

AGAPE FOUNDATION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INC.

History: AGAPE Foundation Against Domestic Violence, Inc. Is a Non– Profit Organization, Founded in 1998 by one woman who lived her life as an abused mother. Her children lived in fear and trauma caused by domestic violence. AGAPE Foundation Against Domestic Violence, Inc., Is Recognized Under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Mission: AGAPE Foundation Against Domestic Violence, Inc.. Provide services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. To help eradicate the cycle of domestic violence, through education, intervention, and prevention awareness. Further, our aim to empower victims of domestic violence to self–sufficiency.

AGAPE Foundation Against Domestic Violence, Inc., provides: conflict resolution, ongoing domestic violence counseling, support groups, shelter referrals, anger management classes, food & clothing services, transportation services. Community outreach, intervention and prevention education awareness to: churches, schools, businesses, companies, community groups, and other service providers.

[To Help Make a Difference in the lives of abused women and children \(Donation\)](#)

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What is domestic violence? Domestic violence is the term applied when your husband, boyfriend, former spouse, someone you've dated, or living with, attempt to exercise power and control which has a destructive, harmful effect on you.

What are the forms of domestic violence?

Domestic violence can take many different forms, such as : physical abuse, verbal abuse, emotional / psychological abuse, and sexual abuse.

What are the serious effect of domestic violence?

(a) Physical abuse: Hitting, choking, pushing, kicking, beating, punching, slapping, pinching, hair-pulling, biting, shoving, using weapons.

(b) Verbal abuse : Constant criticism, name-calling, mocking, yelling, making humiliating remarks.

(c) Emotional / Psychological abuse: Extremely jealous threats, stalking, controlling behavior, isolation from others, not expressing feelings, not respecting the victim's feelings.

(d) Sexual abuse: Forcing sex on an unwilling partner, harsh sexual criticism.

What can I do if I, or someone I know are being abused ? :

If you are a victim of domestic violence, talk to someone you can trust. If you know someone who is a victim, help by giving your support, and seek the necessary resources.

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BREAKING THE SILENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Psalm: 18: 32. It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect.

Jonah: 3:8 : But let man..... Cry mightily unto God: Yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

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What are the facts about domestic violence ?

Studies Shows: (1.) More that 4 million women are battered by their partners each year in this country.

(2.) Every 9 seconds in the United States, a woman is physically beaten by her husband or boyfriend. (Family Violence Prevention Fund Report, 1994.)

(3.) 95 % of domestic violence victims are women.

(4.) Nationally, homicide is the second leading cause of death among females 15-19 years old. (National Center for Health Statistics, Vital Health Statistics, 1996.)

(5.) Domestic Violence causes more injuries to women between the ages of 15-44 in the United States than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined. (Surgeon General, United States, 1992)

(6.) Domestic Violence not only affects adults. Approximately 1 out of every 3 teens has experienced sexual, physical, verbal or emotional violence in dating relationship. (Mitchell, "Teen Dating Violence", 1996)

(7.) Domestic Violence is not a personal matter. It is a crime.

(8.) **Remember!** Your safety and the safety of your children is the most important decision you will make.

(9.) **Remember!** Violence is a choice a person makes. The batterer is 100 % re-

What is the cost of domestic violence on the family and children?

Studies Shows: (1.) Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence by family member against their mother or female caretaker. (Task force on violence and the family 1996, p11)

(2.) In homes where partner abuse occurs, children are 1,500 times more likely to be abused. (Dept. of justice, Bureau of justice assistance, family violence, intervention of the justice system, 1993).

(3.) When children are killed during a domestic violence dispute, 90% are under the age 10 : 56 % under the age 2 years. (Florida Governor's Task force on domestic violence and sexual violence, Florida Mortality Review project 1997, p51 table 28).

75 % of men in batterer treatment programs report witnessing their mothers being abused as children.

63 % of teenage boys incarcerated for murder are there for having murdered their mother's batterer.

Matthew: 18: 6 " But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea".

Psalms: 32: 5: I acknowledged my sins unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the

Who are batterers ? There are no typical profile of a batterer, a batterer can be rich, poor, young, old, Law enforcement, doctors, pastors, educated, uneducated, employed, unemployed. That's what makes domestic violence more dangerous because a batterer can be anyone.

Will the Violence Stop: Many battering follow a common pattern called the cycle of violence. Abuser often show's regret of their actions and apologize, but before long, they abuse again The abuser usually get worse rather than better. If you are being abused, don't think that apologies, promises or kind treatments following abuse means it won't happen again. (Get help)

Are you abusing someone? Please get help !

I John 1: 9 " If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Proverbs: 3: 13: Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs: 3: 11: My son despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction.

Ecclesiastes. 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain