



Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

Gender Based Violence (GBV) Prevention Policy Deputies Meeting

January 15, 2026



GBV Program Updates



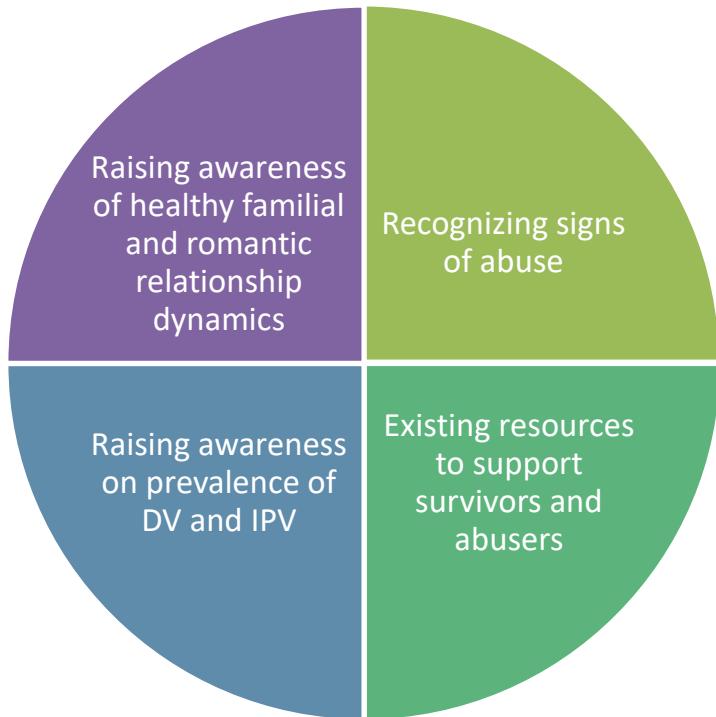
DV Awareness Board Motion & Toolkit

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Board Motion Directives

Toolkit will address four critical areas for breaking the cycle of domestic and intimate partner violence and be distributed by key County and community partners. Read the full motion [here](#).



County
Departments

LACOE

Community-
based
organizations

Health
Providers

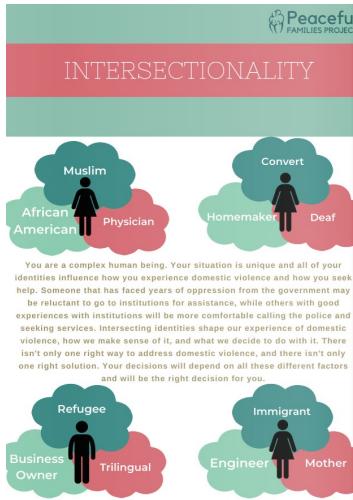
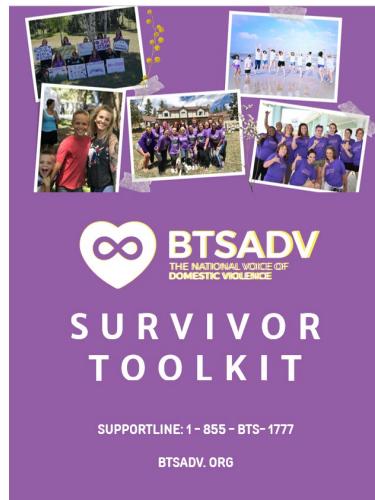
Schools

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Entities



Toolkit Research

Domestic Violence Awareness Toolkits



Break the
Silence Against
Domestic
Violence

Futures
Without
Violence

Peaceful
Families

NO MORE



Youth Feedback

Our SPOT	LAUSD BD 7 Student Advisory Council	East LA College
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16 locations• Avg. age: 15• 63% male, 37% female• 86% Latino, 9% Black, 1% Asian, 4% Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 students• 8th- 12th grade• 4 female, 1 male, 1 nonbinary• 2 Asian, 1 Black, 3 Latinx• South Bay region	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 students• 14-18 years old• 49% female, 51% male• 99% Hispanic



Youth Feedback

More examples of digital abuse

Add journal prompts

Make resources more visible

Humanize help resources

Add more realistic examples



Check for Respect: Teen Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit



Check for Respect

A Quick Guide to Healthy Relationships for Teens

What Does "Check for Respect" Mean?
Respect is the foundation of every healthy relationship. To check for respect, ask:

- Am I being treated with care, honesty, and equality?
- Do I feel safe, valued, and free to be myself?
- Are my boundaries honored and my voice heard?

