



JEWISH COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

JCADA'S PROGRAM PRINCIPLES

- Domestic abuse occurs when one person systematically controls another through intimidation, threats, insults, emotional or economic pressure, through forced isolation or physical or sexual assaults.
- Domestic abuse occurs in Jewish families at the same rate as in the general community. Abuse occurs among all branches of Judaism and at all socio-economic levels.
- Research consistently finds that approximately 85% of all reported crime between intimate partners is against women; however, men can be the victims of domestic violence in both straight and same-sex relationships.
Intimate Partner Violence: A Special Report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, D.C., May 2000; Henneburg, M. *Bureau of Justice Statistics: At A Glance.* U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, D.C., August 2000.
- JCADA supports victims of domestic abuse by providing a helpline, crisis counseling, safety planning, support group, and information referral services to all victims of abuse – women, men, teens, and children – in the greater Washington, D.C area.
- All JCADA services are offered to victims of domestic abuse without regard to gender, age, income, race, religion, ethnic origin, English proficiency, or immigration status. JCADA welcomes the participation of interfaith couples and families, and people of all abilities, backgrounds and sexual orientations.
- All services must be sensitive to religious and cultural needs of the victim.
- All services must empower victims and respect their right to make their own decisions.
- All services must respect the confidentiality of clients.
- Domestic abuse is physical, psychological, emotional, verbal, sexual, and economic. JCADA believes in a holistic approach, which requires a comprehensive response from service providers to empower victims, diminish trauma, and enhance self-sufficiency.
- Domestic violence advocates embrace the participation and collaboration of all segments of the community as partners in the “coordinated community response.”
- Research shows that one in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence. JCADA works to prevent future generations from suffering domestic abuse by raising awareness through its healthy relationship initiative.