



The Definition of Intimate Partner Violence

IPV is a pattern of coercive control founded on and supported by violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse, and/or psychological abuse.



Forms of Abuse

-Marvin, D. (1997)

Physical violence – Includes punching, strangulation, biting, hitting, hair-pulling, stabbing, shooting, or threats of this type of violence.

Sexual violence – Characterized by physical attacks of the breast and/or genital area, unwanted touching, rape with objects, and forced sexual relations, including marital rape.

Emotional abuse – Takes the form of systematic degrading of the victim's self-worth. Includes calling the victim names, making derogatory or demeaning comments, forcing the victim to perform degrading or humiliating acts, threatening to kill the victim or the victim's family, controlling access to money, and acting in other ways that imply that the victim is crazy.

Psychological abuse – Involves all of the features of emotional abuse but also consists of at least one violent episode or attack on the victim to maintain the impending threat of additional assaults. Destruction of property includes destroying personal belongings, family heirlooms, or even the family pet. This destruction is purposeful and the psychological impact on the victim may be as devastating as a physical attack.

Okaloosa – Walton Domestic Violence Coordinating Council

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“COLLABORATING FOR A CAUSE”

Working to establish a collaborative system response to domestic violence in Okaloosa and Walton Counties through education and advocacy.

A Coordinated Community Response Council

A coordinated community response which brings together the many agencies & practitioners who respond to domestic violence cases in our area. This council is a multidisciplinary effort formed to strengthen the links between individual agencies and general systems to include but not limited to law enforcement, prosecution, the court system, victim advocacy, mental health, offender treatment, probation, health care and child protection.



A Model Process

The OWDVCC is directed by a steering committee, which includes the following members:

- Chair: Genda K. Towner
- Vice-Chair: Sharon Rogers
- Secretary: Pat Franklin
- Treasurer: Shelter House Representative
- Life Member: Beth Blankenship
- Life Member: Rebecca Bussman

Additionally, the council is comprised of 5 individual committees listed below. These committees meet as they find necessary in order to accomplish their individual yearly goals.

OWDVCC Subcommittee Mission Statements

Criminal Justice Committee – “To ensure offender accountability and competent intervention strategies are addressed and reflected within the Okaloosa and Walton Counties criminal justice system.”

Prevention – “To enhance and collaborate with prevention efforts within Okaloosa and Walton Counties relating to domestic violence cases.”

Professional Awareness – “To enhance the local community's awareness of the OWDVCC, implement October Awareness events, and recruitment of OWDVCC members.”

Victim Advocacy – “To ensure victim safety is addressed and reflected within Okaloosa and Walton Counties.”

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Mission Statement

- To improve coordination and responses between agencies, departments, and the courts relating to offender accountability, victim safety, and child safety in family / domestic violence cases as defined by the key agencies.
- To promote effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques to be developed based on research and data collection.
- To promote professional enhancement strategies to include but not limited to continuing education, decorum, networking, and relationship building..

Agencies Represented

- First Judicial Circuit
- Shelter House, Inc
- Judge Ben Gordon, Jr. Family Visitation Centers
- Clerk of Circuit Court
- Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center
- Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
- Walton County Sheriff's Office
- Eglin AFB Family Advocacy Office
- Hurlburt Field Family Advocacy Office
- Okaloosa - Walton Mental Health Association
- Community Drug and Alcohol Council
- Department of Children and Families

The OWDVCC is open to the public and meets quarterly on a rotation of the Okaloosa & Walton County Courthouses. Please go to www.owdvcc.org for meeting announcements.

BECOMING A MEMBER!!

If you would like to become a member of the Coordinating Council, then please fill out the information below and mail to:

OWDVCC
PO Box 220
FWB, FL 32549

Your membership is valid for one year.

\$25.00 – Agency to include unlimited amount of representatives.

\$10.00 – Individual rate.

Please check the committee in which you would like to participate. You may choose more than one.

- Criminal Justice
- Prevention/Community Action Team
- Professional Awareness
- Victim Advocacy
- Walton County

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

