

Technical Assistance Guidance Documents

Brief documents exploring considerations related to emerging issues in the field and offering recommendations for practice.

Birth Doulas and Shelter Advocates: Creating Partnerships and Building Capacity (April 2014) provides information for both victim advocates working in shelter and birth doulas on the impact of trauma in pregnancy and childbirth, and outlines how a partnership between these two communities may be of benefit to pregnant survivors of domestic violence.

vawnet.org/material/birth-douglas-and-shelter-advocates-creating-partnerships-and-building-capacity

Domestic Violence and the Holidays: Beyond Resolutions, Envisioning Your Future (December 2015) explores the New Year's holiday as an opportunity for domestic violence programs to engage in positive visioning with advocates and survivors.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-holidays-beyond-resolutions-envisioning-your-future

Domestic Violence and the Holidays: Considerations for Survivors from Specific Populations (December 2011) responds to questions about the connection between domestic violence and distinctive holidays.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-holidays-considerations-survivors-specific-populations

Domestic Violence and the Holidays: Cultural Sensitivity During the Holiday Season (December 2013) discusses some issues to consider as programs work with survivors and their families during the holiday season.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-holidays-cultural-sensitivity-during-holiday-season

Domestic Violence and the Holidays: Promoting Wellness and Managing Stress (November 2014) is intended to help domestic violence programs create the organizational support needed to better respond to the wellness needs of shelter staff during the holiday season.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-holidays-promoting-wellness-and-managing-stress

Domestic Violence and the Holidays: Understanding the Research (November 2010) provides an analysis of the available data on the volume of requests for domestic violence services during the holidays.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-holidays-understanding-research

Domestic Violence and the Holidays: What's Cooking? (November 2012) offers guidance on appropriately responding to the food-related needs of survivors in shelter and how to manage excess food donations.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-holidays-whats-cooking

Domestic Violence and Voter Registration: Safety Considerations (August 2012) offers guidance around safety considerations for domestic violence survivors when registering to vote.

vawnet.org/material/domestic-violence-and-voter-registration-safety-considerations

Responding to the Long-Term Needs of Adult Children Exposed to Domestic Violence: Exploring the Connection to Suicide Risk (April 2016) explores the connection between exposure to domestic violence in childhood and, among other consequences, the risk for suicide in adulthood.

vawnet.org/material/responding-long-term-needs-adult-children-exposed-domestic-violence-exploring-connection

Sheltering Transgender Women: Providing Welcoming Services (September 2014) highlights effective strategies for integrating trans women into shelter, building on the existing practice, familiarity, and skill that most shelter staff and allied professionals have developed in providing shelter services to women.

vawnet.org/material/sheltering-transgender-women-providing-welcoming-services

Supporting Parenting of Children Residing in Domestic Violence Shelters (May 2015) focuses on challenges regarding parenting and discipline of children who reside in these shelters, proposing a variety of recommendations for practice.

vawnet.org/material/supporting-parenting-children-residing-domestic-violence-shelters

Why Pets Mean so Much: The Human-Animal Bond in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence (September 2014) explores ways that victim advocates can assist survivors of domestic violence and their pets when seeking safety and refuge from abuse.

vawnet.org/material/why-pets-mean-so-much-human-animal-bond-context-intimate-partner-violence