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2025 Massachusetts Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams Directory

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Introduction

Domestic Violence High Risk Teams (DVHRTs) are multi-agency collaborative groups designed to identify, assess, and provide coordinated interventions for domestic violence cases with the highest risk of serious harm or lethality. These teams bring together professionals from law enforcement, victim services, criminal justice, healthcare, social services, and community organizations to share information, develop safety plans, and ensure comprehensive support for survivors, as well as accountability for offenders.

Core Functions

- Regular case review meetings to assess high-risk domestic violence situations
- Multi-agency information sharing within legal and ethical guidelines
- Coordinated safety planning for survivors and their children
- Enhanced monitoring and supervision of high-risk offenders
- Resource coordination and service delivery
- Data collection and outcome tracking

DVHRTs bring together various agencies that typically operate in silos, fostering information sharing and coordinated intervention plans. Core members often include:

- **Domestic Violence Agencies/Victim Advocates:** Often lead or co-lead the team with a prosecutor's office, providing expert knowledge on domestic violence dynamics, offering direct victim support, safety planning, and ensuring a victim-centered approach.

- **Prosecutors' Offices:** Often lead or co-lead the team with a domestic violence agency/victim advocate, involved in prioritizing the prosecution of high-risk cases, making informed bail and pretrial release recommendations, and holding offenders accountable.
- **Law Enforcement:** Police departments and sheriffs' departments play a crucial role in identifying high-risk cases, conducting safety checks, and enforcing protective orders.
- **Probation and Parole:** Monitor offenders, enforce probation/parole conditions, and provide updates on offender behavior.
- **Corrections:** Provide information regarding incarcerated offenders and release planning.
- **Department of Children & Families:** Address concerns when children are impacted by domestic violence.
- **Intimate Partner Abuse Education Programs (IPAEPs):** Offer insights into offender behavior and provide intervention services.
- **Community Health Care Providers/Emergency Departments:** Can identify victims and provide referrals and support.

Statewide Domestic Violence High Risk Team Directory

Date of Last Update: August 15, 2025

This contact sheet provides an overview of Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams (DVHRTs) operating across Massachusetts. Please note that contact information is

subject to change. Always verify the most current contact details directly with the respective organization or team.

Barnstable County/Cape and the Islands

Cape Cod and the Islands High Risk Task Force

Towns & Cities Served:	Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wellfleet, and Yarmouth. Martha's Vineyard: Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury
Coordinator Contact Information:	Alexandra Isaacs alexandra.isaacs@mass.gov
District	Cape and Islands DA's Office (lead)
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service Agencies:	Independence House
Program Description:	The program provides a coordinated response to cases of domestic violence that have been deemed "high risk" through the application of risk assessments. Representatives from the DA's Office, police departments, probation department, Sheriff's Department, Independence House, and victim advocates meet optimally within three days of a referral. Each meeting is focused on the specific case to

discuss strategies to increase the victim's safety, and the group meets annually to review progress and goals for the task force. The program has been developing since its inception. There is a focus on training police, Assistant District Attorneys, and probation officers to increase the use of risk assessment.

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- Other Members:**
- Massachusetts State Police (MSP)
 - Barnstable Sheriff's Department
 - Probation Department
 - Victim Advocates
 - Local Police Departments

Berkshire County

Berkshire High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served: Williamstown, Clarksburg, North Adams, Florida, Savoy, Adams, New Ashford, Hancock, Lanesboro, Cheshire, Windsor, Dalton, Pittsfield, Hinsdale, Peru, Washington, Middlefield, Richmond, Lenox, West Stockbridge, Stockbridge, Lee, Becket, Tyringham, Otis, Sandisfield, Tolland, Monterey, New Marlboro, Sheffield, Mt Washington, Egremont, Alford, Great Barrington

Coordinator Kristen Rapkowicz kristen.rapkowicz@mass.gov

Contact

Information:

District Berkshire DA's Office

Attorney's Office

(lead):

Victim Service Elizabeth Freeman Center

Agencies:

Other Members:

- MSP
- Local Police Departments
- Superior and District Court Probation
- Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program (IPAEP)
- Sherriff's Office
- Parole Victim Services
- Probation Victim Services

