

NeDVFRT Areas of Expertise

Adult Parole Advocacy Batterer Intervention Programs Child Welfare Courts & Probation Law Enforcement Law & Policy Prosecution Medical Mental Health

Members of the NeDVFRT will not use any of the information obtained during the review for any reason other than its intended purpose as identified in the team's mission, vision, and goals.



Help Is Available

Nebraska's coalition of domestic violence and sexual assault programs provide access to safety and shelter across the state. To locate the program nearest you, visit www.nebraskacoalition.org.

> Nebraska Spanish Crisis Line: 1-877-215-0167

National Domestic Violence Hotline: www.ndvh.org 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network: www.rainn.org 1-800-656-HOPE(4673)

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: www.loveisrespect.org 1-866-331-9474 text: loveis to 22522

StrongHearts Native Helpline: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) (Mon-Fri, 9:00am-5:30pm, CST)

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Nebraska Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team





Mission

The mission of the Nebraska Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (NeDVFRT) is to utilize a collaborative approach to review domestic violence fatalities within our state in order to improve responses for domestic violence victims and their families and prevent future fatalities.

Vision

We envision a future where domestic violence fatalities no longer occur.

Goal

The goal of the NeDVFRT is to make recommendations for systems change to reduce domestic violence and prevent domestic violence related fatalities, with a focus on the victim's experiences.



What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive, controlling behaviors that can include physical abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and financial abuse to establish and maintain power and control over one's intimate partner.

Intimate partner means a spouse, a former spouse, persons who have a child in common (whether or not they have been married or lived together at any time), and persons who are or were involved in a dating relationship.

Why Is There A Need For This Team?

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, an average of three women are killed every day by their intimate partners in the United States. Nebraska is not immune to these numbers. The NeDVFRT believes that losing even one life to domestic violence is too many and is unacceptable.

Through each fatality review, the team will identify gaps, needs, and recommendations that will be utilized to improve responses for domestic violence survivors in Nebraska.

What Does The Team Do?

 Tracks and analyzes domestic violence deaths, which are selected by identifying fatalities involving current/former intimate partners.

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- Selects cases that are at a minimum two years old, unless there are no survivors of the incident. They will then reach out to family and friends to learn more about the individuals involved.
- Examines the circumstances surrounding the domestic violence homicide, which may have placed the victim at a greater likelihood for death, and identify the lethality and risk factors of each homicide.
- Reviews each response and service that was involved with the individuals in a case in order to identify barriers and gaps.
- Creates and disseminates an annual report that will provide recommendations for increasing and enhancing services for survivors of domestic violence in order to reduce domestic violence fatalities.