Consent is Respect.
Consent isn't just about sex. It's about making sure every person involved feels safe, ready, and comfortable, every time.

Red Flags
✗ "If you don't do this, I will break up with you."
✗ "Stop being so dramatic."
Anger or sulking when you say "no."
Pressure to send photos or share passwords.

Green Flags
★ "Is this okay?"
★ "Do you want to stop?"
Should we slow down?
Is it okay if I post this picture of us?

Respect Includes Everyone.
No matter your race, gender, identity, sexual orientation, or background, you deserve respectful love. Support each other by:

- Listening without judgment
- Celebrating differences
- Asking: "How can I support you?"

Boundaries = Respect.
Boundaries help define what you are comfortable with and how you want to be treated.

Unhealthy
✗ "If you love me, you won't hang out with anyone else."
"I need to check your phone — it's not about trust."
"Send me a picture so I know where you are."

Healthy
"I want to hang out, but I need space sometimes."
"I'm okay holding hands, but I'm not ready for more."
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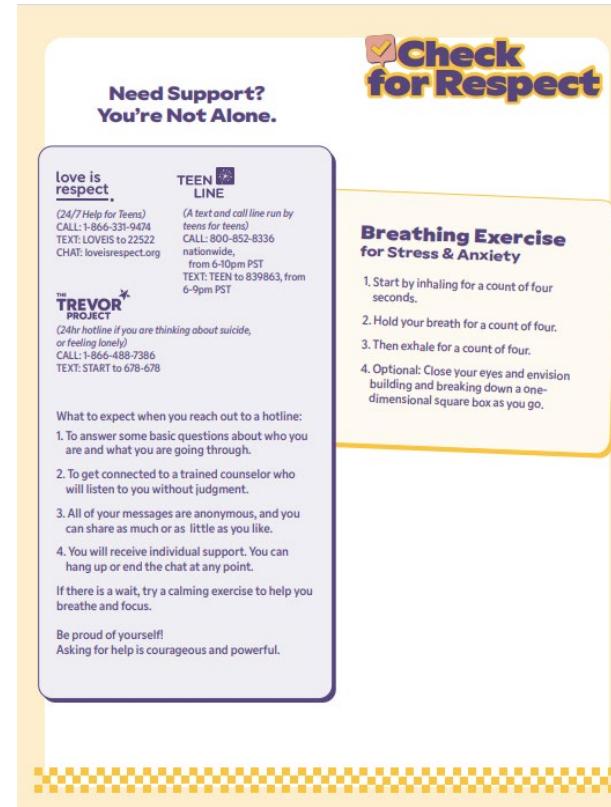
Self Check-In.
Ask yourself:

- Do I feel like I can disagree?
- Can I say no without fearing the relationship will end?
- Are we equal partners in decision-making?

If not... it's time to **check for respect**.

LOVE Public Health

Handout (front)



Check for Respect

Need Support? You're Not Alone.

love is respect.
(24/7 Help for Teens)
CALL: 1-866-331-9474
TEXT: LOVEIS to 22522
CHAT: loveisrespect.org

TEEN LINE
(A text and call line run by teens for teens)
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nationwide,
10am-10pm PST
TEXT TEEN to 839863, from
6-9pm PST

THE TREVOR PROJECT
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Breathing Exercise for Stress & Anxiety

- Start by inhaling for a count of four seconds.
- Hold your breath for a count of four.
- Then exhale for a count of four.
- Optional: Close your eyes and envision building and breaking down a one-dimensional square box as you go.

What to expect when you reach out to a hotline:

- To answer some basic questions about who you are and what you are going through.
- To get connected to a trained counselor who will listen to you without judgment.
- All of your messages are anonymous, and you can share as much or as little as you like.
- You will receive individual support. You can hang up or end the chat at any point.

If there is a wait, try a calming exercise to help you breathe and focus.

Be proud of yourself!
Asking for help is courageous and powerful.

