

Domestic Violence Advocacy Fundamentals Training

This three-day training provides new advocates with the building blocks and fundamental information to successfully understand and work in the domestic violence movement. The training is designed to increase core knowledge and skills for advocates and students. Utilizing lectures, small group activities, role plays, audiovisuals, and exciting discussions, facilitators provide participants with the opportunity to grow as advocates and learn from each other. In addition to covering core information, facilitators will explore the components of domestic violence activism. Participants will also receive the DVAF training manual.

Training Objectives

(Breakfast and registration begins 30 minutes prior to training start time)

Day One: 9:30-4:45

- Social and legal definition of domestic violence and relevant statistical information
- Herstory of the battered women's movement
- The connection between sexism, violence against women, and other forms of oppression
- Institutional and cultural supports of domestic violence
- Using the power & control wheel with battered women
- Perpetrator characteristics and batterers intervention

Day Two: 8:30-5:00

- Definition of individual and systems advocacy
- Confidentiality, mandatory reporting, and duty to warn
- Victim trauma responses and barriers model
- Working with substance abusing women
- Risk assessment, information gathering, and the process of safety planning

Day Three: 8:30-4:45

- Healthy helping relationships, active listening, hotline work, and crisis intervention
- Cultural competency
- Survivor's legal options
- Self-care for advocates, including coping with vicarious trauma

Training Facilitators

The training will be facilitated by ODVN staff.

CEU/RCH Information

This training provides 17 CEUs for social workers and counselors.

Specific Training Details

Dates: March 24-26, 2010

Location: Lima, Ohio

Host Agency: Crossroads Crisis Center

Cost: \$55 for member agencies, \$90 non-member

Registration Deadline: March 19, 2010

Special Note: If you feel you are unable to attend the entire training, please check our calendar for future dates. Leaving early is disruptive so we ask that you stay for the entire training. Participants must also attend the full training to receive CEUs and an attendance certificate.

What to Expect:

- A highly interactive training, including informative and thought provoking discussions
- An opportunity to meet and share ideas with advocates from programs across the state
- A comprehensive workshop that includes anecdotal learning experiences from facilitators with diverse backgrounds

Who Should Attend?

- Domestic violence advocates with less than two years experience in the field
- Domestic violence professionals with more experience who want to hone their skills
- Any professionals or students who work with or will work with victims and want to learn more about effective advocacy