

The Intimate Partner Violence Advocate (IPVA) Certification Program

Intimate partner violence affects 1 in 4 women; and 1 in 3 teenage girls; therefore, it is likely you know someone who needs support. Do you know how to safety plan with adults and teens? Are you aware of your local resources for support? Do you know about the risks associated with leaving an abuser? IPVA answers these questions and more.

IPVA is a program developed by A Partnership for Change (APFC). Class Objectives include:

DV 101: Domestic Violence Introduction

Nurses: 5.5 Contact Hours; Social Workers and LPC's: 5.5 non-clinical credits; Anyone: 5.5 Domestic Violence Specialist (DVS) credits

- ✓ Identify and define all types of abuse and the dynamics of power and control
- ✓ Identify the risk factors associated with leaving an abuser
- ✓ Identify safe and effective intervention strategies to support victims and their families
- ✓ Identify components of a safety plan and resources for support

DV102: Understanding the Victim/Survivor

Social Worker and LPC's: 5.5 clinical credits; Anyone: 5.5 Domestic Violence Specialist (DVS) credits

- ✓ Define the emotional and behavioral impact of abuse on victim and their family, friends and co-workers
- ✓ Identify barriers that prevent victims from leaving and the dangers associated with leaving the abuser
- ✓ Learn how culture, religion, community, race, age, gender, ability or sexual orientation impacts a victim's decisions and options
- ✓ Define the meaning of empowerment to a victim
- ✓ Identify essential information that victims will need so they can identify their options and make informed decisions

The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children

Nurses: 5.5 Contact Hours; Social Workers and LPC's: 5.5 non-clinical credits; Anyone: 5.5 Domestic Violence Specialist (DVS) credits

- ✓ Define the effects of witnessing domestic violence on children from birth to age 18
- ✓ Identify appropriate intervention techniques to use with the child and with the non-offending parent
- ✓ Recognize behaviors of the batterer and victim as parents
- ✓ Learn how to properly document incidents, develop safety plans, and identify resources for support
- ✓ Develop protocol for safe and effective workplace response (at school, daycare, healthcare facility, community organization)

Teen Dating Abuse

Nurses: 5.5 Contact Hours; Social Workers and LPC's: 5.5 non-clinical credits; Anyone: 5.5 Domestic Violence Specialist (DVS) credits

- ✓ Define the dynamics and types of teen dating violence
- ✓ Identify the warning signs that indicate a teen may be a victim or an abuser
- ✓ Identify strategies to effectively identify, approach and support teens
- ✓ Develop teen safety plans, and identify effective prevention and awareness strategies
- ✓ Identify age-appropriate resource and referral information for support

DV103: Advocacy & Community Response

* DV101 or equivalent is pre-requisite

Anyone: 5.5 Domestic Violence Specialist (DVS) credits

- ✓ Understand the importance of cultivating a coordinated community response to victims
- ✓ Identify the challenges of working within the community, legal, business, healthcare, social service, and education systems
- ✓ Identify strategies that help to navigate the current system processes designed to support victims
- ✓ Learn ways to play a role in your community or workplace to raise awareness and launch prevention-based activities

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