

According to the National Institute of Justice, women are killed by intimate partners (husbands, ex-husbands and boyfriends) more often than by any other category of killer.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

A CALL TO ACTION

The **DRIVING CHANGE CONFERENCE** provides training to communities and organizations interested in learning about the Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model as well as ongoing education to those in the field that have already implemented the model.

Workshops will provide practical, hands-on training for domestic violence victim advocates, law enforcement, probation, prosecutors and criminal justice professionals in the response to high-risk domestic violence cases.

The goal of the Driving Change Conference is to provide communities with the tools and knowledge they need to transform their response to potentially lethal domestic violence cases and to deliver the highest level of training, information and strategies to professionals in the domestic violence field.

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■ WHEN AND WHERE

November 2-3, 2015
Boston Marriott Copley Place
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THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAM MODEL:

The Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) Model is a multidisciplinary, collaborative team that uses risk assessment to identify high risk offenders—those who are most likely to murder or physically assault their partners—and hold them accountable while increasing the safety of the intended victim through immediate access to comprehensive victim services. The traditionally incident-driven criminal justice system has been challenged to widen the lens through which domestic violence cases are viewed. The assessments help illustrate the batterer's history and pattern of behaviors, and allow for considering distinct acts of violence in context. By tracking lethality factors and violent behavior patterns, homicides are prevented.

The Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model recognizes that domestic violence homicides are predictable and preventable. The team is led by domestic violence victim advocates and includes partners from prosecution, law enforcement, probation, batterer's intervention, healthcare and/or hospitals.

HOW THE MODEL WORKS:

The DVHRT Model is based on the research of Dr. Jacquelyn C. Campbell, the Anna D. Wolf Chair at Johns Hopkins University with joint appointments to the School of Nursing and Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Campbell identified both risk and protective factors for intimate partner homicide and demonstrated that the escalation of domestic violence to lethal levels follows predictable patterns.

The DVHRT Model focuses equally on victim safety and offender accountability by using a three-pronged approach:

- Early identification of high risk cases through risk assessment;
- Individualized, multidisciplinary response to high risk cases; and,
- Coordinated safety planning and offender containment.

The team develops case-specific plans to interrupt the cycle of escalating violence and minimize the risk of further abuse. By sharing information across disciplines, thus closing gaps in the system, the DVHRT helps to ensure that a community's highest risk cases are strategically addressed within the criminal justice system, while ensuring enhanced services are available to victims.

Successful DVHRTs are advocate-led and have full participation from all partners—domestic violence services, law enforcement, probation, parole, prosecution, corrections, batterers' intervention programs, and the local hospital. DVHRT participating agencies use risk assessment information to inform their specific response to high risk cases in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction.



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THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH RISK TEAM MODEL WORKS!

Proven results from communities who have replicated the DVHRT have shown:

- Homicide reduction
- Offender containment
- Low dismissal rates
- High rates of guilty pleas
- Low re-assault rates
- Reducing the need for victims to enter shelter
- High numbers of victims accessing services in their community

REPLICATION OF MODEL

The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center has provided training to over 5,000 criminal justice professionals, judges, prosecutors and victim advocates from 42 states, either on site or at our 2013 Driving Change Conference. As a national training and technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), we have provided technical assistance on the adaptation and replication of the DVHRT model nationwide. Since 2013, we have been engaged in OVW's Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative. In January of 2015, with OVW support, we began replication of our model in two diverse urban communities: in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York, and Cleveland, Ohio. This work reflects the success of the DVHRT model and its promise as a scalable, sustainable program that can be replicated in communities across the nation.

The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center is a Massachusetts 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and relies on the generosity of grants and gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations to perform its lifesaving work. Our mission is to empower individuals and engage communities to end domestic violence. For more information on the programs of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, visit

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