Bristol County

Program Description: Although the New Bedford HART was developed in 2006, changes were made in 2015, and in 2016, HART was expanded across the county in each of the district court jurisdictions. The teams are made up of a group of professionals representing agencies that may come in contact with the victim and/or the offender. Its goal is to identify, track, and monitor repeat serial batterers classified to the program while keeping their victims safe within their community. Classified offenders are monitored through monthly review of their criminal

records identifying new criminal charges and restraining orders, enhanced prosecution of all criminal charges, creating electronic Offender Files that include all police reports and 209As that are kept at both the DA's Office and police departments, contacting the Parole Board before hearings, interviewing offenders before release from the House of Correction, and informing other DA's Offices when these offenders have cases in another jurisdiction and providing them with a copy of the HART Offender File.

Members & Partnering Organizations: The Bristol County DA's Office is the lead organization. Partnering agencies include all 20 police departments across the county, Probation, Parole, the Department of Children & Families, DTA, the New Bedford Women's Center, the Women's Center at SSTAR, New Hope, the Batterer's Education Programs, the Sheriff's Department, the Clerk's Office staff, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Representatives from all these agencies attend bi-monthly meetings.

Attleboro High Risk Team (HART)

Towns & Cities Served:	Attleboro, Mansfield, North Attleboro, and Norton (The Attleboro District Court catchment area)	
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Information:		
District	Bristol County DA's Office	
Attorney's Office (lead):		

Victim Service	New Bedford Women's Center
Agencies:	The Women's Center at SSTAR
	New Hope
Year Started:	2016
Program	See above
Description:	
Other Members:	See above

Fall River High Risk Team (HART)

Towns & Cities Served:	Fall River, Freetown, Somerset, Swansea, Westport (The Fall River District Court catchment area)
Coordinator	Lauri Burke lauri.a.burke@mass.gov
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District	Bristol County DA's Office
Attorney's Office (lead):	
Victim Service	New Bedford Women's Center
Agencies:	The Women's Center at SSTAR
	New Hope
Year Started:	2016
Program	See above
Description:	

Other Members: See above

New Bedford High Risk Team (HART)

Towns & Cities Served:	New Bedford, Dartmouth, Acushnet, Fairhaven (The New Bedford District Court catchment area)	
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District Attorney's Office (lead):	Bristol County DA's Office	
Victim Service Agencies:	New Bedford Women's Center	
	The Women's Center at SSTAR	
	New Hope	
Year Started:	2006	
Program Description:	See above	
Other Members:	See above	

Taunton High Risk Team (HART)

Towns & Cities Served:	Berkley, Dighton, Easton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Taunton (The Taunton District Court catchment area)	
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Coordinator Courtney Cahill courtney.cahill@state.ma.us

Contact

Information:

District Bristol County DA's Office (lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service New Bedford Women's Center

Agencies: The Women's Center at SSTAR

New Hope

Year Started: 2016

Program See above

Description:

Other Members: See Above

Essex County

Gloucester High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Gloucester, Rockport, Essex

Served:

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Contact

Information:

District Essex DA's Office (co-lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC) (co-lead)

Agencies: North Shore Rape Crisis Center

- Other Members:**
- Local Police Departments
 - Probation
 - Parole
 - Department of Children & Families

Greater Newburyport Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, Amesbury, Merrimac, and any town within the Newburyport District Court Division	
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Information:	Stacey Barnett	sbarnett@jeannegeiger.org
District	Essex District Attorney's Office	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service	Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (lead)	
Agencies:		
Year Started:	2004	
Program Description:	This program focuses equally on victim safety and offender accountability. The model was developed in 2002, and the first team meeting was held in 2004. Meetings are held once a month. A Byrne grant provides partial funding for the project, but the project went many years without any grant funding and was funded by a domestic violence agency's fundraising efforts.	

