

The Tennessee Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Liaison Program

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services, the Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs, and Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Liaisons at community-based agencies serving survivors of domestic violence and their children across the state have partnered to ensure that children and their non-offending caregivers are able to stay safe and together.

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For more information about **Domestic Violence Liaison** services in your area, please see the map to locate the liaison in your county!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

ASSESSMENTS

CW/DV Liaisons assist child welfare professionals with assessing and documenting:

- ♦ survivor strengths, protective factors, and barriers/needs,
- ♦ perpetrator controlling, coercive, and abusive behaviors and their impact on family safety, stability, and well-being,
- ♦ violence escalation and dangers to survivor/children,
- ♦ patterns and history of abuse,
- ♦ survivor strategies for moving forward.



CONSULTATION/ COACHING

CW/DV Liaisons coach child welfare professionals in:

- ♦ developing a domestic-violence responsive practice,
- ♦ identifying domestic violence in the home,
- ♦ interviewing survivors, children, and perpetrators,
- ♦ engaging the survivor in safety planning--whether she leaves or stays,
- ♦ assessing and planning for survivors and perpetrators,

TRAINING

CW/DV Liaisons support child welfare professionals in:

- ♦ increasing their knowledge of domestic violence-responsive practice, the impact of ACEs and toxic stress on children and adults, protective factors, patterns of controlling behaviors,
- ♦ understanding the typology of domestic violence,
- ♦ identifying safety concerns,
- ♦ engaging perpetrators,
- ♦ identifying appropriate services for survivors and perpetrators, etc..