Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team Coordinated Community Response

An evidence-based and data driven approach

DVCLT is a partnership between government, health and human service providers, educational institutions, the private sector and the faith community. https://www.mecknc.gov/CommunitySupportServices/PreventionIntervention/Partnerships/Pages/default.aspx   The team raises awareness about domestic violence and focuses on preventing domestic violence. Shortly after the formation of the Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team (DVCLT) Coordinated Community Response (CCR) in 2007, team members recognized the importance of utilizing data-driven decisions.

- **Domestic Violence Data Warehouse:** The first priority determined by the team, was the need for a Domestic Violence Data Warehouse – an interface where county-wide domestic violence-related data could be held.
  - **About this initiative:** The community domestic violence data report is published annually, and is accessible through Mecklenburg County Community Support Services website. **https://www.mecknc.gov/CommunitySupportServices/PreventionIntervention/Resources/DV/Pages/DV-Data-Warehouse.aspx**

- **Offender-focused:** In 2010, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, whose work informs the efforts of DVCLT through systematic reviews of domestic violence related homicides, identified a need to focus on DV-offender focused offenses. Between 2010-2013, DVCLT members committed to pursue this as a priority need for our community.
  - **Lethality Assessment Program:** In 2012, Community Support Services, Safe Alliance, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and Huntersville Police Department partnered to implement the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). This tool, utilized by law enforcement officers, serves to identify the risk level of victim(s), educate them about their level of violent harm, and to connect them to resources.
  - **Criminal Justice Advisory Group (CJAG) Home Campaign**: In 2015, the Criminal Justice Advisory Group (CJAG) Home Campaign was created and undertook domestic violence as its first project. One focus of this group was to train and implement the LAP in all law enforcement agencies across Mecklenburg County.
    - As of July 2016, all law enforcement agencies were trained on the utilization and implementation of the LAP.

- Domestic violence service agencies have been working to better understand the extent to which services are being utilized by domestic violence victims after a law enforcement response.
- Domestic violence service providers began tracking the disposition data related to the LAP to determine what percentage of victims are getting connected with DV services.

Bringing it all together:

The goal of these priorities is to incorporate the LAP data from the various law enforcement and domestic violence service agencies into the Domestic Violence Data Warehouse. The Domestic Violence Data Warehouse currently contains the following information:

- **Law Enforcement (7 Districts):** charge type and DV-related incident reports filed.
- **Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office:** domestic violence protective orders (DVPO) received and served, weapons seized, destroyed, released seized, or currently stored
- **26th Judicial Civil District Court:** number of DVPO case filings.
- **Department of Social Services/Youth and Family Services:** percentage of reports filed had domestic violence identified.
- **Community Support Services:** number of domestic violence victims and children served. Adult victims and children; percentage of victims reporting knowledge improvement and percentage completing safety plans; recidivism rate for NOVA completers.
- **Safe Alliance:** number of clients served in shelter (adult/child), percent of victims living violence-free after domestic violence shelter stay; number of domestic violence clients accompanied to court by victim assistance; number of victims increasing safety after receiving victim assistance services.
- **Public Health:** based on the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS) that was completed by middle and high school students – the percentage of students responding affirmatively to questions about dating abuse and sexual abuse.

The DVCLT CCR task team continues work to integrating the LAP data from law enforcement agencies and domestic violence service agencies into the Domestic Violence Data Warehouse as well as how to support operationalizing ongoing use of the LAP in all partner law enforcement agencies.

Operationalization and support:

Domestic violence service agencies have been working to better understand the extent to which services are being utilized by victims after a law enforcement response. Co-chairs of the LAP Data Integration Task Team met with several law enforcement agency chiefs. During these meetings, the group discussed how to operationalize and integrate LAP training effectively within the agencies. Suggestions from these meetings included:

- Annual LAP retraining
- Integrating LAP training into FTO training
- Domestic violence service agencies providing roll call trainings

Each law enforcement agency currently has an existing person who reports data to Community Support Services annually to be included in the Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team's Domestic Violence Data Warehouse. There was discussion about being able to utilize this same person to report out the law enforcement agency LAP data.

Steps were taken within the domestic violence service agencies to streamline data reporting and tracking of LAP disposition – if victim successfully connected to services. Agencies researched the use of current services to create a reporting document that encompassed aggregate data, which was to be provided to law enforcement chiefs in a monthly form. Currently, CMPD is working to integrate LAP data into KBCOPS, which will allow for more accurate LAP data reporting.

A year in review:
Our community just completed one year of implementation of the LAP with all seven law enforcement districts trained and utilizing the LAP.

The LAP data collection process started in November 2016, with data available through November 2017. Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, Safe Alliance, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services and the 7 law enforcement agencies have been collecting and analyzing the data.

Here is a snapshot of the draft results collected to date:
- The # of completed LAPs collected for the period is 542.
- All seven law enforcement jurisdictions are trained in administering the LAP.
- Of 542 LAPs collected, 353 self-identified as a first responder from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, which is 65.1 percent.
- There are 532 unduplicated victims.
- Of 542 LAPs, 480 LAPs "screened in" either according to the protocol or per the officer's belief as being in "High Danger", which is 88 percent of the total.[1]
- Of those that screening in as "High Danger," 140 refused to speak to the domestic violence Hotline Counselor.
- There is a total of 68 LAPs referred to Safe Alliance Victim's Assistance. Victim's Assistance for services.
- There is a total of 25 LAPs referred to Mecklenburg County Community Support Services Prevention and Intervention Services division for domestic violence counseling services.
- Data collection is still waiting on final data of the # of LAPs who were served in the Safe Alliance domestic violence Shelter.

After a data check with one of our law enforcement partners, we know there is a significant amount of missing data. For example, CMPD administered over 2,500 LAPs; however, the data that was reported to be included in the Domestic Violence Data Warehouse only identified 388 LAPs.

Attached is a draft of the first year of LAP Data, including the number of LAP's reported by law enforcement agency in the data collection process as well as the disposition of calls that were made to the DV Hotline as part of the LAP process.

Your assistance needed:
To continue moving our community forward in a data-driven way to address incidences of domestic violence, and to successfully integrate the LAP data into the Domestic Violence Data Warehouse, we need your assistance. The DVCLT LAP Data Task Team co-chairs will be reaching out to you to set up a meeting to discuss how to improve data reporting, training support and operationalizing the LAP. Additionally, the DVCLT LAP Data Task Team's next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018 from 10-11:30 at 700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte. You are invited to send a representative to join this group to discuss how to move forward the LAP Data integration and ongoing training needs.