Lawrence High Risk Team

Towns & Cities	Lawrence
Served:	
Coordinator	Linette Perez lperez@lawpd.com
Contact Information:	
District	Essex District Attorney's Office (lead)
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	YWCA
Agencies:	Jeannie Geiger Crisis Center
Year Started:	2019
Program Description:	<p>The Lawrence DVHRT is a multidisciplinary team designed to prevent domestic violence homicides and serious assaults by identifying and closely monitoring high-risk cases in the community. Through coordinated intervention and support, the team works to enhance survivor safety and hold offenders accountable.</p> <p>Purpose:</p> <p>The Lawrence DVHRT focuses on cases with the highest potential for lethality, using validated risk assessment tools and cross-agency collaboration to intervene early and effectively.</p>

Key Features:

- **Collaborative Membership:** The team includes representatives from the Lawrence Police Department, probation, district attorney's office, courts, victim advocacy groups, mental health providers, and community-based organizations.
- **Case Monitoring:** We are currently monitoring 54 active high-risk domestic violence cases in the city.
- **Meeting Schedule:** The team meets **monthly on the second Thursday of each month** to review cases, update safety plans, and coordinate next steps.
- **Summer Adjustments:** During the summer, particularly in **August**, the team does **not meet in person** due to member vacations. However, **regular check-ins with the courts continue**, and updates are gathered and **shared with the team** to ensure continuity of care and accountability.
- **Risk Assessment & Planning:** Tools like the **Danger Assessment** are used to evaluate the level of risk, and individualized safety plans are developed for each survivor.
- **Survivor Support:** Survivors are connected to emergency shelter, legal assistance, mental health

services, transportation, and ongoing advocacy through coordinated partnerships.

- **Offender Oversight:** The team works together to track offenders' compliance with probation, court orders, and bail conditions.

Impact:

The Lawrence DVHRT provides a **proactive, coordinated response** to domestic violence, improving outcomes for survivors and reducing repeat incidents. By aligning efforts across agencies, the team ensures no high-risk case falls through the cracks.

Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lawrence Police Department• Supportive Care• My Lifeline Inc.• Northeast Legal Aid
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Lynn High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Lynn, Nahant, Marblehead, Saugus, Swampscott

Served:

Coordinator	Maureen Leal maureen.wilson.leal@mass.gov
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Contact

Information:

District Essex District Attorney's Office (lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC)

Agencies:

Program The team meets monthly to discuss new cases and accepted cases. Discussion by the team explores ways the team can best support the victim, needs of the victim, and specific concerns for the safety of the victim.

Other Members:

- Probation
- Parole
- Local Police Departments
- Department of Children & Families
- Neighborhood Legal Services

Peabody High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Peabody, Lynnfield

Served:

Coordinator Michelle "Mikki" Defeo michelle.defeo@mass.gov

Contact

Information:

District Essex District Attorney's Office (co-lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC) (co-lead)

Agencies:

Program The team meets monthly to discuss new cases and accepted cases. Discussion by the team explores ways the team can best support the victim, the needs of the victim, and specific concerns for the safety of the victim.

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- Other Members:**
- Probation
 - Parole
 - Probate Court
 - Local Police Departments
 - Sheriff's Department

Salem High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Beverly, Danvers, Manchester, Middleton, Salem

Served:

Coordinator Michelle "Mikki" Defeo michelle.defeo@mass.gov

Contact

Information:

District Essex District Attorney's Office (co-lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service Healing Abuse Working for Change (HAWC) (co-lead)

Agencies:

Program The team meets monthly to discuss new cases and accepted cases. Discussion by the team explores ways the team can best support the victim, the needs of the victim, and specific concerns for the safety of the victim.

Description:

- Other Members:**
- Probation
 - Parole
 - Probate Court
 - Local Police Departments
 - Sherriff's Department

Franklin County

Northwestern District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served: Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Westhampton, Williamsburg, Worthington, Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, Whately, Athol

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	Harris	

District	Northwestern District Attorney's Office (lead)
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	Safe Passage
Agencies:	YWCA
	The Women's Center
	Resilience Center of Franklin County (formerly known as NELCWIT)
	CWC
Year Started:	2010
Program Description:	<p>This program is a collaboration of law enforcement, courts, and victim service providers who come together to identify and monitor high-risk domestic violence offenders. The mission of the high-risk team (HRT) is to hold offenders accountable and increase safety for victims, thereby reducing serious injury and homicide in domestic violence cases. The HRT began reviewing cases in 2010 and is funded through an Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant (ICJR- formerly Grants to Encourage Arrest) and the Office on Violence Against Women. The Northwestern District has two HRTs, one in Franklin County and one in Hampshire County. Each team meets every other month, alternating counties.</p>
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Massachusetts State Police Barracks • 45 Municipal Police Departments • Dispatch services • DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- Probation
- Parole
- Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Hampshire County Sheriff's Office
- Victim Witness Advocates
- Assigned Domestic Violence Prosecutors
- IPAEPs (Proteus and Moving Forward Program)

