

# The Intimate Partner Violence Advocate (IPVA) Certification Program

Domestic violence affects 1 in 4 women; therefore, it is likely you know someone who needs support. Do you know about safety planning? Are you aware of the resources? Do you know about the risks? IPVA answers these questions and more...

## Objectives for Each IPVA Workshop

### DV 101: Domestic Violence Introduction

*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

*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

*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

*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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