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*LGBTQ Domestic Violence
Targeted Recommendation:*

Build evidence base for
effective LGBTQ
community domestic
violence interventions,
programs, and
approaches



National
LGBTQ DV Capacity Building
Learning Center

Recommendation: *Build Evidence*

Rationale

Research repeatedly demonstrates that the success of interventions can hinge on community ownership and buy-in,¹ which is influenced by the extent to which an intervention reflects the values and realities of communities. Interventions developed by and for the communities in which they will be practiced often have a greater likelihood of capturing those values and realities.

Numerous programs developed by LGBTQ organizations and communities, reflecting the concerns, creativity, and values of those communities, are ripe for evaluation. A recent survey conducted by the National LGBTQ DV Capacity Building Learning Center found that LGBTQ DV providers and agencies knew of more than 30 programs, models, and approaches to address DV in LGBTQ communities that they considered successful. However, few of these have been systematically evaluated or documented.

To expand what we know about effective approaches to addressing DV in LGBTQ communities, the field needs culturally responsive researchers and LGBTQ organizations to build practice-based evidence of the efficacy of these innovative interventions.

Recommendations for Researchers

1. Train new researchers and students on how to conduct culturally responsive research, especially with marginalized and underserved communities.
2. Partner with LGBTQ communities to collaboratively document innovative DV interventions and approaches. Documentation can include outlining the logic model, theory of change, and core components of these programs.
3. Partner with LGBTQ communities to collaboratively evaluate innovative DV interventions and approaches, employing rigorous and responsive methods that capture a wide breadth of data and evidence, including contextual and experiential evidence from participants and providers.
4. Partner with LGBTQ communities to help build their capacity to conduct future evaluations and research on their own.

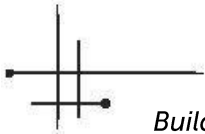
Recommendations for LGBTQ Organizations

1. Expand the reach of your innovations by systematically documenting them and building evidence of their implementation and effectiveness.
2. Seek training and/or technical assistance to build agency capacity to document and evaluate innovative, community-based work.
3. Explain to funders the need to include a budget for evaluation in grants or funding applications to facilitate improving, documenting, and disseminating culturally specific approaches.

Resources

- [Domestic Violence Evidence Project](#)
- [CDC Understanding Evidence Framework](#)
- [National Latin@ Network's Building Evidence Toolkit](#)
- [National LGBTQ DV Capacity Building Learning Center's Online Library](#)
- [Center for Culturally Responsive Evaluation and Assessment](#)

ⁱ Durlack, J. A. & DuPree, E. P. (2008). Implementation matters: A review of research on the influence of implementation on program outcomes and the factors affecting implementation. *American Journal of Community Psychology* (41), 327–350. DOI 10.1007/s10464-008-9165-0; Miller, R. L. & Shinn, M. (2005). Learning from communities: Overcoming difficulties in dissemination of prevention and promotion efforts. *American Journal of Community Psychology* (35) 3/4. DOI: 10.1007/s10464-005-3395-1; Green, L. W. (2008). Making research relevant: If it is an evidence-based practice, where's the practice-based evidence? *Family Practice* (25), i20–i24.



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