

CITY OF SANTA FE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
RESPONSE

EXPANDING IMPACT, DEEPENING COLLABORATION
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PRESENTED TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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HISTORY

Community leaders came together in 2019 pressuring the city and county to do something about community violence

- ✦ Grassroots efforts ensued as the community took lead in responding to acts of violence
- ✦ City commitment to a needs assessment
- ✦ Development of a Strategic Plan (2022-2027)
- ✦ Dedication of \$1 million to Community Violence Prevention/Intervention through ARPA funding
- ✦ Initial funding has been leveraged into \$2 million dollars for project implementation from state and federal resources.

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Santa Fe County demonstrates its strongest capacity within crisis response, particularly in law enforcement, dispatch, and behavioral health crisis services.
- System capacity drops sharply after crisis, especially in stabilization, intervention, and prevention.
- Accountability programming is limited and narrowly structured, with insufficient options matched to varying levels of risk, readiness, and need.
- Prevention is the least developed stage of the system.
- Equity and access depend heavily on individual workers and informal workarounds.
- Data collection and accountability are fragmented.

LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS DATA HIGHLIGHTS

43–50% identified 911/law enforcement as the primary initial contact point.

73% of service providers reported they occasionally/frequently provide DV-related services because DV was disclosed during engagement for health care, housing, behavioral health, or substance use treatment.

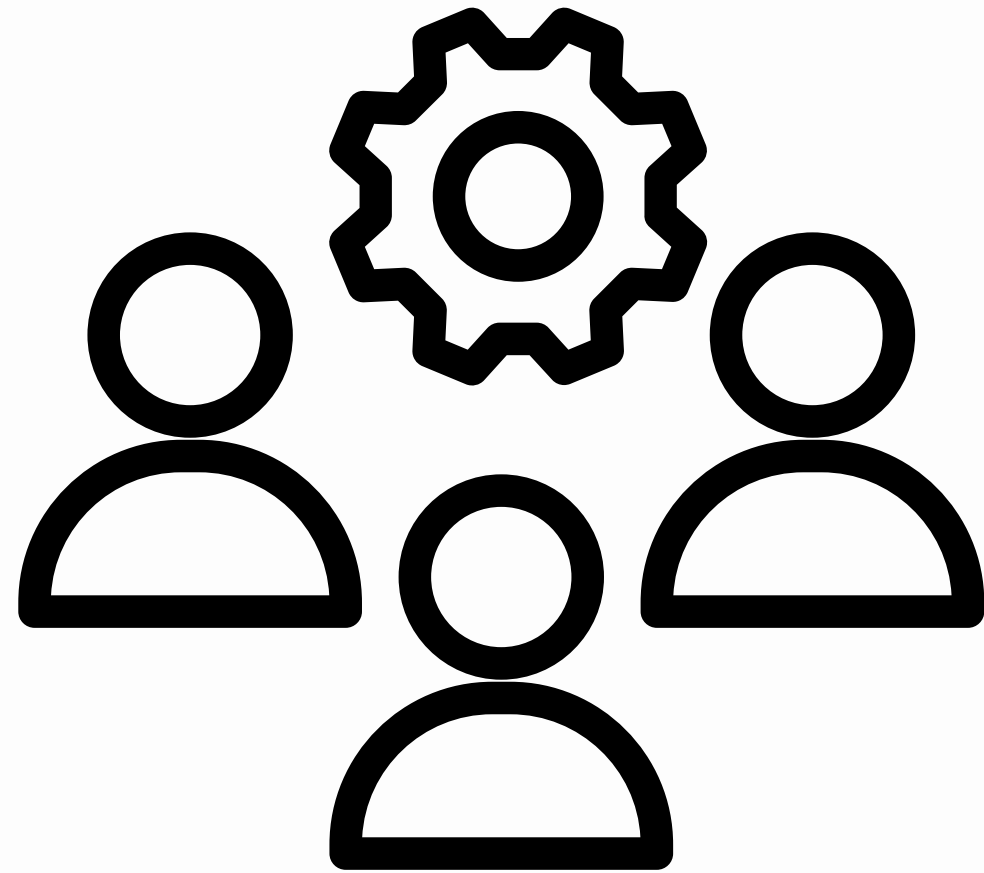
21–29% identified hospitals/ED as a DV identification point (screening/referral)

