



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION

Domestic Violence Outreach Chicago, IL

The mission of Domestic Violence Outreach is to raise awareness about IPV in all forms, connect victims with needed services and promote violence prevention through education. We strive for responsible and lasting social impact in all the faith-based and non-religious communities that we serve.



Fr. Chuck Dahm giving the homily at the 8th Annual Domestic Violence Survivor's Mass held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Domestic Violence Outreach (DVO) offers:

- Education on Healthy Relationships for young people using the HeaRT – Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships Curriculum, developed by the Centers for Disease Control. DVO trains middle school educators using the evidence-based curriculum.
- Presentations on Domestic and Teen Dating Violence for adults who work with teens to understand, recognize, and appropriately respond to those who need help.
- Staff and Organizational Training on Domestic Violence on how to develop their DV outreach response to address the specific needs within their communities.

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DVO's Domestic Violence Manual, available on their website, is a collection of information on Domestic Violence and Teen Dating Violence designed for parish ministries and staff. It is divided into three sections

AWARENESS

- Dimensions of Domestic Violence
- Establishing a Ministry
- Activities and Resources
- Training
- Speaking Out and Homilies
- Bishops' Position on Domestic Violence
- Violence Against Women Act – VAWA

SERVICES

- Hotlines
- Chicago and suburban resources
- National resources

PREVENTION

- HeaRT Plan Information
- Survivor Stories
- Prevention Resources