigns, advocates for funding, develops materials, offers technical assistance and training, and provides information on national legislation and amendments, and more.

[National Network to End Domestic Violence](#)

Works at a national policy level to help domestic violence victims and their advocates. The Network is a social-change organization composed of state domestic violence coalitions, allied organizations, and supportive individuals.

For Victim Services Professionals

[Academy on Violence and Abuse](#)

Expands health education and research to integrate knowledge about violence and abuse into the training of all health professionals to promote safe families, safe workplaces and safe communities.

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

- [Domestic Violence and the Child Welfare System \(2014\)](#)
Discusses the extent of the overlap between domestic violence and child welfare, some of the effects of domestic violence on child witnesses, and the trend toward a more collaborative, communitywide response to the issue. It also features promising practices from States and local communities.

[Domestic Violence Awareness Project](#)

Provides information on the history of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and offers suggestions on how your organization can be part of the campaign to stop domestic violence.

[Futures Without Violence](#)

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[The National Center on Domestic Violence Trauma & Mental Health](#)

Provides training, support, and consultation to advocates, mental health and substance abuse providers, legal professionals, and policymakers as they work to improve agency and systems-level responses to survivors and their children.

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For Youth

[Break the Cycle](#)

Works to provide comprehensive dating abuse prevention programs exclusively to young people.

[Youth.gov](#)

- [Dating Violence Prevention](#)

Provides resources which explain who is at risk for teen violence and resources for teens involved in an abusive relationship.

[Love is Respect](#)

Provides teens and young adults with information on how to prevent, recognize, and escape unhealthy relationships.

For Parents and Youth

Mobile Safety Apps

Caution Apps may not be safe to use on mobile devices that are being monitored by a current or former intimate partner.

- [Respect Effect](#)
[Android](#)
[ITunes](#)
- [bSafe](#)
- [Circle of 6](#)
- [One Love My Plan](#)
- [Tech Safety](#)