

# Domestic Violence Advocacy & Services

## What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological, or technological actions or threats of actions or other patterns of coercive behavior that influence another person within an intimate partner relationship. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure, or wound someone.

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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NETWORK, INC.**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES PROGRAM**  
VALLEY HUMAN SERVICES / 96 SOUTH ST. / WARE, MA 01082  
(413) 967-6241 OR (413) 262-7103

BHN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES OFFER SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS AFTER ENDURING A PATTERN OF EMOTIONAL AND/OR PHYSICAL VIOLENCE WITH A PARTNER, OVER THE PHONE OR IN PERSON.

CONTACT A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE FOR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WITH: LINKS TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES, SAFETY PLANNING, HELP WITH EMERGENCY SHELTER, APPLYING FOR HOUSING, REFERRALS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, DCF ADVOCACY, ASSISTANCE WITH COURT PROCESSES.

**ELIGIBILITY: ADULTS 18+. ALL SURVIVOR SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE AND ARE CONFIDENTIAL. REFERRALS CAN BE MADE FOR TEENS & SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.**

**WARE RIVER VALLEY**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE**

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(413) 758-0605

THE WARE RIVER VALLEY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE CURRENTLY SERVES WARE, WARREN AND HARDWICK. THE MISSION OF THE TASK FORCE IS TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THESE TOWNS WITH COMMUNITY-LED, COMMUNITY DRIVEN INITIATIVES.

**ADDITIONAL HELPFUL RESOURCES**

- YWCA CENTRAL MA: (508)755-9030 / WWW.YWCACM.ORG/DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE-SERVICES
  - ALIANZA DV: (413) 536-1628 / WWW.ALIANZADV.ORG
  - SAFE PASSAGE: (888) 586-5066 / WWW.SAFEPASS.ORG
    - SAFELINK DV SHELTER & HOTLINE:  
(877) 785-2020 / WWW.CASAMYRNA.ORG/GET-SUPPORT/SAFELINK