

Population-Specific Sexual and Domestic Violence Services in Boston



BARCC is part of a web of support for survivors of sexual violence along with the organizations listed below. Some of these organizations specialize in working with specific populations based on race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, ability, and age. We understand that some folks may prefer these resources, and we encourage survivors to seek out the services that best suit them.

Race- and Ethnicity-Specific Services

AFAB: Asosyasyon Fanm Ayisyen nan Boston (Association of Haitian Women in Boston)

- Provide domestic violence support and prevention services for Haitian women in Boston.
- "AFAB is a community-based grassroots organization dedicated to empowering low-income Haitian women and their children."
- Phone: 617-287-0096
- [Association of Haitian Women in Boston](#)

ATASK: Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

- Provide domestic violence services for Asian people and families in Boston.
- "Our mission is to prevent domestic violence in Asian families and communities and to provide hope to survivors"
- 24 hour multilingual helpline: 617-338.2355
- [Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence](#)

Brookview House

- Provides domestic violence services that center people of color and immigrants.

- "Brookview leads this innovative multicultural community partnership to prevent and end domestic violence. The Network bridges gaps for minority and immigrant families by providing culturally specific services."
- Run the Women's Safety Network.
- Brookview hotline: 617-869-5875
- [Women's Safety Network](#)

Latinas Know Your Rights Campaign: REACH and Greater Boston Legal Services

- A legal advocacy project for Latinas overcoming barriers due to domestic violence.
- "Our Latinas Know Your Rights program, a collaboration with Greater Boston Legal Services, builds capacity within the Waltham Latina community by training participants to become community activists, educate others and break systemic barriers that immigrant female domestic violence survivors face in accessing their rights."
- Hotline: 800-899-4000
- [What Makes REACH Different - REACH](#)
- [Family Law Community Partnerships](#)

MAPS: Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

- Provide domestic and sexual violence services including advocacy for Portuguese speakers in Massachusetts.
- "Our mission is to improve the lives of Portuguese speakers in Massachusetts and help them become contributing, active participants in American society while maintaining a strong ethnic identity and a sense of community."
- 24 hour hotline: 877-785-2020
- [Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Advocacy](#)

North American Indian Center

- Provides services including domestic violence services for North American Indians in Massachusetts.
- "A licensed social worker and an attorney are available by appointment to assist with issues relating to homelessness and housing, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), K-12 education and homeschooling, substance abuse, domestic violence, social services referrals, and other mental health or legal needs."
- (617) 232-0343
- sowen@naicob.org

- [Advocacy Services](#)

Saheli

- Provides domestic and sexual violence support to South Asian women in Boston.
- “Saheli Boston is an organization dedicated to supporting South Asian women and families in the Greater Boston area... Saheli’s trained staff is available to provide personalized, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed support to South Asian survivors of domestic violence and their families.”
- Bilingual hotline: 866-472-4354
- [Saheli Domestic Violence Services](#)

Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry

- Provides support for people of color and specifically youth of color in overcoming barriers due to domestic and sexual violence.
- “The UU Urban Ministry is a social justice organization based in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. Today, our work focuses in three areas: safe shelter and workforce development programming for survivors of domestic violence, academic enrichment for Boston-area youth of color, arts and humanities programming grounded in a social justice message that amplifies artists and historians of color in our neighborhood.”
- 617-318-6010
- [Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry | Uniting communities, transforming lives](#)
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Urban Indian Health Services

- Provides services for Native American Indian survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- “As an outreach and referral [Urban Indian Health Program \(UIHP\)](#). NAL's ultimate job is to help Natives achieve a healthy life. One of the major components of our work is advocating for our client's health in any form that is needed. We provide comprehensive case management, counseling, prevention groups, and much more. NAL serves both federal and state recognized Native Americans in the MidAtlantic and Northeast regions.”
- (857) 203-9680
- info@nativelifelines.org
- [Native American Lifeline](#)

Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts

- Provide culturally specific domestic and sexual violence support to survivors of color.
- "The mission of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts is to enable adults in Eastern MA to overcome racial, social barriers, economic inequities, sexual and domestic violence to employment and economic development opportunities."
- Phone: 617-459-2420
- [Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts – Step by Step](#)

Services for Immigrants

Ascentria Care Alliance

- Provides services for unaccompanied refugee minors who have experienced violence, and provides foster care services.
- "Our Foster Care Program, The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (URMP) of Ascentria Care Alliance, is the only foster care program in New England that provides foster care to unaccompanied refugee and immigrant children. The URMP is contracted by the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide training, licensing, and ongoing support of foster parents for unaccompanied refugee minors (URM). URMs, usually, fled their home countries prior to the age of 18 due to war, extreme poverty, or violence. Starting out in the United States, these youth seek safety, opportunity, and the love and support of caring adults. Given the needs of our youth, the URMP is a long-term foster care program."
- 774-243-3068
- [Unaccompanied Refugee Minors](#)

De Novo

- Provides domestic and sexual violence services for immigrants in Massachusetts.
- "De Novo provides free civil legal assistance and affordable psychological counseling to low-income people. Our services combat the effects of poverty and violence by helping clients and their children meet basic human needs for safety, income, health, and housing. De Novo provides legal help in the areas of housing/homelessness prevention, child custody and domestic violence, immigrant

and refugee rights, and disability benefits, as well as a full range of mental health services and case management to help clients cope with the emotional impact of trauma.”