61% cited turnover/loss of partner staff as the primary collaboration challenge

43–50% of organizations reported providing or connecting individuals to stabilization supports within days of a crisis (housing placement, safety planning, case management)

7% of organizations identified culturally grounded or community-based prevention supports.

DV RESPONSE TEAM:



A trauma-informed bridge at the crisis point

Re-established: March 2025 as a partnership between SFPD + Community Health & Safety (now Community Services Department)

Created the DV Response Specialist Role that conducts lethality assessment and safety plans with survivors after law enforcement engagement

Funded by: NM CVRC

Partners: Esperanza Shelter, DA's Office, Christus St. Vincent
Expansion: DV Coordinator (In Development)

- Track cases + service referrals system-wide
- Support long-term data and coordination

STRANGULATION TASK FORCE

Launched in April 2025 | Monthly meetings with cross-sector participants

Top 3 Priorities:

1. Information Sharing
2. DV Forensic Nursing
3. Childcare for survivors during service/legal appointments

Wins so far:

- DVRS role providing time-sensitive info to FJDA's office
- Frequent meetings improving relationships + resource navigation
- Mobile Crisis identified as follow-up responder after DV calls



Challenges:

- Tech system integration between partners
- Forensic nursing program development

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

In Our Hands Training Series

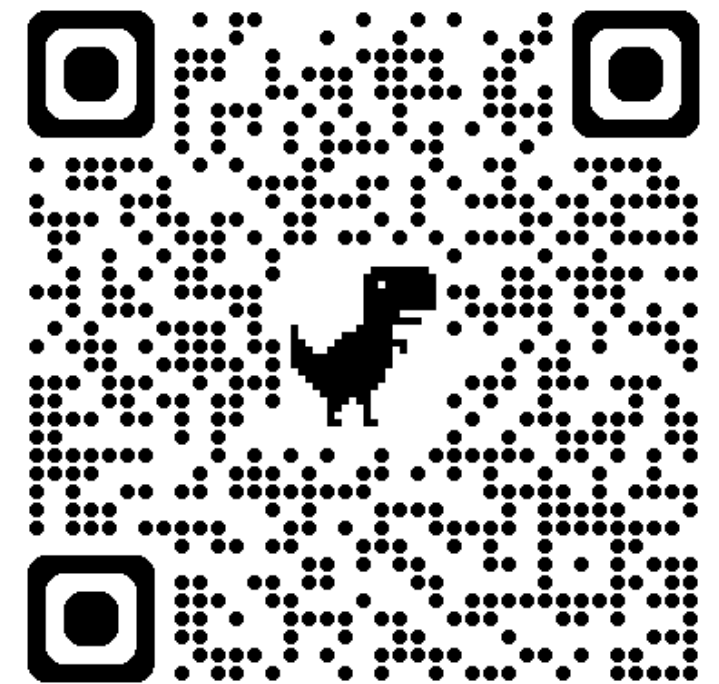
- Grounded in the belief that everyone plays a role in responding to relational violence
- Audience: Community members, peer providers (CPSW), advocates, case managers, direct service staff

Core Offerings (Monthly)

- Foundations: Understanding relational violence
- Deep Dives: Risk assessment, safety planning, stages of change, system navigation, client complexity, stabilization, accountability

Why It Matters

- Builds shared language and practical skills
- Strengthens trauma-informed, survivor-centered responses
- Addresses gaps in case management and long-term support



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CITY/COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOU (IN PROGRESS)

