



Lethality Assessment Program – Maryland Model

Implementation Checklist for Victim-Initiated LAP Screening Domestic Violence Service Providers

Foundational elements for LAP implementation:

- The Domestic Violence Service Provider (DVSP) approves the application of the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to be included as part of hotline operations.
- The DVSP has a domestic violence hotline operated by a trained staff person/s or volunteers, 24 hours per day, every day of the year.
- The DVSP uses the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) Lethality Screen for First Responders.
- Trained DVSP's hotline and victim advocates serve as Lethality Screeners. Other Screeners may include additional staff or volunteers associated with the DVSP.
- The DVSP provides LAP training and education, as needed and which may be coordinated and/or provided by the MNADV.
- The DVSP captures data and report semi-annually to the MNADV.

Preparation for LAP implementation:

- The DVSP designates a LAP Coordinator.
- The DVSP works with the MNADV to establish LAP policy for hotline calls and to monitor progress on an on-going basis.
- The DVSP and MNADV meet to discuss the LAP policy, training plan and implementation logistics.

Technical assistance and training provided by MNADV:

- Sample LAP policy and assistance in drafting a policy for the DVSP.
- Coordination of meetings and trainings.
- In-service LAP training for staff.
- Informational, training and implementation materials.
- Ongoing technical assistance and communication.