- “Our counseling staff and volunteers at De Novo come together to help people who may have lived through painful experiences in their home country or may be having difficulty adjusting to the United States. We provide specialized services for survivors of torture, victims of crime, and individuals affected by war and other types of human rights violations.”
- 617-661-1010
- [De Novo](#)
- [Torture Treatment Program – De Novo](#)

GBLS: Greater Boston Legal Services - Immigration Unit

- Domestic violence legal services for immigrants in Massachusetts.
- “We represent prioritized clients and cases before the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (including U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)), the U.S. Department of Justice (including the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and federal courts.”
- Boston Office: 617-371-1234
- Cambridge Office: 617-603-2700
- [Immigration Unit: Protecting Human Rights](#)

GBLS: Greater Boston Legal Services - Asian Outreach Project

- Domestic violence legal services for Asian immigrants in Massachusetts.
- “The Asian Outreach Project (AOP) provides guidance, referral services and free legal assistance to nearly 1,000 low-income Asian immigrants each year. Our clients count on us for the most basic needs for themselves and their families. Our goal is to be a gateway to legal services and the legal system for all low-income Asians who rely on us. Our staff attorney's background and training make them uniquely suited to assist and represent Asian immigrant clients in the key areas of domestic and family violence, employment, benefits, immigration, and housing.”
- Boston Office: 617-371-1234
- Cambridge Office: 617-603-2700
- [Asian Outreach Project](#)

Immigrant Health Care Access Initiative

- Provides health care access to low-income immigrants in Massachusetts.
- “HLA's Immigrant Health Care Access Initiative addresses the many substantial health care barriers facing low-income immigrants. Throughout Massachusetts the uninsurance rate among immigrants is much higher than for U.S. citizens and increasingly repressive immigration enforcement policies prevent immigrants from seeking care. HLA lawyers represent low-income immigrants improperly denied health insurance enrollment and coverage for specific services. We also provide expert consults for health care and social service providers trying to help vulnerable immigrants receive the care they need.”
- 617-338-5241 or call toll-free 888-211-6168 and ask for the Intake Paralegal.
- [Immigrant Health](#)

Services for Homeless Survivors

On the Rise

- Provides domestic and sexual violence support to homeless survivors in Boston.
- “Homelessness is about so much more than not having a home. Women at On The Rise face a complicated web of challenges that are often the result of traumatic experiences like childhood abuse and domestic violence; health conditions like chronic diseases, physical disabilities, and mental illness; systemic issues like poverty, racism, and other forms of oppression; the lack of affordable housing, education and job training; and the destructive coping methods that lead to alcoholism, drug addiction, and legal issues.”
- 617-497-7968
- info@ontherise.org
- [On The Rise, Inc.](#)

Local LGBTQ/T-Specific Services

DOVE: Domestic Violence Ended

- Provides domestic and sexual violence support to LGBTQ survivors in Boston.
- “LGBTQ/T survivors face additional barriers in seeking services and leaving their relationship, including: 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.”

- 617-770-4065
- [LGBQ/T Services](#)

Fenway Health Violence Recovery Program

- Provides domestic and sexual violence support for LGBTQ survivors.
- “Free counseling and advocacy, specializing in services to the LGBTQIA+ community. Fenway Health’s Violence Recovery Program (VRP) provides counseling, support groups, advocacy, and referral services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and anti-LGBTQIA+ hate violence. VRP staff have specialized training and experience in working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQIA+) individuals.”
- 617-927-6250
- [Violence Recovery Program](#)

GLAD: GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders

- Legal services for LGBTQ survivors of domestic or sexual violence and discrimination.
- “GLAD works on the cutting edge of transgender rights, from health care access, to fair treatment for youth and students, to non-discrimination protections in every area of life.”
- 617-426-1350
- [GLAD: Violence and Harassment](#)
- [Transgender Rights | Know Your Rights](#)

LGBTQ Aging Project

- Provides services for LGBTQ survivors of domestic and sexual violence survivors who are older adults.
- “The LGBT Aging Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender older adults have equal access to the life-prolonging benefits, protections, services and institutions that their heterosexual neighbors take for granted.”
- 857-313-6590
- information@fenwayhealth.org

- [The LGBT Aging Project](#)

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition

- Resources for transgender folks facing discrimination
- 617-778-0519
- info@masstpc.org
- [Discrimination and Hate Crime Resources](#)

The Network/La Red

- Provides services for LGBTQ survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- "The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, SM, polyamorous, and queer communities."
- 24 hour hotline: 617-742-4911 (800-832-1901 toll free)
- [The Network/La Red](#)