Strengthening coordinated, cross-system response

- Formal partnership between City and County agencies
- Establishes shared roles, responsibilities, and communication protocols
- Promotes coordinated, trauma-informed response to domestic violence

Key Focus Areas

- Information sharing and collaboration across systems
- Alignment of response between law enforcement, courts, and service providers
- Improved continuity of care for survivors



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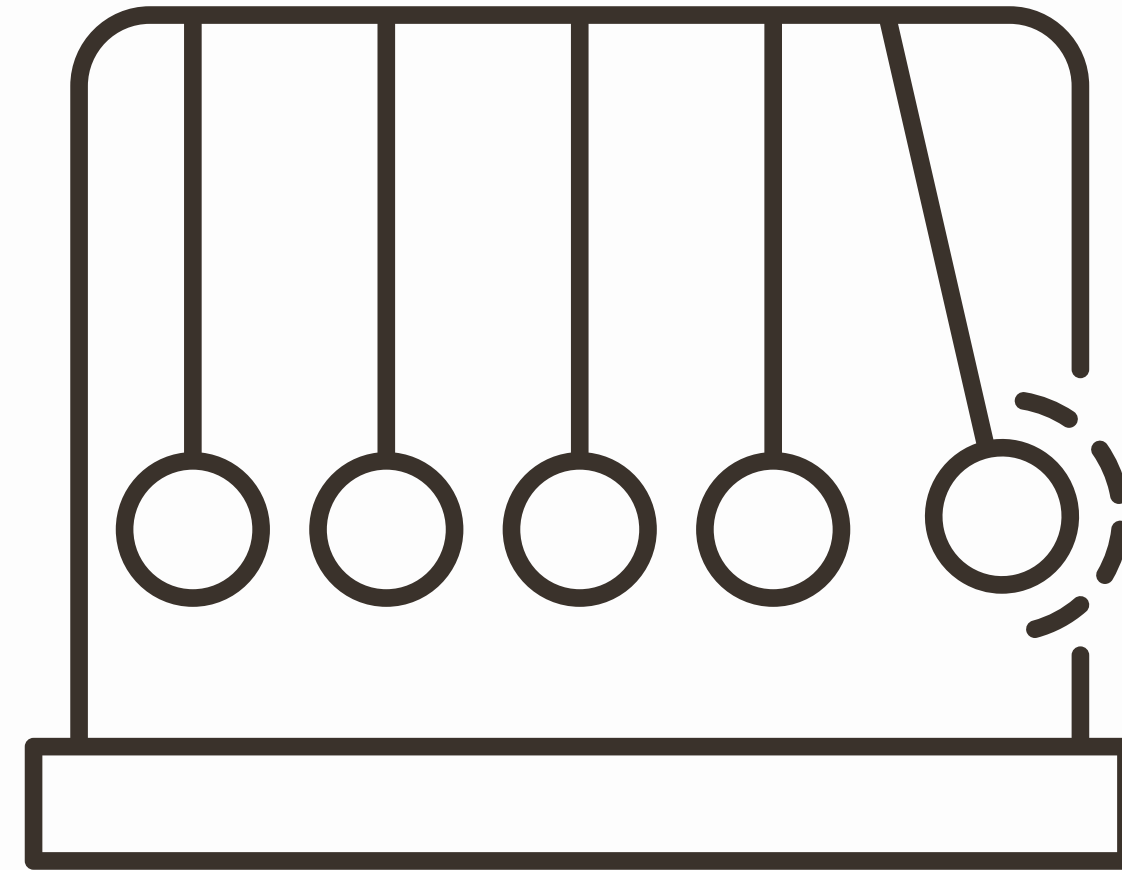
We've built momentum... now we need to sustain it.

Sustain and expand current initiatives

- Deepen cross-system collaboration
- Invest in training, coordination, and data-informed strategies

Moving Forward

- Align resources with identified gaps
- Support new and existing roles
- Maintain shared commitment to survivor-centered, accountable systems



Together

*We are building a more coordinated, effective response
to domestic violence*