

## **Welcome to our survey!**

The Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic violence is assessing current strengths and areas for potential growth in our efforts to promote the safety and security of domestic violence victims in our state. To promote this effort, we would like to hear about the types of services that are being offered to domestic violence victims by groups outside of our membership agencies/organizations. Additionally, we seek to obtain information from groups/agencies/organizations that work with underserved and/or culturally specific groups so we can develop strategies to ensure that we are adequately meeting the needs of domestic violence victims from these populations.

**Survey Purpose:** This survey was designed as one component of a statewide needs assessment that examines our strengths, and potential areas for development and/or enhancement in practices and policies/protocols for ensuring the accountability of domestic violence offenders and safety and security of domestic violence victims. It focuses on six main topics: (1) group/agency/organization information, (2) domestic violence services offered by your program, if any, (3) domestic violence prevalence, awareness and access to programs and services, (4) barriers and methods for improving access to services, (5) domestic violence training, and (6) participation in collaborative endeavors.

**Number of Questions and Length of Time:** This survey has a total of 18 questions and will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. If you are unable to complete the survey in one sitting, you can save your completed responses by clicking next at the end of the page and then return to complete the survey at another time.

**Target Population:** Please have only one representative from each group/agency/organization complete this survey. Our target population is groups/agencies/organization that serve underrepresented and/or culturally specific populations within the state of Louisiana and who might have contact with victims of domestic violence.

**Follow up:** Once all surveys are completed, the data will be analyzed and a final report will be written. The highlights from this report will be widely shared and a link to the final report will be available on the LCADV website.

If you have any questions about this survey please email [rhonda.evans@lcadv.org](mailto:rhonda.evans@lcadv.org) or call Rhonda Evans at 225-753-1296.

## Agency Information I - Type and Service Population

\* 1. Which type of agency/organization do you represent?

- Non-religion Based Nonprofit
- Religion Based Nonprofit
- For profit
- State Government
- Parish Government
- City Government
- Other (please specify)

**\* 2. Which of the following populations do you serve/target for services? Please check all that apply**

- All populations in your geographic location
- Individuals living in rural areas
- Native Americans
- Native Hawaiian
- Other Pacific Islanders
- Asians
- African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Immigrants
- Refugee or Asylum Seekers
- LGBTQI
- Individuals who are homeless
- Individuals living in poverty
- Elderly
- Individuals with physical disabilities
- Individuals with mental health issues
- Individuals with substance abuse issues
- Other (please specify)

## Agency Information II - Location

**\* 3. Parishes in your agency's/organization's service area:**

- All Parishes
- Acadia
- Allen
- Ascension
- Assumption
- Avoyelles
- Beauregard
- Bienville
- Bossier
- Caddo
- Calcasieu
- Caldwell
- Cameron
- Catahoula
- Claiborne
- Concordia
- De Soto
- East Baton Rouge
- East Carroll
- East Feliciana
- Evangeline
- Franklin
- Grant
- Iberia
- Iberville
- Jackson
- Jefferson

- Jefferson Davis
- La Salle
- Lafayette
- Lafourche
- Lincoln
- Livingston
- Madison
- Morehouse
- Natchitoches
- Orleans
- Ouachita
- Plaquemines
- Pointe Coupee
- Rapides
- Red River
- Richland
- Sabine
- St. Bernard
- St. Charles
- St. Helena
- St. James
- St. John the Baptist
- St. Landry
- St. Martin
- St. Mary
- St. Tammany
- Tangipahoa
- Tensas
- Terrebonne
- Union
- Vermilion

- Vernon
- Washington
- Webster
- West Baton Rouge
- West Carroll
- West Feliciana
- Winn

4. If you do not provide services parish-wide, which city does your organization/agency serve?

## Agency Information III - Domestic Violence Services

\* 5. Does your agency/organization provide domestic violence specific services?

Yes

No

## Agency Information IV - Types of Domestic Violence Services

### 6. Which of the following types of domestic violence specific services does your agency/organization provide?

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing
- Housing advocacy
- Education advocacy
- Legal advocacy
- Economic relief - aid paying electric bills, obtaining food, paying rent, etc...
- Advocacy for economic relief - SNAP, etc...
- Community awareness event
- Victim counseling/advise
- Support groups for victims of domestic violence
- Support groups for children who have been exposed to domestic violence
- Batterer intervention programs
- Other (please specify)



## Domestic Violence I: Prevalence, Awareness and Access to Programs and Services

\* 7. **What is the prevalence of domestic violence among the communities you serve and/or target for service?**

- Don't Know
- Not Prevalent
- Somewhat Prevalent
- Prevalent

\* 8. **What is the level of awareness among the population you serve about the domestic violence programs and services provided in your area?**

- Don't know
- Low Level of Awareness
- Moderate Level of Awareness
- High Level of Awareness

\* 9. **Do members of the communities you serve report using the services of their LCADV member, domestic violence program?**

- Yes
- No

## Domestic Violence II: Barriers to and Methods for improving Access to and Use of Services

\* 10. Which of the following are barriers that limit access to resources for domestic violence victims in your service area? Please check all that apply.

