



Domestic Violence Advisory Board 2018 Annual Report

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Mission

The DVAB is the official Citizen Advisory Commission on domestic violence issues.

Our mission is to: (i) review and evaluate all Charlotte and Mecklenburg County domestic violence services, (ii) make appropriate recommendations to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners regarding gaps or the need for additional services to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, and (iii) provide vigorous advocacy relating to domestic violence and its costs to victims and the community.



Recommendations

- Rental Subsidy
- DV Advocate for Other Shelters
- Assistance for the E-filing Initiative
- Outreach and Prevention Position at CSS
- Monitoring the Implementation of Strangulation Training



Rental Subsidy

- DV Shelter is over capacity
- Lack of affordable housing
- Homeless v. returning to abuser
- Current program and recommendation



DV Advocate for Other Shelters

- Need to reach survivors at other shelters
 - DV Shelter over capacity
 - Alternative housing such as Salvation Army
- Recommendation and Implementation



Assistance for the E-filing Initiative

- Current challenges
 - Protective Orders have surged
 - Service challenges
- Advantages of e-filing
 - E-filing will require additional steps
- Recommendation and implementation



Outreach & Prevention

- Importance of Outreach and Prevention
- Current status
- Recommendation and Implementation



Monitoring of Implementation

- Strangulation Training
 - Scope and importance of the training
 - Process and funding
- Recommendation and Implementation