



MISSION STATEMENT

The Texas Council on Family Violence promotes safe and healthy relationships by supporting service providers, facilitating strategic prevention efforts and creating opportunities for freedom from domestic violence.

PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENTS

We believe,

- (1) In the right of all persons to self-determination and a life without fear of abuse, oppression, or violence.
- (2) In supporting autonomous, community-based efforts and collaborations to end domestic violence.
- (3) That domestic violence services should be available to all survivors regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, national origin, citizenship, age, criminal history, ability, religion, sexual orientation, or economic status.
- (4) That survivors and their allies working together have a greater impact in changing societal attitudes and responses to domestic violence.
- (5) In supporting the leadership and success of women & survivors in our society.
- (6) In supporting men's mobilization in ending men's violence against women and others.
- (7) That individuals who are abusive must be held legally and ethically accountable for their actions by friends, family, co-workers, and communities in both the public and private sectors.
- (8) In advocating for the rights of children and youth who survive violence in their environments.
- (9) Our work should be guided by the experience of all survivors of domestic violence.
- (10) In supporting and creating access to safety, justice, and opportunity for all survivors of domestic violence.
- (11) That in order to fully advocate for survivors of domestic violence we must also work to end other forms of power and control such as sexism, racism, homophobia, and economic injustice.
- (12) Every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
- (13) Safe homes and safe families are the foundation of a safe society.