Hampden County

Chicopee STOP Team 1

Towns & Cities	Springfield and West Springfield
Served:	
Coordinator	Dana Parsons dana.a.parsons@mass.gov
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Information:	
District	Hampden District Attorney's Office (lead)
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	YWCA/Alianza
Agencies:	Behavioral Health Network
Year Started:	2009
Program	We are primarily a law enforcement team organized to
Description:	enhance victim safety by coordinating a response that identifies and flags high-risk DV offenders to track them,

monitor them, respond quickly to new incidents of abuse, and take appropriate action to hold them responsible, while at the same time securing the needed services and support to protect the victim.

Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherriff's Department • Local Police Departments • Probation • Parole • Department of Children & Families • Department of Transitional Assistance • Wayfinders • TJ O'Conner Animal Shelter • IPAEP (Proteus)
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Chicopee STOP Team 2

Towns & Cities Served:	Holyoke, Chicopee, Westfield, Palmer, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Southwick, Hill Towns, Agawam, Ludlow (all of Hampden County except for Springfield and West Springfield)
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Information:

District	Hampden District Attorney's Office (lead)
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Attorney's Office:

Victim Service	YWCA/Alianza
Agencies:	Behavioral Health Network
Year Started:	2009
Program Description:	We are primarily a law enforcement team organized to enhance victim safety by coordinating a response that identifies and flags high-risk DV offenders to track them, monitor them, respond quickly to new incidents of abuse, and take appropriate action to hold them responsible, while at the same time securing the needed services and support to protect the victim.
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff's Department • Local Police Departments • Probation • Parole • Department of Children & Families • Department of Transitional Assistance • Wayfinders • TJ O'Conner Animal Shelter • IPAEP (Proteus)

Hampshire County

Northwestern District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	47 towns in Hampshire and Franklin County, including the town of Athol
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Contact	Rosewarne
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District	Northwestern District Attorney's Office (lead)
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service Agencies:	Resilience Center of Franklin County (formerly known as NELCWIT)
	Safe Passage
	YWCA
	The Women's Center
	CWC
Year Started:	2010
Program Description:	This program is a collaboration of law enforcement, courts, and victim service providers who come together to identify and monitor domestic violence high risk offenders. The mission of the HRT is to hold offenders accountable and increase safety for victims, thereby reducing serious injury and homicide in domestic violence cases. The HRT began

reviewing cases in 2010 and is funded through an Improving Criminal Justice Response Grant (ICJR-formerly Grants to Encourage Arrest), and the Office on Violence Against Women. The Northwestern District has two HRTs, one in Franklin County and one in Hampshire County. Each team meets every other month, alternating counties.

Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Massachusetts Police Barracks• 45 Municipal Police Departments• Dispatch• DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES• Probation• Parole• Franklin County & Hampshire County Sheriffs' Office• Victim Witness Advocates• Assigned DV Prosecutors
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Middlesex County

Ayer High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Ashby, Townsend, Pepperell, Groton, Shirley, Ayer, Devens, Littleton, Dunstable, Westford
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Coordinator Tara Huard thuard@ywcacm.org

Contact

Information:

District Middlesex DA's Office

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service YWCA Central MA Domestic Violence Services (lead)

Agencies:

Year Started: 2008

Program The Ayer District Court High Risk Response Team was
Description: established in 2008. The team provides a structure that delivers necessary services, identifies "high-risk cases," and creates a vehicle for communication among disciplines to encourage an effective response to domestic violence. The team provides training to members on the high-risk model as well as an environment for members to coordinate and communicate information. It also serves to provide appropriate intervention and to contain and monitor offenders to keep victims and their children safe. There is no funding for this team. Meetings are held monthly on the last Thursday of each month at the Ayer police department. There are formalized Memorandums of Understanding, which are signed by the Chiefs of each police department, the DA Supervisor, and the organizations' Executive Directors.

Other Members: • Local Police Departments

- MSP
- Ayer DC Probation Department
- Parole Victim Services
- Victim Witness Advocates
- Department of Transitional Assistance
- Nashoba Valley Medical Center
- IPAEP (Spectrum-P.A.V.E.)

Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont High Risk and Response Team (CABHART)

Towns & Cities	Cambridge, Arlington, Belmont	
Served:		
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Information:		
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District	Middlesex District Attorney's Office	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service	Riverside Community Care (lead)	
Agencies:	Transition House (lead)	
	Boston Area Rape Crisis Center	
	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers	
	REACH Beyond Domestic Violence	

RESPOND

Year Started:	2008
Program Description:	A multi-agency collaboration to identify individuals at the highest risk of lethality due to domestic violence. The team identifies offenders who pose the greatest risk of harm through initial and continued assessment. The team jointly intervenes in these cases, increasing safety for the survivor and accountability of the abuser through a coordinated community approach.
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arlington Police Department • Cambridge and Somerville Elder Services • Community Legal Services and Counseling Center • Cambridge District Court Probation Department • Cambridge Health Alliance • Cambridge Public Health Department • Cambridge Women's Commission • Community Legal Services and Counseling Center • Department of Children & Families • EMERGE • Harvard Legal Aid • Harvard Women's Services • Massachusetts Parole Board • Middlesex Probate and Family Court • Mt. Auburn Hospital

Concord High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Acton, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Hanscom Air Force Base (HAFB), Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, Stow	
Coordinator	Alison Tarmy	atarmy@police.bedfordma.gov
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District	Middlesex DA's Office	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service Agencies:	Domestic Violence Services Network, Inc. (DVSN) (lead)	
Year Started:	2012	
Program Description:	The Central Middlesex Assessment for Safety Team (CMAST), AKA Concord High Risk Team, provides a formal process of communication and coordination among team members to identify victims who are at the greatest risk and to monitor offenders who pose a threat to them.	
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concord District Court ADA • Concord District Court Victim Witness Advocate • Concord District Court Probation • MA Parole Board, Sheriff's Office • Billerica House of Correction VWA • Local police officers, local police detectives, and/or command staff from the Acton, Bedford, Carlisle, 	

Concord, HAFB, Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, and
Stow Police Departments

Framingham High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Framingham, Ashland, Holliston, Hopkinton, Sudbury, Dover, Natick, Sherborn, Wayland, and Weston
Coordinator	Tracey McHugh tmchugh@smoc.org
Contact Information:	
District	Middlesex DA's Office
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	Voices Against Violence (lead)
Agencies:	
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Framingham Police• Holliston Police, Wayland Police• Parole Board, District Court Probation• Ashland Police• Sudbury Police• Hopkinton Police• Framingham State University Police• IPAEP (Spectrum Health Services)• Mass Parole Board.

Greater Lowell Evaluation and Advocacy Network

Towns & Cities	Lowell
Served:	
Coordinator	Kylie Richman kylie@alternative-house.org
Contact	Natalie Bergeron- natalie@alternative-house.org
Information:	Tarmey
District	Middlesex DA's Office (co-lead)
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	Alternative House (co-lead)
Agencies:	Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
	Center for Hope and Healing
	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
Program Description:	The Program was developed for public and private stakeholders to better identify and respond to domestic violence cases that pose the highest risk of lethality. The Program works to protect and serve high-risk victims through a collaborative, holistic approach.
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowell Police Department • Billerica Police Department • Tewksbury Police Department • Lowell District Court Probation Department • Department of Children & Families • Community Teamwork Inc. • Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center - IPAEP

Assessment & Response Subcommittee

- Lowell Community Health Center
- Lowell General Hospital
- MSPCC Healthy Families Lowell
- Massachusetts Parole Board
- Middlesex Sheriff's Office
- Massachusetts Department of Corrections

Malden High Risk Team

Towns & Cities	Malden, Melrose, Wakefield, Everett
Served:	
Coordinator	Mollie Brackern mollie@respondinc.org
Contact	Rachel rachel@respond.org
Information:	Angerhofer
District	Middlesex DA's Office
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	RESPOND (lead)
Agencies:	Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
	RESPOND
	REACH Beyond Domestic Violence
	Saheli
	Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
Program	The goals are to identify significant risk, lethality/harm,
Description:	provide coordinated community responses, support the survivor, hold offenders accountable, raise community

awareness and resources, and identify gaps in the system.
The team meets monthly or as needed.

Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimate Partner Abuse Education Program • Legal services for immigration or family issues • Parole officers • RAC • Malden, Melrose, Wakefield, and Everett Police Departments • Probation • Department of Children & Families • Department of Transitional Assistance
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Somerville High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Somerville, Medford
Coordinator	Mollie Brackern mollie@respondinc.org
Contact Information:	Rachel rachel@respond.org
District	Middlesex DA's Office
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	RESPOND (lead)
Agencies:	Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
Program Description:	The Somerville High Risk Team has been in existence since 2008. Its goals are to identify significant risk, lethality/harm,

provide coordinated community responses, support the survivor, seek to hold offenders accountable, raise community awareness and resources, and identify gaps in the system. The team meets monthly or as needed to address emergency situations.

Other Members:

- IPAEP
- legal services for immigration or family issues
- parole officers
- Somerville Police Department
- Medford Police Department, Probation
- Department of Children & Families
- The Guidance Center (overseen by Riverside)
- Elder Services
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
- Cambridge Health Alliance
- Community Action Agency of Somerville
- The City of Somerville
- Department of Transitional Assistance

Stoneham High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served: Stoneham, North Reading, Reading, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester, Wilmington

Coordinator	Rachel rachel@respond.org
Contact	Angerhofer
Information:	
District	Middlesex DA's Office
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	RESPOND (lead)
Agencies:	Boston Area Rape Crisis Center
	REACH
	Saheli
	Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers
Program Description:	The goals are to identify significant risk, lethality/harm, provide coordinated community responses, support the survivor, hold offenders accountable, raise community awareness and resources, and identify gaps in the system. The team meets monthly or as needed.
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPAEP • legal services for immigration or family issues • parole officers • RAC • Stoneham, North Reading, Reading, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester, Wilmington Police Departments • Probation, Department of Children & Families • Department of Transitional Assistance • Hospitals and Clinics

Waltham High Risk Team

Towns & Cities	Waltham
Served:	
Coordinator	Pam Wood pam@reachma.org
Contact Information:	
District	Middlesex DA's Office
Attorney's Office:	
Victim Service	REACH Beyond Domestic Violence (lead)
Agencies:	
Year Started:	2014
Program Description:	The team aims to identify major risks and potential harm, ensure a coordinated community response, support survivors, promote offender accountability, raise community awareness and resources, and pinpoint gaps within the system. Meetings are held monthly or as needed to respond to urgent situations.
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middlesex District Attorney's Office and VWA • Waltham Police Department • Watertown Police Department • Weston Police Department • Waltham District Court Probation Department • Middlesex County Superior Court Probation Department

- Department of Children & Families
- Greater Boston Legal Services

Norfolk

Norfolk County High Risk Assessment Program

Towns & Cities Served:	Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Dover, Foxborough, Franklin, Holbrook, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Milton, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth, Wrentham	
Coordinator	Lisa Beatty	lisa.beatty@mass.gov
Contact Information:	Megan Cronin	megan.cronin@mass.gov
District	Norfolk DA's Office (lead)	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service	DOVE	
Agencies:		
Year Started:	2008	
Program Description:	In May 2008, the Norfolk County DA's Office launched a High-Risk Assessment Program, a collaborative, multi-disciplinary review of serious domestic violence cases. The program officially brings together assistant district	

attorneys, victim witness advocates, probation and parole officers, battered women's shelter agencies, social workers, batterer's treatment providers, Department of Children & Families staff, and law enforcement officers. The team meets monthly to discuss high-risk cases in the county. They work together on victim safety planning, child protection, offender treatment, and offender accountability. All meetings take place at Norfolk DA's Office, which provides all administrative support.

Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Police Department• Probation• Department of Children & Families
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Plymouth

Domestic Violence Assessment Risk Task Force

Towns & Cities Served:	Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater, Whitman
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Coordinator Collette Puleo collette.puleo@mass.gov

Contact

Information:

District Plymouth DA's Office (lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service Family and Community Resources

Agencies: South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center

Health Imperatives

Program The mission of the Plymouth County District Attorney's

Description: Office Domestic Violence High Risk Team is to create a collaborative forum and process to reduce domestic violence within the jurisdiction through identification, tracking, and targeting of prosecution of the county's most violent, repeat offenders. This includes immediate communication between members, as well as monitoring and enhancing the prosecution of these offenders, while responding to the needs of the victims. The offenders referred to and accepted by the HRT are monitored through review of their criminal records, identifying new criminal charges, and restraining orders. All new criminal charges by offenders are flagged and prosecuted by a member of the Plymouth County Domestic Violence Unit. The coordinated communication and prosecution of these offenders results in longer sentences, higher bail, and parole being denied. Victims also benefit from increased communication with the

prosecution team, with a focus on maximizing the victim's safety.

Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Police Departments • Plymouth County Courts
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Safety First

Towns & Cities	Plymouth County (27 cities and towns)
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Served:

Coordinator	Kristin Cipullo	kristin.cipullo@state.ma.us
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Contact

Information:

District	Plymouth DA's Office (lead)
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Attorney's Office:

Victim Service	Family & Community Resources
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Agencies:	A New Day
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	South Shore Women's Resource Center
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Year Started:	1999
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Program Description:	Safety First was established in 1999. It is a community-based program whose mission is to reduce domestic violence within Plymouth County through identifying, tracking, and monitoring repeat, serial batterers/offenders classified to the program. The Program was developed in the city of
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Brockton but has recently expanded to cover all 27 towns in the county. There are four Safety First Teams, one in each of our district court jurisdictions. Although Safety First is an offender-based program, our focus on these offenders enables us to provide wrap-around services to the victims and their children. Classified offenders are monitored through monthly review of their criminal records identifying new criminal charges and restraining orders, enhanced prosecution of ALL criminal charges, creating Offender Files that include all police reports and 209As that are kept at both the courthouse and police departments, contacting the Parole Board before hearings, and informing other DA's Offices when these offenders have cases in another jurisdiction and providing them with a copy of the Safety First Offender File.

Other Members:

- Local Police Departments
- Probation
- Parole
- Court Personnel
- DCF
- DTA
- U.S. Attorney's Office
- Sheriff's Department

Suffolk

Community Awareness to Stop Abuse, Domestic Violence Intervention and Emergency Response Team

Towns & Cities	Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop	
Served:		
Coordinator	Robin Read	rreid@chelseama.gov
Contact Information:		
Police Department	Chelsea Police Department (lead)	
District	Suffolk County DA's Office	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service	Harbor COV	
Agencies:	MGH Haven (hospital-based victim services)	
Year Started:	2010	
Program Description:	<p>The team meets once a month and has been in place since 2010. The goal of the team is to monitor high-risk offenders. The team takes referrals from different agencies and provides communication between all agencies to monitor high-risk offenders. The team also ensures that safety planning is put into place for victims and that victims are getting the services they need.</p>	
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation 	

Assessment & Response Subcommittee

- Batterer Intervention Program
- Department of Children & Families

Suffolk County Domestic Violence High Risk Team

Towns & Cities	Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop	
Served:		
Coordinator	Rita Muse	Rita.muse@mass.gov
Contact	Erin Murphy	Erin.murphy@mass.gov
Information:		
District	Suffolk DA's Office (lead)	
Attorney's Office:		
Year Started:	2025	

Worcester

Clinton District Court High Risk Response Team

Towns & Cities	Sterling, Lancaster, Harvard, Bolton, Berlin, Clinton, Boylston,	
Served:	and West Boylston	
Coordinator	Tara Huard	thuard@ywcacm.org
Contact	Sara Liptak	sara.liptak@mass.gov
Information:		
District	Worcester DA's Office (co-lead)	
Attorney's Office:		

Victim Service Agencies:	YWCA Central MA Domestic Violence Services (co-lead)
Year Started:	2011
Program Description:	The Clinton District Court High Risk Team was established in 2011. The team provides a structure that delivers necessary services, identifies “high-risk cases,” and creates a vehicle for communication among disciplines to encourage an effective response to domestic violence. The team provides training to members on the High-Risk model, as well as an environment for members to coordinate and communicate information. It also serves to provide appropriate intervention and to contain and monitor offenders to keep victims and their children safe.
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Police Departments • Clinton DC Probation • Spectrum-P.A.V.E. • Department of Transitional Assistance DV Specialists • Parole Victim Services • Department of Children & Families DV specialists.

