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For national participants in the
MNADV's Lethality Assessment Program

A periodic newsletter to update Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) participants throughout the country on events, reports, best practices, and other significant actions occurring in participating jurisdictions related to implementation of the LAP.

National Lethality Assessment Program and OVW Technical Assistance Award

Since 2011, the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) has been providing Lethality Assessment Program-Maryland Model (LAP) training and technical assistance through an award from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Seventeen sites have received training and ongoing technical assistance, and as of this February, all 17 will have implemented the LAP. The sites represent 18 states with 12 of them being new states that have jurisdictions participating in the LAP. At the beginning of 2013, hundreds of law enforcement agencies and their partner domestic violence programs in **30 states** are now LAP participants.

The 17 jurisdictions involved in the OVW training and technical assistance are:

- Connecticut (4 counties)
- Pennsylvania (12 counties)
- Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, MI
- Norfolk, VA
- Charlotte, Mecklenburg, NC
- Louisville, KY
- Spartanburg, SC
- Bismarck, ND
- Yankton, SD
- Dallas, TX
- Frisco, TX
- San Antonio, TX
- Columbia, TN
- Rutland, VT
- Las Animas County, CO (including Colfax County, NM)
- Stearns and Benton Counties, MN
- Woods Cross, UT



Round 3 Training: The MNADV is accepting applications for a round three of training and technical assistance. Applications are due by January 31, 2013. For more information and to download the application, please visit: <http://mnadv.org/lethality/what-is-lap/>



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Testimonials from LAP Participants

Norfolk, Virginia. “It has been a crazy last few weeks. Regarding LAP, however, things are moving forward smoothly and better than I could have expected given the scope of the training and implementation. Officers have already begun using the screen – even before the effective date. I will be training the recruits tomorrow on DV – standard 6 hour training however we are now incorporating the LAP video and LAP training. It is actually going a lot smoother than I could have expected. The police have really done a good job with this. I gave a little update on Friday about LAP to regional DV representatives – interest in LAP is growing as the word is spreading around the region and state. I gave a keynote address last night at a regional DV vigil – and it was pretty cool to talk about LAP and to be able to say that “Tonight, October 1, the first day of DV Awareness Month, ALL 700+ Norfolk Police Officers will begin using the Lethality Screen.” Sergeant Fred Jackson was present and I pointed him out as one of the trainers who has spent the last several weeks training the officers. The crowd applauded him in appreciation. Advocates, victims and survivors came up after the vigil expressing how they wish the screen had been in effect earlier. I am so very proud of Norfolk.”

Linda Bryant, Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney, Norfolk, VA | October 2, 2012

On December 17th, the Virginia Attorney General and Verizon Wireless “recognized the City of Norfolk for its outstanding efforts and best practices in its work against domestic violence.” The announcement’s sub-headline reads: “Norfolk first city in Virginia to implement the lethality assessment protocol to screen for victims who are at high risk for serious injury or death.” See the full announcement at: http://www.aq.virginia.gov/Media%20and%20News%20Releases/News_Releases/Cuccinelli/121712_Verizon.html

Woods Cross, Utah. “Things are going great! [W]e are still planning on going full swing on January 1st. I have trained all our personnel on the lethality screening procedures and have received a large amount of interest from our surrounding agencies regarding the program. I have no doubt that eventually this will become a county wide protocol. We have been invited to speak about the LAP in a domestic violence summit next year as well. We recently did a trial screening with a woman who was already in contact with Safe Harbor and her screening indicated she was high risk. We took the proper steps to remove her from the home (family member) and her ex-husband was arrested for stalking her. Shortly after his release, he was found barricaded in his truck and requesting his wife and children come talk to him. After a short standoff, the husband took his own life. I have no doubt that without screening this woman, the outcome would have been far worse. This incident has sparked interest and brought attention to how the LAP program is a huge benefit to victims of domestic violence.”

Detective Sergeant Adam Osoro, Woods Cross Police Department, UT | December 4, 2012

Data from National LAP/OVW Participants

We are reviewing the reports from our first round of National LAP/OVW participants. Here are some results from the first quarter of implementation:

- **Louisville, KY:** 1 screen per every 277 people in the population, with a 72% “spoke to” rate.
- **Spartanburg, SC:** Twice the number of screens than was projected, with a 74% “spoke to” rate, and a 65% “services” rate.
- **Connecticut:** 14 law enforcement agencies did more screens than projected, with a 89% “spoke to” rate, a 100% “officer-call” rate, and a 65% “services” rate.
- **Pennsylvania:** 12 counties and numerous agencies participating, with a 80% “spoke to” rate and 70% “services” rate.



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Linking You to the Rest of Your State...and the Country

This newsletter seeks to “link” all LAP participants with current news and issues and to recognize the good work being done. We would like to strengthen the link by providing updated information about the LAP to promote the work you are doing in your state. The MNADV’s website (www.mnadv.org) contains a list of states that have participating LAP jurisdictions, but we would like to enhance this information and provide a direct link to your state’s LAP information. For states that have the LAP in different regions and have separate coordinators, we will include the information separately in your state link. By completing the survey and submitting it to us, we will include it as information about the LAP in your state.

Please provide us with this information by completing the following survey by February 1st:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LAPStateStatus>

As updates of the LAP status arise, please continue to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!



Driving Change Conference

April 10-11, 2013

Boston Marriott Copley Place
 110 Huntington Avenue
 Boston, MA 02116

Registration Now Open!

http://www.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org/dvhrtn_conference_dc.html

The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center of Newburyport, Massachusetts (JGCC) is a local domestic violence program serving northeastern Massachusetts, and the creator of the highly acclaimed Newburyport Domestic Violence High Risk Team Model. The MNADV and the JGCC have mutually and enthusiastically created a partnership that combine the LAP and the DVHRT models, referred to by OVW as the two “leading promising practices” in the field of intimate partner homicide prevention.

On April 10 and 11, 2013, in Boston, the JGCC is hosting a conference that will feature DVHRTs and the LAP and the newly combined model. Registration is now open. We’d love to see you in Boston!!

