

Resources

Family Violence
Prevention Fund
www.endabuse.org

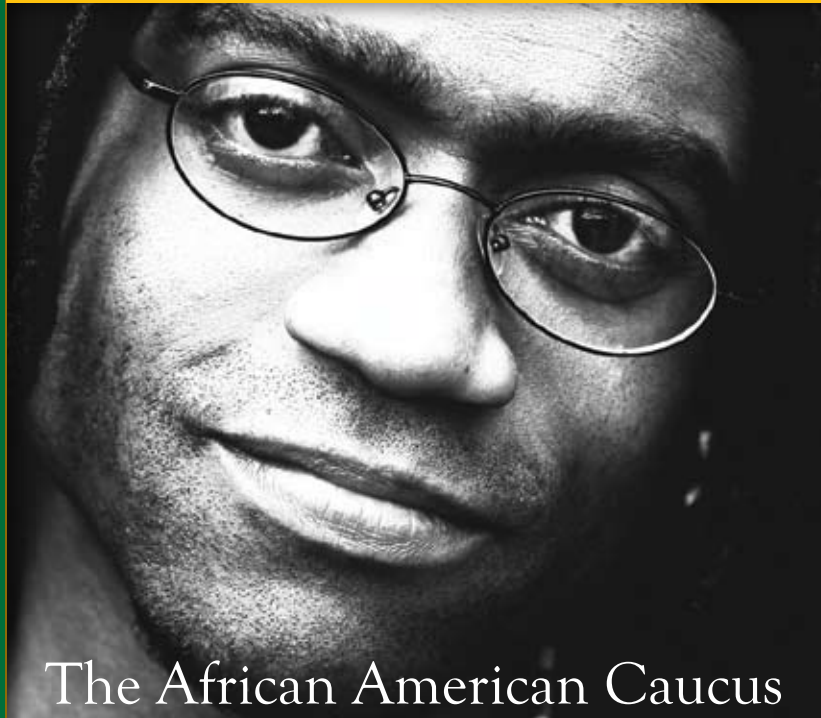
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Houston Area
Women's Center,
Houston, TX
www.hawc.org

*Outreach to Women of Color and
Minority Teens Program*

Institute on Domestic
Violence In the
African American
Community
www.dvinstitute.org

Black Church
and Domestic
Violence Institute
www.bcdvi.org



The African American Caucus

The Texas Council on Family Violence Caucus, Ally and Network Groups (CANs) promote awareness of and response to the needs of diverse populations within the battered women's movement.

The African American Caucus promotes diversity within the domestic violence movement by heightening awareness of the needs of African American victims and survivors of domestic violence.

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OUR COMMUNITY



EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) is a non-profit agency that works to end domestic violence through public education, partnerships, advocacy and direct services. TCFV was founded in the battered women's movement and its roots stem from efforts to end violence against women. TCFV is the statewide domestic violence coalition whose members include family violence service providers, support organizations, survivors of domestic violence and other concerned individuals.

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Working Together to Increase Awareness Of Domestic Violence in African American Community

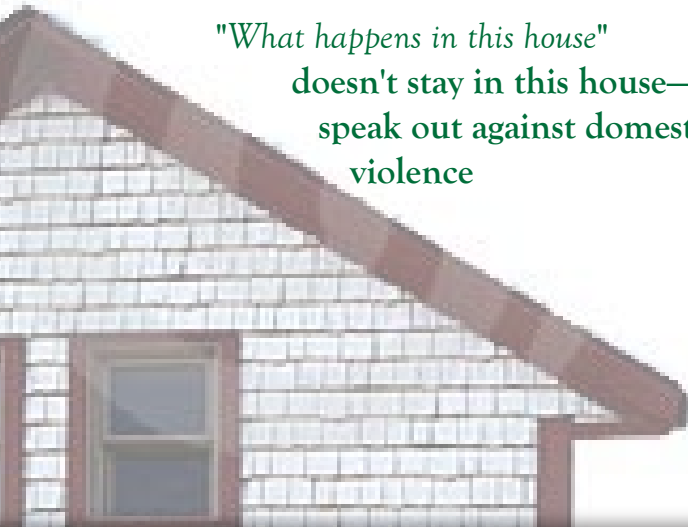
OUR COMMUNITY ... EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

What You Can Do...