- Lack of Knowledge that they exist
- Belief that these services and programs do not exist for people like them
- Hearing about negative experiences that individuals and/or community members like them have had with these programs and services
- Lack of transportation/distance from the program and/or services
- Lack of written domestic violence resources in their native language
- Language barrier between them and service providers
- Scheduling or time constraints due to work
- Lack of childcare during time services are offered
- Fear of deportation
- Fear of negative impact on their children
- Lack of culturally specific amenities within shelters. - i.e., food, hair products, etc...
- Fear that they will be arrested for their own drug use
- Fear that they will be arrested for other crimes
- Fear that they will lose custody of their children
- Other (please specify)

11. How helpful would the following be to ensuring that domestic violence victims in your service area have access to and domestic violence programs and services?

	Not Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Very Helpful
Resources available in their native language	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowing that staff members who deliver these services are similar to them	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Not Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Very Helpful
Knowing that staff who deliver services embrace and respect cultural diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making awareness raising resources available in their local churches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making awareness raising resources available in their local healthcare facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making awareness raising resources available in their local schools and/or daycares	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Making awareness raising resources available in other public spaces within their community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Service Announcements on TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Service Announcements on Radio	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Service Announcements in Newspapers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing services closer to where they live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having law enforcement officers provide them with information on these resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having law enforcement officers transport them to safe shelter.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Providing funds for public transportation to these resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowing that the facilities where services are provided will be accessible for individuals with physical disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Not Helpful

Somewhat Helpful

Very Helpful

Knowing that they will not be judged for mental health issues

Knowing that they will not be judged for substance abuse issues

Knowing that resources are available outside of normal business hours

Knowing that childcare can be provided or children can accompany them to receive services

Other (please specify)

## Domestic Violence Training I

\* 12. How many of your agency staff or volunteers, who work with individuals who have experienced or witnessed domestic violence, have received training on the following topics?

	All	Most	Some	Few	None
Basic Domestic Violence 101	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence offenders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The benefits of inter-agency collaboration to ensure victim safety and decrease the frequency and lethality in domestic violence cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The services that are offered by the non-profit domestic violence programs in the area and how victims can access these services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The legal resources available to aid victims of domestic violence and how they can access these resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 13. How helpful would information on the following topics be for aiding your staff and/or volunteers in responding to domestic violence in your community?**

	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very Helpful
Basic Domestic Violence 101	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence victims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How to effectively communicate with domestic violence offenders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The benefits of inter-agency collaboration to ensure victim safety and decrease the frequency and lethality in domestic violence cases.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The services that are offered by the non-profit domestic violence programs in the area and how they can access these services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The legal resources available to aid domestic violence victims and how they can access these resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Domestic Violence Training II

14. How likely would your staff and/or volunteers be to attend the following types of training/information sessions on domestic violence?

	Not likely at all	Somewhat likely	Very likely
Face-to-face, in a central location, with other agencies in your city	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face-to-face, in a central location, with other agencies in your parish	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Face-to-face, in a central location, with other agencies from across the state	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Webinars - online trainings that can be completed at their convenience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Webinars - online trainings on specific times and dates that allow them to interact with trainers and other trainees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Collaborative Endeavors I

\* 15. Does any representative from your agency/organization engage in the following?

Yes

No

Serve on domestic violence task force or other domestic violence specific coordinated community response teams in your service area.

Serve as board members of domestic violence programs.

Work with other non-profit domestic violence agencies in your service area to develop inter-agency policies and procedures for handling domestic violence cases.

Work regularly with non-profit domestic violence programs in your service area to address areas of concern that undermine the safety and empowerment of domestic violence victims.

If you answered yes to any of the question above, please provide a name and contact information for the person who could provide more specific information.



**16. Are any coordinated community response teams operating in your service area to ensure that inter-agency policies, procedures, and practices hold domestic violence offenders accountable, while promoting the safety and empowerment of domestic violence victims?**

Yes

No

**17. Evidence confirms that the most effective way to ensure offender accountability and victim safety, is to develop coordinated community response teams that promote best practices in managing domestic violence cases. If a coordinated community response team were being formed in your service area, would your agency be willing and able to take part in such an initiative?**

Yes

Maybe

No

Please list the name and contact information for the person who would likely represent your agency if a coordinated community response team were forming?

## Collaborative Endeavors II

18. Would you be interested in learning more about how membership in LCADV can provide your group/agency/organization with resources that help meet the needs of domestic violence victims in your service area?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide your name, group/agency/organization name, and contact information.

## Survey Complete

**Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses are very important!**