



## DOVE Programs

### Supportive Counseling Services

617-770-4065 x300 Please leave your name and a safe number and we will return your call within 24-48 hours.

DOVE offers supportive counseling, crisis intervention, risk assessment and safety planning, support processing the impact of domestic violence, and information and assistance navigating social service systems to survivors of domestic violence.

### Support Groups

617-770-4065 x300 Please leave your name and a safe number and we will return your call within 24-48 hours.

DOVE offers support groups where participants can increase knowledge about domestic violence, gain healthy coping skills, and make connections with other survivors. Groups are organized based on interest and availability.

### Chinese Advocacy & Outreach Services

617-770-4065 x304

DOVE offers culturally-specific advocacy services to survivors in the Chinese community. Services are offered in Mandarin and English.

### LGBQ/T Advocacy & Outreach Services

#### Counseling Services and Support Groups

617-770-4065 x300

#### LGBQ/T-specific Trainings and Workshops

617-770-4065 x305

DOVE offers identity-specific counseling services which are affirming and knowledgeable about the unique challenges faced by LGBQ/T survivors, as well as LGBQ/T-specific trainings and workshops for providers and members of the community.

### Children's Services

617-770-4065 x320

DOVE offers services for children of survivors. Services include individual counseling, individual parenting support, parenting support groups, child/teen support groups and child advocacy services.

### Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate Program

A DOVE advocate is based in multiple communities in Norfolk County, working with those experiencing domestic violence in their relationships who are identified through police reports and other referrals. They offer assistance with safety planning, emotional support, restraining orders, and a variety of other advocacy services. Advocates work closely with police officers on the response to domestic violence in their communities and provide support in two District Courts on domestic violence issues.

Braintree, Quincy & Weymouth- 617-653-4226

Holbrook, Milton & Randolph- 617-831-8326  
(Haitian Creole Language Supported)

Dedham & Norwood- 857-939-3058

### Emergency Shelter

617-471-1234

Temporary refuge for adults and their children in a caring, confidential environment. While in shelter, survivors receive support, advocacy, case management, legal assistance, and children's services.

### 24-Hour Anonymous Hotline

617-471-1234

A professional team of staff provides support and crisis intervention to individuals impacted by domestic violence and to family, friends, and neighbors concerned about a loved one.

### Community Outreach, Education, and Prevention

617-770-4065 x500

DOVE offers presentations, workshops, and training on a range of topics for community service providers, churches, schools, and youth programs, colleges and universities, health care providers, businesses, and civic groups. DOVE also conducts a 35-hour comprehensive training on domestic violence and related issues twice annually.

### Mission Statement

DOVE is committed to partnering with diverse communities, families, and individuals impacted by domestic violence. We promote hope, healing, safety, and social change by providing a broad range of preventive and responsive services.

### Statement of Affirmation & Welcome

DOVE welcomes refugee and immigrant survivors both documented and undocumented, people with disabilities, people who are deaf or hard of hearing, people of color, and LGBQ/T and gender non-conforming individuals.

DOVE's Advocacy and Support Services are generously funded in part by: the MA Department of Public Health (DPH), Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention and Survivor Services Division; a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the US Department of Justice Programs, awarded by the MA Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA); and a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) STOP grant, US Department of Justice, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Safety and Security (MA EOPSS). Further support is provided by private and family foundation grants, individuals, local business and corporations, churches and synagogues, community groups, and fundraising events.

All contributions, cash and in-kind, are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

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### Community Advocacy & Prevention Services

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## LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM



24-Hour Hotline  
617-471-1234

Legal Helpline  
617-770-4065 ext. 400

Toll Free Hotline  
1-888-314-DOVE (3683)

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All of DOVE's services have full language support through the use of interpreters



**DOVE (DOMestic Violence Ended)** is an independent nonprofit organization providing assistance to survivors of domestic violence and their children.

DOVE offers a comprehensive range of services, provided in a safe and comfortable environment, designed to increase safety, promote healing, and expand knowledge and resources for those we serve. DOVE staff are highly trained and well educated on issues related to domestic violence, and work to deliver services in a survivor-centered approach with the understanding that each survivor is an individual and all decisions are deeply personal.

### DOVE's Legal Advocacy Program

Many survivors of domestic violence engage in the legal system—through a restraining order proceeding; through a divorce, custody, and/or child support matter in family court; through a criminal law matter; related to housing and/or benefits matters; or because they file a petition for immigration relief related to the domestic violence they experienced. Legal services are therefore crucial to survivors of domestic violence.

DOVE's staff attorneys are specifically educated on domestic violence and applicable laws. They provide trauma-informed, client-centered services and guide survivors through the legal system while keeping in mind safety concerns.

*All services are free and confidential.*

### Does your partner...

- Hit, push, kick, or shove you or your children?
- Threaten to get custody of your children if you leave the relationship?
- Use your immigration status as a threat against you?
- Control your finances, purchasing, or spending?
- Threaten to out you to friends, family, or coworkers?
- Belittle your sexuality or gender identity?
- Criticize or humiliate you in public or private?
- Monitor your phone calls, texts, emails, mail, or social media?
- Force or pressure you to do something sexual that you do not want to do?
- Withhold appreciation or affection as punishment?
- Threaten to harm themselves if you try to break up?
- Get jealous when you spend time with friends or family?
- Blame you for their problems?
- Tell you what to wear or make decisions for you?

### Do you...

- Feel afraid of your partner?
- Change your plans or behavior to avoid an argument?
- Take responsibility for your partner's actions?
- Make excuses for your partner's behavior?

If you checked yes to any of these questions, you may be in an abusive or unsafe relationship. You are not alone; help is available. You do not have to leave your relationship to receive support.

### DOVE'S Legal Advocacy Program provides the following services:

#### Legal Representation and Advocacy:

- ◆ Limited assistance representation to survivors in Norfolk County Probate & Family Court matters including divorce, custody, paternity and child support;
- ◆ Representation to survivors in Norfolk County District Courts on 209A Abuse Prevention Orders;
- ◆ Representation to immigrant survivors seeking immigration relief, including U-Visa, relief under the Violence Against Women Act, and asylum;
- ◆ Representation and advocacy to survivors regarding eviction and foreclosure prevention, housing transfers and accommodations;
- ◆ Representation and advocacy to assist survivors in accessing and maintaining state benefits.

#### Legal Advice and Information:

- ◆ Through DOVE's Legal Helpline and in-person meetings, DOVE attorneys provide legal advice and information to survivors to help them navigate the legal system;
- ◆ DOVE attorneys assist with case strategy, including assistance with determining whether to file a case in court and what to file in court.

#### Document Preparation:

- ◆ Even if a DOVE attorney is not able to offer in-court representation, they may be able to offer other assistance with drafting pleadings, affidavits, and legal memoranda to help survivors best present their cases in court.

#### Court Outreach Services:

- ◆ DOVE attorneys are on-site weekly at Norfolk County Probate and Family Court to provide legal advice and document preparation assistance to survivors litigating family law matters;
- ◆ DOVE attorneys are on-site at Quincy District Court's Restraining Order Session on designated Fridays to assist survivors litigating 209A Abuse Prevention Orders;
- ◆ DOVE Attorneys are on-site at Quincy District Court and the Housing Court session at Norfolk County Probate & Family Court on designated days to provide legal advice to survivors facing eviction.

#### Trainings:

- ◆ DOVE attorneys offer trainings to members of the community on specific legal issues faced by survivors of domestic violence;
- ◆ DOVE attorneys provide training on legal issues related to domestic violence to employees of the various systems with which survivors interact.