Overview of End Domestic Abuse WI Training Programs

Below is an overview of regularly offered training from End Abuse. See our website (www.endabusewi.org) for currently available trainings and past training recordings. You can also sign up for our Training Update email bulletin to receive monthly training updates directly to your email.

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Core Training Programs

The following training is designed to meet the ongoing needs of advocates and activists, many of whom work for local domestic abuse programs.

Annual Teen Summit Our largest training, developed by and for young people, brings together youth, parents, educators, activists, and mentors to learn about individual and community healing, anti-violence work centering those most impacted, and imagining violence-free futures.

Basic Restraining Order (RO) Training This short online training reviews helping victims assess whether they want an RO, the process to obtain one, determining eligibility for different types of ROs, and assisting victims to complete petitions and prepare for court. The training includes advance “homework” for registrants to complete on their own.

Foundations of Advocacy (Winter, Spring, & Fall) Designed for new victim advocates, this training offers an overview of topics such as domestic abuse dynamics, trauma and self-care, safety-panning, counseling basics, confidentiality, and advocating within systems. (Offered as a remote series or an in-person event.)

New Directors University (Annual cohort training) In this year-long workshop, new directors from WI domestic abuse programs discuss aspects of leadership and service provision such as working with boards, grant writing, budgeting and finance, and community and organizational leadership. (Application required.)
Northern Training: Tribal and Rural Communities Addressing Gender Based Violence (Annual) American Indians Against Abuse (AIAA) and End Abuse co-present this annual gathering where advocates come together to learn and share about a broad range of topics related to domestic abuse and sexual assault in rural & tribal communities.

Providing Services for LGBTQ Individuals Training Series (Annual) This ongoing webinar series shares insights into serving survivors in the LGBTQ community. Topics have included terminology and concept overviews, creating welcoming and safe spaces for LGBTQ survivors, abuse in later life, and serving LGBTQ youth victims and survivors.

Statewide Directors Meetings Sexual assault, domestic violence, and tribal directors and/or their management-level designees gather to learn, share, challenge, and enhance DV and SA services. End Abuse co-sponsors these remote or in-person meetings throughout the year with the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) and AIAA.

Supporting Families Who Have Experienced Trauma Many families who seek our help have lived through multiple traumatic experiences in which domestic abuse has been prominent. This unique trauma-sensitive training focuses on the needs of parents and children, communication skills and techniques, and ways to reduce stress and promote more positive experiences within the family and the agency.

WE LEAD (Wisconsin Empowered! Leadership Enrichment and Ally Development)(Annual cohort training) This yearlong academy focuses on building new voices of leadership within the movement to end gender-based violence, with hands-on leadership development opportunities for survivors of violence and/or people from underserved/under-represented communities. (Application required.)
Training Programs for Emerging Issues

Each year we develop trainings to explore issues that have emerged as particularly relevant for survivors & advocates. Below are examples from trainings offered in the recent past.

**Bridging Tribal and Non-Tribal Advocacy**  This webinar series was presented in collaboration with AIAA, the WI Department of Children and Families, and WCASA. Sessions included: Sharing Our Work, Sharing Our World; Historical Trauma – The Effects of Unresolved Grief in Native Wisconsin; Cultural Communications; and Effective Legal Advocacy and Tribal Jurisdiction in Wisconsin. (2020-2021)

**Community Coordinated Response (CCR) & Multidisciplinary Team Trainings** Throughout the year, End Abuse offers technical assistance and training to CCRs and other multidisciplinary teams to improve community responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of oppression.

**Continuing Learning Series on Racism, White Supremacy, & Anti-Violence Work**  End Abuse, WCASA, and Urban Triage provided this monthly training series. Brandi Grayson facilitated discussion about how racism and white supremacy create and compound chronic trauma, focusing on applying learned concepts and practices to our anti-violence movement work. (2021-2022)

**Economic Empowerment**  In partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the Allstate Foundation, this training focuses on ways to assist survivors with basic financial management strategies, for advocates at domestic abuse programs. (2019-2022)

**Human Trafficking: Assisting Survivors at Domestic Abuse Programs** Training and educational resources that look at the intersections of domestic abuse, sexual assault and human trafficking are collaboratively developed with local and statewide organizations and advocates. (2019-2022.)
Legal Training Topics On an ongoing basis, the End Abuse Legal Team develops training to address emerging legal issues related to restraining orders, access to justice for underserved communities, family law, economic support, immigration law, trafficking and more. Emerging issues come from new laws, case trends brought up by partner agencies, and in legal technical assistance requested by advocates and directors at victim services agencies. For example, see January-June 2022 offerings in Legal Trainings 2022.

Know More, Do More: Recognizing & Responding to Stalking With presenter Dana Fleitman from the Stalking, Prevention, & Awareness Resource Center (SPARC) we explored the dynamics of stalking, its highly contextual nature, common tactics, and co-occurrence with domestic and sexual violence, as well as tools to plan for victim safety and hold offenders accountable. We also looked stalking law, including recent changes to Wisconsin Act 28. (2021)

Managing Escalating Crisis Situations This foundational training presented by Dr Kelly Duggan of NAMI Southeast Wisconsin included an overview of types of major mental illness and different approaches based on associated behaviors being presented. Participants learned techniques to prevent escalation, or to de-escalate a difficult situation that is unfolding. (2021)

Providing Inclusive Services: Working with LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence This training provides basic knowledge about LGBTQ victims, intersections of identity, & how IPV & sexual assault affect these populations. Explore how to enhance agencies’ capacity to serve victims with a range of needs & improve experiences of those seeking assistance by offering trauma sensitive services with cultural humility. For member programs of End Abuse, WCASA, and their collaborating partners. Learn more here.
Restraining Orders: Beyond the Basics This training outlines a different restraining order topic during each of six 45-minute sessions. The End Abuse Legal Team responds to advocate questions and provides legal technical assistance by phone or email following the session. (2021-2022)

Technology Safety Series This series addresses topics relevant to advocates navigating the intersection of technology and domestic violence, including safer use of technology, stalking and human trafficking. (2021-2022)

Trauma, Mental Health, and Substance Use: Skills & Tools for Advocates This two-day training focuses on advocate skills and tools related to mental health and substance use disorder needs among domestic abuse survivors, with trainers who have expertise in mental health and substance use disorders, disability rights advocacy, state and local level domestic abuse victim advocacy and services. (2020-2022)