

# MNADV Program Standards

## Guiding Principles

Dedicate our program to empowering survivors of domestic violence by partnering with them to strategize for their safety, to provide access to supportive services and safe accommodations, to make available opportunities for education and healing, and to advocate for victims to assist them in reaching self-defined goals.

Respect the privacy and confidentiality of victims and their children by collecting only essential, necessary information, by keeping records and client information confidential to the fullest extent of the law, and by respecting their personal belongings.

Honor the language and spirit of local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and grant requirements that govern domestic violence service provision, provided that they are conducive to victim safety, client confidentiality, and abuser accountability.

Respect the culture and customs of survivors, staff, and volunteers by honoring differences and by making reasonable accommodations that allow everyone to participate in the program to the fullest extent possible.

Foster a trauma-informed, welcoming environment for survivors and their children that recognizes the impact of abuse and promotes self-sufficiency, independent decision-making, and safer futures.

Provide safe accommodations for survivors of domestic violence and their children to serve as a haven from abuse and coercive control.

Partner with local governmental and community organizations to foster effective collaborations that improve victims' access to services and justice and that enhance victim safety and abuser accountability.