

ECONOMIC JUSTICE & FINANCIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Providing mission critical services..

KEY SERVICE PRIORITIES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS & LOCAL DV PROGRAMS

TRANSPORTATION

Fleeing victims often lack available, reliable transportation. Without a car or easy access to public transportation, victims have trouble escaping abusers, accessing DV programs and healthcare, getting to court hearings, obtaining housing, and finding and keeping jobs.

COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Victims often suffer from physical and emotional trauma from their abuse and can have related substance abuse issues. Access to medical services, including reproductive health, to address these concerns is critical to a victim's ability to recover, pursue an education and maintain employment.

JOBS & EDUCATION

Abusers often use isolation and power over finances to control victims. This means fleeing victims often lack the education, skills and experience to find and keep good paying jobs. This becomes a barrier to affording safe housing and reaching financial self-sufficiency.

BARRIERS IN DELIVERY OF SERVICE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

- Victims lack of reliable transportation for self-sufficiency
- Victims lack access to medical services
- Victims lack job skills and education needed for financial self-sufficiency

PCADV PUBLIC POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support legislation that would give tax incentives and reimbursement for shuttles, buses, Uber/Lyft, and taxis used by victims.
- Support transportation linkage fees and VOCA fund use for victim transportation cash allowances.
- Join NNEDV in advocating maintaining current federal ACA and support similar state legislation.
- Advocate for increased funding for expansion of local sobriety support and treatment centers.
- Support advocacy for the Pennsylvania Agenda for Women's Health and other legislative efforts supporting the health, safety, reproductive choice and autonomy of women.
- Support advocacy of federal, state, and local proposals for living wages.
- Support state & local efforts creating adult jobs programs in high growth sectors using Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act grants.
- Support policies for and victim use of GED, College-prep, subsidized advanced education, and on-the-job learning programs.