Dudley High Risk Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Sturbridge, Southbridge, Charlton, Oxford, Dudley, and Webster
	MaryPat Wickstrom Mary.wickstrom@mass.gov

Coordinator Sara Liptak sara.liptak@mass.gov

Contact

Information:

District Worcester DA's Office (lead)

Attorney's Office:

Victim Service New Hope

Agencies:

Year Started: 2022

Program Description: The Dudley District Court High Risk Team was established in 2022. The team provides a structure that delivers necessary services, identifying "high-risk cases," and creates a vehicle for communication among disciplines to encourage an effective response to domestic violence. The team provides an environment for members to coordinate and communicate information.

Other Members:

- Local Police Departments
- Probation Department: Victim Services
- Department of Children & Families DV specialists
- Department of Transitional Assistance
- IPAEP (Spectrum-P.A.V.E.)

Fitchburg/Leominster District Court High Risk Response Team

Towns & Cities Served: Fitchburg, Lunenburg, Leominster, Holden, and Princeton

Coordinator	Tara Huard	thuard@ywcacm.org
Contact	Sara Liptak	Sara.liptak@mass.gov
Information:		
District	Worcester DA's Office (Co-lead)	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service	YWCA Central MA Domestic Violence Services (co-lead)	
Agencies:	New Hope – RESPECT Program	
Year Started:	2010	
Program Description:	<p>The Fitchburg/Leominster District Court High Risk Team was established in 2010. The team provides a structure that delivers necessary services, identifies “high-risk cases,” and creates a vehicle for communication among disciplines to encourage an effective response to domestic violence. The team provides training to members on the High-Risk model as well as an environment for members to coordinate and communicate information. It also serves to provide appropriate intervention and to contain and monitor offenders to keep victims and their children safe.</p>	
Other Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Police Departments • Fitchburg & Leominster Police Department Domestic Violence Advocates • Fitchburg DC Probation • Spectrum-P.A.V.E. • Department of Transitional Assistance • Parole Victim Services 	

- Department of Children & Families

Gardner/Winchendon District Court High Risk Response Team

Towns & Cities Served:	Gardner, Winchendon, Westminster, Ashburnham, Royalston, Baldwinville, Templeton, Phillipston, Hubbardston, Petersham.	
Coordinator	Tara Huard	thuard@ywcacm.org
Contact Information:	Sara Liptak	Sara.liptak@mass.gov
District	Worcester DA's Office (Co-lead)	
Attorney's Office:		
Victim Service Agencies:	YWCA Central MA Domestic Violence Services (co-lead)	
Year Started:	2010	
Program Description:	The Gardner/Winchendon District Court High Risk Team was established in 2010. The team provides a structure that delivers necessary services, identifies "high-risk cases," and creates a vehicle for communication among disciplines to encourage an effective response to domestic violence. The team provides training to members on the High-Risk model as well as an environment for members to coordinate and communicate information. It also serves to provide appropriate intervention, contain and monitor offenders, and keep victims and their children safe.	

- Other Members:**
- Local Police Departments
 - G/W DC Probation
 - Spectrum-P.A.V.E.
 - Department of Transitional Assistance
 - Parole Victim Services

Worcester High Risk Response Team

Towns & Cities Worcester, Auburn, Millbury

Served:

Coordinator	Tara Huard	thuard@ywcacm.org
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Contact	Sara Liptak	Sara.liptak@mass.gov
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Information:

District	Worcester DA's Office (Co-lead)
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Attorney's Office:

Victim Service	YWCA Central MA Domestic Violence Services (co-lead)
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Agencies:	New Hope
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Year Started:	2012
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Program Description:	The Worcester High Risk Response Team was established in 2012. The team provides a structure that delivers necessary services, identifies "high-risk cases," and creates a vehicle for communication among disciplines to encourage an effective response to domestic violence. The team provides training to members on the High-Risk model as well as an environment for members to coordinate and communicate
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information. It also serves to provide appropriate intervention and to contain and monitor offenders to keep victims and their children safe. There is no funding for it. Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at the YWCA. There are formalized MOUs, signed by the Chief of the police department, the DA Supervisor, and the organization's Executive Director.

Other Members:

- Worcester Police Department
- WDC Probation Department
- Spectrum-P.A.V.E.
- Department of Transitional Assistance
- Parole Victim Services