Transgender Health Care Access Project

- Provides health care services for transgender folks in Massachusetts.
- "Transgender Massachusetts residents, particularly those with low-incomes, routinely face unjust denials of treatment for gender dysphoria and other health care needs. HLA's Transgender Health Care Access Project helps low-income transgender Massachusetts residents overcome wrongful denials of health care and coverage. HLA is also an active member of the Transgender Health Care Access Coalition which promotes policy reforms to improve health care access for trans individuals and brings information to the community to build the knowledge base around trans health access issues."
- 617-338-5241 or call toll-free 888-211-6168 and ask for the Intake Paralegal.
- [Transgender Health](#)

Survivors with Disabilities

Finex House

- Provides services and shelter for women and children fleeing domestic and sexual violence, centering accessibility for those with disabilities.

- “Finex House is a shelter for battered women and their children; especially those who have disabilities and/or women who are trafficked. We are wheelchair accessible with two concrete ramps and an internal lift. Finex House also has a light-coded signal system for deaf, battered women and their children. Finex House is an equal opportunity service provider and therefore any woman who has been abused is strongly encouraged to call for services.”
- 24 hour hotline: 617-288-1054
- finex@finexhouse.org
- [HOME | finexhouse](#)

Deaf Survivors

Our Deaf Survivors Center

- Provides services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence who are deaf.
- ODSC provides sexual and domestic violence services to Deaf victims/survivors in the state of Massachusetts. To provide culturally affirmative support services to Deaf victims/survivors of sexual and domestic violence through education, empowerment, and advocacy; and to promote awareness of cultural and linguistic considerations to service providers working with Deaf victims/survivors.
- 24/7 National Deaf Hotline: 1-855-812-1001
- [Home | odscunity](#)

Services for Children

Child Advocacy Center

- Provides support for children who are abused.
- “We are Suffolk County’s front-line responders to abuse and exploitation of children. We provide a prompt, sensitive, interagency response to child abuse so that every child and family can focus on healing.”
- 617-779-2146
- cac@state.mass.us
- [Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County](#)

Children with Voices Program, The Guidance Center

- Provides services for children who are subject or witness to domestic violence.

- “Our Children With Voices program is for children who have witnessed domestic violence, and for their parents. Our goal is to improve the safety of these children and their families by providing support, stress management skills, parenting education, and access to compassionate therapeutic resources. We provide a wide range of services that are customized to each family’s needs.”
- 617-284-5141
- info@riversidecc.org
- [Children With Voices](#)

Child Witness to Violence Program, Boston Medical Center

- Provides services to children who are abused or subject or witness to domestic violence.
- “The Child Witness to Violence Project (CWVP) is a counseling, advocacy and outreach project that focuses on the growing number of young children who are hidden victims of violence: children who are bystanders to community and domestic violence. CWVP is staffed by a multicultural, multilingual staff of social workers, psychologists, early childhood specialists, and a consulting pediatrician and consulting attorney. It is run under the auspices of the Department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics at Boston Medical Center.”
- 617-414-4244
- [Child Witness to Violence Project - Home](#)

HAWC: Healing Abuse Working for Change

- Provides support for children and parents struggling with domestic violence and abuse.
- “In partnership with North Shore Medical Center, HAWC’s Parent-Child Trauma Recovery Program builds trust between children of domestic violence and their non-offending parent... HAWC also offers discussion and support groups meant to guide children and their parents on the journey towards healing. In an effort to create an environment that can reintroduce kids who have witnessed or experienced trauma to the joys of childhood, HAWC also works to connect families with daycare services, so that clients can be confident that their children are in safe and nurturing hands when they are seeking employment, beginning a new job, or working overtime to gain financial independence. In addition to this daycare voucher program, HAWC provides financial support to clients looking to

reintegrate their children in the greater community through activities such as ballet, summer camp, and little league.”

- 24 hour hotline: 1-800-547-1649
- [Children's Services](#)

Services for Seniors/Elderly

Greater Boston Legal Services - Elder Abuse Prevention Project

- Provides legal services for senior and elder survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- “The Elder Abuse Prevention Project of GBLS is dedicated to ensuring that older adults in the greater Boston area live free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. To carry out its mission, the EAPP provides trainings to care providers, community members, and seniors to increase public awareness, offers legal advice and representation to victims, advocates for systemic reform and builds local community networks that prevent and intervene in cases of abuse.”
- Boston Office: 617-371-1234
- Cambridge Office: 617-603-2700
- [Elder Abuse Prevention Project](#)

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services

- Provides domestic and sexual violence services to senior and elders survivors.
- “The Elder Protective Services Program is designed to eliminate or alleviate abuse or neglect of older Adults (60 years and older). Protective Service Workers work with elders, their family and community agencies to provide medical, mental health, legal and social services.”
- Elder abuse hotline: 1-800-922-2275
- [Protective Services](#)