Handout (back)



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Postcard front

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Red Flags

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TEEN LINE (Text and call line run by teens for teens)
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TEXT: TEEN to 839863, 6-9pm PST

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE (Crisis intervention, info, and referrals)
CALL: 1-800-799-7233
CHAT: thehotline.org
TEXT: Text 'START' to 88788

THE TREVOR PROJECT (24hr hotline if you are thinking about suicide, or feeling lonely)
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Guilt-tripping or pressure.
"You owe me this."
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Poster



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Sticker sheet



Individual die-cut stickers



Kiss-cut sticker sheet with custom backing*



DV Prevention Toolkit Dissemination Plan

DVC and OWH
partners

Schools via LACOE
& Public Health
Wellbeing Centers

Board Offices

County and
Community
partners



Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Social Media Campaign

Email Outreach to Partners and County Departments

Director's Briefing

Promotion of Check for Respect [website](#)

Social Media Contest



Thank you

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GBV Prevention Initiative Webpage



Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative (GBVPI) Webpage

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Gender-Based Violence

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What is Gender-based Violence?

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is violent acts or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten due to a person's identified or perceived gender or sexual identity. GBV is an umbrella term that includes, but is not limited to: domestic violence, intimate partner violence, gendered cyber abuse, sexual harassment, sexual assault and exploitation, trafficking, homophobic and transphobic abuse.¹

Gender-based violence is a Public Health issue.

GBV is a serious violation of human rights and a life-threatening public health and safety issue. Individuals of all backgrounds experience GBV at any time and in any place. Factors like housing insecurity, poverty, systemic racism, gender inequality, and limited access to education, health care, or supportive services can increase the risk of GBV. These conditions often reinforce power imbalances, particularly for women, girls, LGBTQ+ people, and communities of color. In a globalized and digital world, GBV can also transcend borders through online exploitation, trafficking, and violence.



GBV Work Plan



GBVPI Workplan

Goal:

To reduce gender-based violence in Los Angeles County by strengthening coordination and collaboration, investing in evidence-based prevention strategies, and supporting a justice and trauma-informed approach that fosters safety, healing, and equity.



GBVPI Workplan

Purpose: Develop a 3-year plan to reduce GBV in Los Angeles County with a focus on:

1. Investing in evidence-based community driven and survivor informed prevention strategies;
2. Increasing education and awareness about GBV, resources and programs through countywide prevention campaigns and messaging;
3. Strengthening coordination and collaboration across county departments and between county and community partners, to increase access to services, better leverage resources; and
4. Advancing policy, practice and system change.



GBVPI Workplan

Year 1 (October 2024 – June 2025): Creating Infrastructure and Awarding First Investments in Prevention

1. Create GBV Prevention governance and coordination efforts through regular cluster meetings
2. Build staffing and operational foundation for the initiative
3. Award \$2M in community grants in 4 key focus areas
4. Initiate a Countywide GBV Landscape Analysis
5. Collect and share consistent and comprehensive data on GBV through reports, dashboards, and OVP website



GBVPI Workplan

Year 2 (July 2025–June 2026): Implementation of Prevention Programming, Learning Collaboratives, and Raising Awareness

1. Execute second year contracts to ensure continuity of GBV prevention services
2. Establish Learning Collaboratives for GBV subcontractors
3. Pursue State funding to increase GBV Prevention investment
4. Disseminate Teen Dating Violence Prevention Toolkit widely including via CBOs and in partnership with LACOE & LAUSD
5. Continue to coordinate GBV efforts with county and community partners – focus areas: economic empowerment, workplace violence best practices, dissemination of the DV prevention toolkit and DVRO materials and resources



GBVPI Workplan

Year 3 (July 2026–June 2027): Expand Investment in Prevention, Share Outcomes and Impacts, Identify Policy Opportunities

1. Continue to pursue grant opportunities to expand funding for GBV prevention.
2. Develop and release an Equitable, Trauma-Informed GBV Prevention Request for Proposals (RFP) to expand the pool of funded agencies.
3. Develop a report to share GBV Prevention grant outcomes and elevate best practices as it pertains to prevention.
4. Work with CEO-LAIR to explore potential legislation that support survivors and GBV efforts.
5. Expand coordination efforts to include new partners and new projects.



GBV Prevention Grants Preliminary Data



GBVPI Grants Background

In alignment with the Board Motions, OVP released a competitive RFP in 2025, administered through Southern California Grantmakers, to expand primary prevention efforts across Los Angeles County. On June 16, 2025, contracts were executed with 12 CBOs across four focus areas:

- 1) Healthy Relationships Education and Training
- 2) Engaging Men and Boys
- 3) LGBTQ+ Youth Peer Leadership
- 4) Economic Empowerment for Women and Girls

Each category reflects evidence-based and research-informed approaches consistent with national best practices for gender-based violence prevention.



