Overview of End Abuse Training Programs

Below is an overview of regularly offered training opportunities from End Abuse. Please see our Events page for currently available trainings, and our Webinars page for webinar recordings. You can also sign up to receive monthly training updates and print the most recent update here.

Questions? Contact educationcoord@endabusewi.org.

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 (Annual conference)

This exciting annual conference delves into the topics of healthy relationships, teen dating, sexual violence, and how it affects youth. We invite teens, parents, and adult mentors from across the state to attend this educational and inspiring event!

Family Law Institute Series 6-session series: Each training builds on the previous session to provide an overview and discussion of different aspects of family law:

1. Options Under the Family Code – Understanding the Process
2. Pleadings – Beginning the Process
3. Considerations for Children
4. Monetary Considerations
5. Trials and Post-judgment
6. Systems Change Options

Foundations of Advocacy (Winter, Spring & Fall)

Designed for new advocates for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault, 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. (Held remotely. Application required.)

**Northern Training: Tribal and Rural Communities Addressing Gender Based Violence (Annual)**

American Indians Against Abuse and End Domestic Abuse WI 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-Identifying Individuals Training Series (Annual)**

This ongoing webinar series provided in collaboration with Diverse & Resilient and the Department of Children & Families shares insights into serving LGBTQ survivors at domestic abuse programs. Past training includes topics such as Understanding and Affirming LGBTQ Survivors, Abuse in Later Life, and LGBTQ Youth Facing Family Violence.

**Restraining Order (RO) Basics Training (Spring & Fall)**

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.

**RO Beyond the Basics 5-part series:** Each session takes an in-depth look at a different topic. End Abuse’s Legal Services Team developed these trainings based on advocates’ most common questions.

1. Domestic Abuse and Harassment Injunctions
2. Child Abuse and Individuals at Risk Injunctions
3. Personal Service and Service by Publication
4. How Multiple Orders Intersect
5. Complicated Situations

Statewide Directors Meetings

Sexual assault, domestic violence and tribal executive directors and/or their management-level designees gather to learn, share, challenge and enhance DV and SA services. Frequency and format of meetings varies according to participant needs. End Abuse co-sponsors the meeting with the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault and American Indians Against Abuse.

Supporting Families Who Have Experienced Trauma

This unique training for domestic abuse victim advocates focuses on the needs of parents and children, trauma-sensitive communication skills and techniques, 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

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

Brain Injury & Domestic Violence: What Advocates Need to Know

This training shed light on a common but often overlooked, and sometimes lethal, injury among survivors of domestic abuse. This presentation outlined how to ask questions, make accommodations, and know when to make referrals to meet the needs of someone who may have a brain injury. Presented by Kathy Connolly and Michelle Ruhl-Ortiz from Harbor House. (2022)
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.

DV in the Deaf Community 2-part series

- **Deaf’s Lens – Understanding Domestic Violence in the Deaf Community**
- **I Have a Deaf Client - What do I do Now?**

The Deaf population experiences violence at a rate 1.5 times higher than that of the hearing population. This training by Ana Price (Lily of the Valley) was designed for hearing advocates to better understand trauma, oppression, and violence in the Deaf community. It outlined steps hearing advocates could take to be prepared in advance and able to respond quickly, appropriately, and compassionately to the needs of their Deaf clients. (2022, recording available to End Abuse program members)

Legal Training Topics

On an ongoing basis, End Abuse Legal Team develop 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 legal issues come from new laws, case trends brought up by partner agencies, and in legal TA requested by advocates and directors at victim services agencies. (2022)

- **Advocates as Expert Witnesses:** Overview of serving as domestic violence expert witnesses in criminal and family law cases in Wisconsin, including presenting qualifications, preparing for, and serving as an expert witness.
- **Advocacy/Legal Solutions: Transnational Marriage Abandonment:** Abandonment of a spouse in their country of origin without means to return to the US is a form of abuse examined in this training, which covered advocacy strategies, legal issues, and potential solutions.
- **Health Care Access for Survivors:** Addressing specific advocacy issues related to health care access.
- **Immigration Protections for Immigrant Survivors:** The basics of immigration law, and the most common remedies.
Legal Lens on Digital Abuse and Exploitation: Exploring the problem of technology, online grooming, trafficking, and crimes against children, and learning what can be done from a legal advocacy perspective.

Moving Forward: Economic Empowerment

Financial and credit basics, flexible/nontraditional employment options and introduction to FinTech, presented by National Network to End DV. (2022)

Stalking and Technology Safety 2-part series

- Context is Key: Recognizing & Responding
- Stalking 2.0: The Use of Technology to Stalk

Dana Fleitman, from the Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center (SPARC) delivered a two-part training about common technologies used by stalkers, how to apply strategies for working with stalking victims – including documenting stalking and preserving technological evidence – and more. (2022)

Trauma, Mental Health, and Substance Use: Skills & Tools for Advocates

This two-day training focused 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. (2020-2023)

Writing a Successful Grant Application and Basics of Nonprofit Financials & Cost Allocations

These trainings covered multiple components of the grant-writing process, basic nonprofit financials, and cost allocations for DV & SA agency executive directors and/or their designees. (2022)