



## Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

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### About the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

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The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV) formulates policies and programs, coordinates the citywide delivery of domestic violence services and works with diverse communities and community leaders to increase awareness of domestic violence. OCDV collaborates closely with government and nonprofit agencies that assist domestic violence survivors and operates the New York City Family Justice Centers. These co-located multidisciplinary domestic violence service centers provide vital social service, civil legal and criminal justice assistance for survivors of intimate partner violence and their children under one roof.

### Programs

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#### New York City Family Justice Centers

The New York City Family Justice Centers (FJCs) provide comprehensive civil legal, counseling and supportive services for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, and sex trafficking. Located in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan, the FJCs are safe, caring environments that provide one-stop services and support. Key City agencies, community, social and civil legal service providers, and District Attorney's Offices are located on-site at the Centers to make it easier for victims to get help. Services are free and confidential. All are welcome regardless of language, income or immigration status.

#### Healthy Relationship Training Academy

The NYC Healthy Relationship Training Academy offers interactive workshops on dating violence and cyber abuse for adolescents, young adults, parents and service providers. Workshops are facilitated by trained Peer Educators who encourage discussion and critical thinking about these challenging topics. On-site workshops are free and offered in English and Spanish year-round throughout New York City.

#### Fatality Review Committee

Local Law 61 of 2005 established the New York City Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee (FRC), through which OCDV, along with ten City agencies, two representatives from social service organizations, and two survivors of domestic violence examine data pertaining to family-related fatalities and develop recommendations for the coordination and improvement of services for victims in New York City. To raise awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence and of services available, the FRC members also participate in community outreach in neighborhoods experiencing a high number of domestic violence homicides.

### Stats: OCDV 2015

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OCDV conducted **1,635 outreach events**.

OCDV had **58,988 client visits** to the Family Justice Centers.