GBVPI Grant Subcontractors Preliminary Data

- Data covers **4 months** of client-engaging activities
- As part of program monitoring and evaluation, the County requested participation, demographic, and outcome data from all GBV Prevention subcontractors.
- To protect participant privacy, contractors were asked to submit aggregate demographic data only.
- In addition, some contractors submitted raw, de-identified survey data, which is currently under further review and analysis.

Data presented are preliminary and reflect data collected as of December 2025. Additional data are expected and analysis is ongoing.



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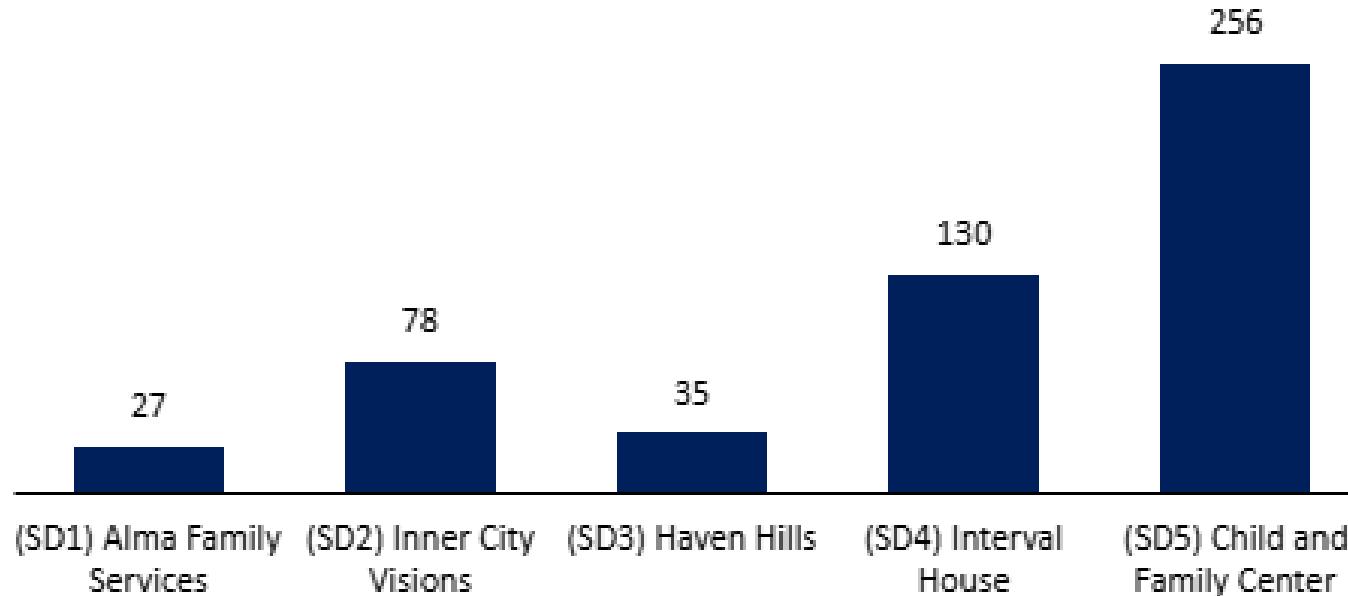
- Participation counts reflect individuals served over multiple weeks or sessions.
- Counts may include repeat participation by the same individual.
- Survey response totals do not always equal total participants.
- Learning outcomes are pooled only where instruments are sufficiently comparable.

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Total Participants in Healthy Relationships Education and Training



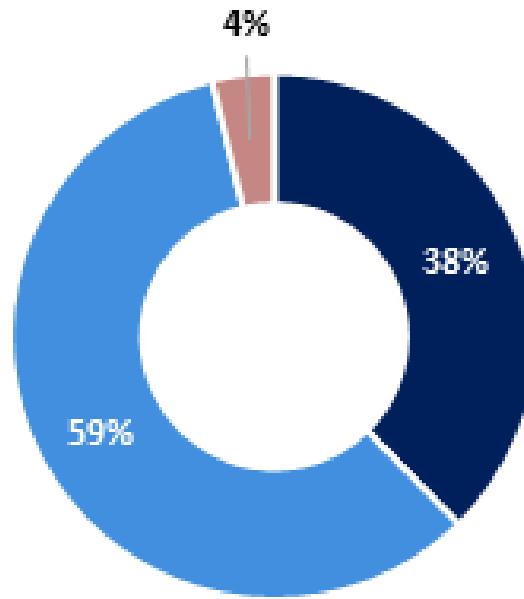
These five organizations represent different delivery models, scales, and evaluation capacities. Because projected reach varies widely by format, participation counts should be interpreted as exposure to prevention education rather than unduplicated individuals. This refers to the total number of “data points” in the program data. We cannot fully speak to the number of unique participants.

