

## Mayor's Action Plan (MAP) for Neighborhood Safety

### Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence

#### New York City Housing Authority Domestic Violence Response Team (NYCHA DVRT)

#### INTRODUCTION

The NYCHA Domestic Violence Response Team (NYCHA DVRT) is a new initiative of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence to raise awareness about domestic violence and directly link victims to appropriate services. NYCHA DVRT staff will conduct extensive outreach throughout the 15 developments in the initiative and the surrounding communities, launch a public education campaign, link victims directly to services, and provide assistance in coordinating multi-agency services for high risk victims.

#### NYCHA DVRT MODEL

**Community Liaisons** will focus on outreach, early intervention, and education.

- Conduct high visibility outreach at subway stations, parks, playgrounds and busy intersections.
- Build relationships and partner with local community groups and service organizations, religious institutions, medical providers, local elected officials, police precincts and community boards to assist in getting public education information out to the community.
- Conduct an extensive coordinated public education campaign in the NYCHA developments and in the surrounding community.
- Directly link victims seeking assistance to dedicated DVRT specialists at the New York City Family Justice Centers and other appropriate community-based agencies.

**DVRT Specialists** will provide crisis intervention, advocacy, and supportive services to NYCHA DVRT domestic violence victims at the Family Justice Centers.

- A wide range of services are available at the Family Justice Centers including case management, risk assessment, safety planning, family law, immigration law, counseling for adults and children, and economic empowerment services (assistance with public benefits, budgeting, employment readiness and financial safety) for victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, and sex trafficking.
- Key City agencies, community, social and civil legal service providers, and District Attorney's Offices are located on-site to make it easier for victims to get help. Services are free and confidential. All are welcome regardless of language, income or immigration status.

**High Risk Service Coordinator** will work closely with clients identified as being at a high risk of escalating abuse, physical violence or homicide.

- Collaborate directly with the DVRT Specialists, City agencies, and other community partners to create individualized plans to quickly meet the service and safety needs of the client.
- The High Risk Service Coordinator will have an identified contact person at various City agencies including, ACS, DFTA, DHS, HRA, NYCHA, NYPD, and NYC Probation.

**Healthy Relationship Training Academy** will offer 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.
- These workshops will be offered at after school programs operated at NYCHA community centers through a partnership with the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and NYCHA.



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## HELP IS AVAILABLE AT THE NEW YORK CITY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS

### NYCHA Domestic Violence Response Team

For victims who live in one of the following 15 NYCHA developments: Red Hook East & West, Tompkins, Bushwick, Van Dyke I & II, Ingersoll, Brownsville, Boulevard, Queensbridge North & South, Butler, Castle Hill I & II, Patterson, Wagner, Polo Grounds, St. Nicholas, and Stapleton:

**For more information or to make an appointment call (212) 788-2602 or Email [DVRTinfo@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:DVRTinfo@cityhall.nyc.gov), or walk in to any New York City Family Justice Center**

#### NYC Family Justice Center Bronx

**Address:** 198 East 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451

**Subway:** 4, B or D to 161<sup>st</sup> Street Yankee Stadium

**Bus:** BX1, BX6 and BX13

#### NYC Family Justice Center Brooklyn

**Address:** 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

**Subway:** A, C, F or R to Jay Street or the 2, 3, 4 or 5 to Borough Hall

**Bus:** B25, B26, B38, B51, B54, B57, B61, B65, B67 and B75

#### NYC Family Justice Center Manhattan

**Address:** 80 Centre Street, New York, NY 10013

**Subway:** 4, 5 or 6 to Brooklyn Bridge – City Hall, J or Z to Chambers Street, N or R to City Hall, 1, 2 3, A or C to Chambers Street

**Bus:** M5, M9, M22 and M103

#### NYC Family Justice Center Queens

**Address:** 126-02 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Kew Gardens, NY 11415

**Subway:** E or F to Kew Gardens/Union Turnpike

**Bus:** Q10, Q37, Q46 and Q60

#### Staten Island Domestic Violence Response Team

For victims who live on Staten Island, call 311 for the Staten Island Domestic Violence Response Team for information and referrals.

To learn more, e-mail

[OCDV\\_DVRT@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:OCDV_DVRT@cityhall.nyc.gov) or visit [www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence](http://www.nyc.gov/domesticviolence)

**NYC Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-621-HOPE**

**NYC Crime Victims Hotline: (866) 689-HELP (4357)**

**VINE Hotline: (888) VINE-4NY**