

Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach and Catholic Charities: Creating a Parish Based Response to Domestic Abuse Throughout the Diocese

AWARENESS- SERVICES- PREVENTION



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Process of getting into the Parishes

Reach out to Priests

- *Resistance and Prejudices encountered*
- *Preaching and response*
- *Follow-up meeting – possibly bring an agency and support person to mentor*

Who comes to the meeting?

- *Volunteers and curious*
- *Victims*
- *Number of people varies greatly*
- *Why did you come? Important sharing to raise consciousness*

Focus of ministry: Awareness - Services - Prevention

- *Awareness – importance and ways to do it*
- *Training – Catholic Charities, agencies, ACDVO*
- *Services – how to connect to services*

Catholic Charities Evolution: Domestic Violence Services

- Catholic Charities (CCC) long history of providing DV services.
- Services were scattered; not coordinated or tracked.
- 2010- Immigration- VAWA grant
- 2011: Archdiocese developed Office of DV Outreach.
- Steering Committee developed.
- HPRP ending.
- 2012: Funding applied for and received.
- 40 Hour Training



Catholic Charities Evolution: Domestic Violence Services Continued...

Targeted Areas:

- ❖ Low Income
- ❖ No Domestic Violence Agency
- ❖ Transportation Barriers
- ❖ Immigrants

Services:

- ❖ Individual Counseling
- ❖ Training
- ❖ 6-8 week Personal Growth Support Group
- ❖ Consultation to Group facilitators
- ❖ “Train the Trainer”
- ❖ DV shelter

Statistics

Future Goals:

- ❖ Funding
- ❖ Prevention
- ❖ Expand Services to Men and Children



Organizational Development- Institutionalization

Prevention – Biggest Challenge

- Integrate into Catholic structures: schools, marriage prep, religious education CCD curriculum expected in 2017

Organizational Development – Institutional Development

- Network of 85 parishes
- Biannual assemblies for education and support
- Website development – many resources
- Development Communication, Parish Support, Public Policy, Prevention, Finance and Fund Raising committees
- Annual Archdiocesan Mass on DV in the Cathedral with Archbishop

Future goals

- Raise funds
- Increase prevention services
- Expand services to men and children
- Promote prevention more vigorously
- Develop a video documenting the process

Resources

Manual for parishes developing a DV Ministry to use:

<http://www.archchicago.org/>

https://www.familyministries.org/resources/index.asp?c_id=147&t_id=114

DV Logo: <http://jm-aq.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/stop-domestic-violence-logo.png>

Support Sign: http://blog.mass.gov/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/help_support_signs.jpg

Thank you!

Questions?



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