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Gender Identity of Program Participants (n = 263)



■ Male ■ Female ■ Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming or Other Gender

Child and Family Center participants were excluded since demographic data were not available.

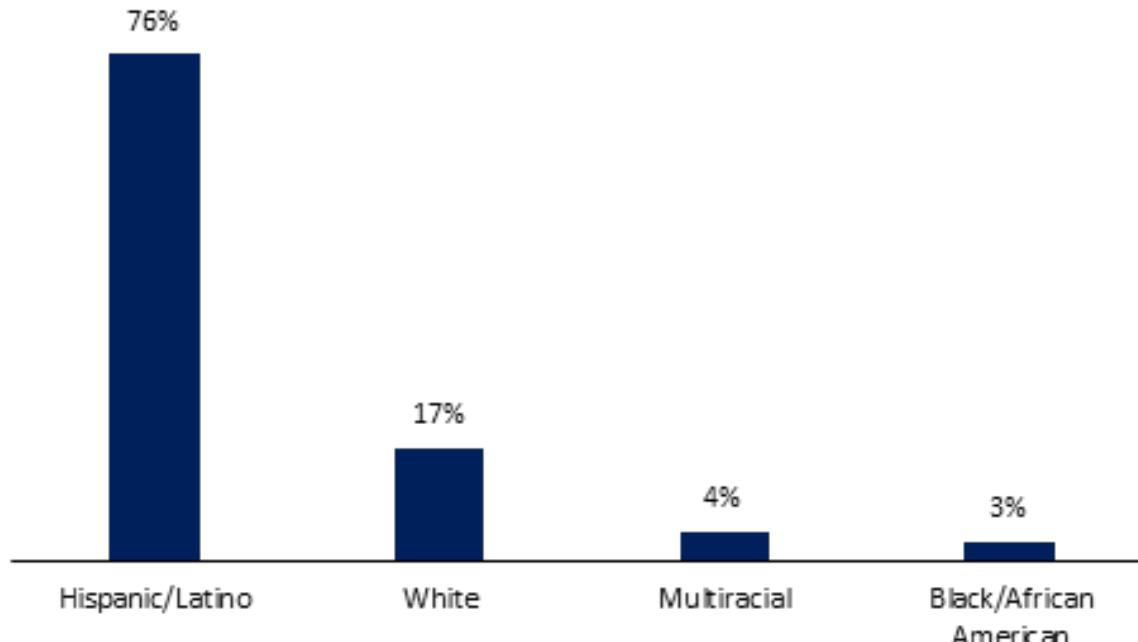
Participants who preferred not to state their gender or who were missing data were excluded from analysis.

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GBVPI Grant Subcontractors Preliminary Data

Race/Ethnicity of Program Participants (n = 135)



Child and Family Center participants were excluded since demographic data were not available.

Interval House participants were excluded as race and ethnicity were collected separately.

Participants who refused to provide race/ethnicity data or who were missing data were excluded from analysis.

Subcontractors were free to use instruments of their choice. Race categorization methodologies and identification of multiracial individuals used by contractors may have varied.

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GBVPI Grant Subcontractors Preliminary Data

Preliminary Age Data

- Participants' ages ranged from 12 to 22, reaching individuals as young as fifth grade to young adults.
- The mode of participant ages in the Healthy Relationships category was 16.

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GBVPI Grant Subcontractors Preliminary Data Lessons Learned

- Variability in contractor data systems and reporting formats limited the ability to fully aggregate outcomes across all providers.
- These challenges were anticipated in a pilot context and have surfaced clear, actionable lessons to strengthen future implementation and evaluation.
- We are preparing now to mitigate current dataset limitations in the next fiscal year.
- Continued work with existing grantees would support continuity and allow refinement of data systems without disruption.



GBVPI Grant Subcontractors Preliminary Data

Next Steps

- Standardize data guidance and reporting timelines for all contractors.
- Strengthen technical assistance to support community partners in data analysis and aggregation.
- Return to the Board with a more complete and refined data report.



THANK YOU

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