Domestic violence effects everyone regardless of race, gender, age and income.

Domestic violence lives in all communities. The African American community is no different.

"What happens in this house" doesn't stay in this house—speak out against domestic violence



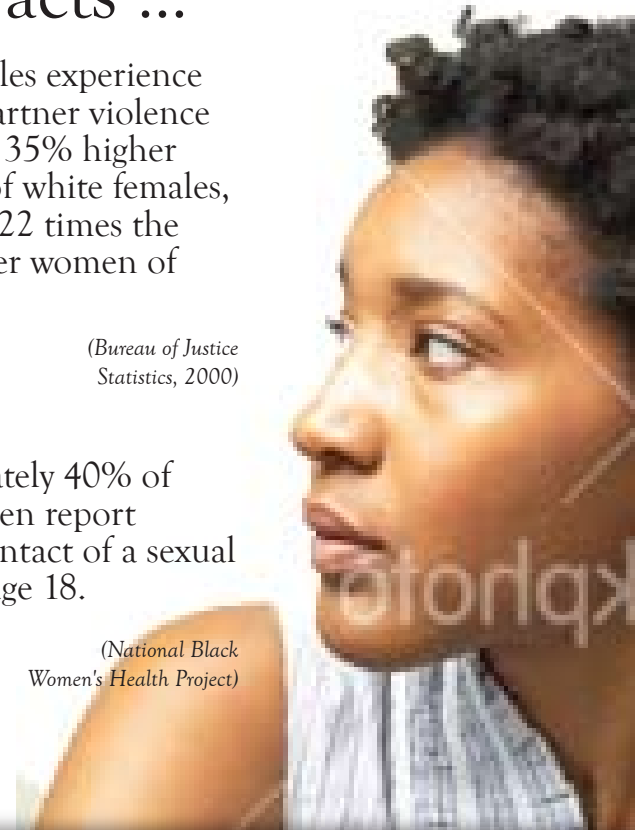
The Facts ...

Black females experience intimate partner violence at a rate of 35% higher than that of white females, and about 22 times the rate of other women of color.

(Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000)

Approximately 40% of Black women report coercive contact of a sexual nature by age 18.

(National Black Women's Health Project)



Certain risk factors may increase the possibility of violence and abuse in African American communities. Such factors may include:

- Poverty and low income
- Unemployment
- Incarceration
- Limited access to job skills and training
- Inadequate housing
- Inadequate resources
- Poor quality of education
- Lack of awareness around domestic violence
- Abuse of controlled substances

African American survivors of domestic violence are less likely to report incidents of violence to law enforcement because of their fear of treatment by law enforcement.

African American women usually resort to non-traditional healing from domestic violence by way of church groups and sister circles.

*Dr. Oluchi Arowosafe
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Our ancestors were not given "the right" to speak up but now we have it now, let your voice be heard.

Remember, being "the backbone" and "keeping the family together" does not mean that you deserve to be abused - it's not your fault.

"Strong black women" are abused too.

Speak out. Just because "Momma said not to talk about it" doesn't mean it didn't happen - break the silence.

Being "strong" doesn't mean holding everything in - it is okay to cry and it is okay to talk.

You are not "more of a man" if you are an abuser, you are not "less of a man" if you are being abused.

Get Help...

**1-800-799-SAFE(7233)
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)**

If you or someone you love is in danger, the National Domestic Violence Hotline is available 24 hours a day, to answer your call. Hotline advocates are available for victims and anyone calling on their behalf to provide crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referrals to agencies in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.