

MISSION STATEMENT

The LA VIDA Partnership, a community program of CHASS Center, is a culturally and linguistically appropriate domestic violence and sexual assault intervention and prevention program that provides services and resources targeted to Latino/a youth and families in Southwest Detroit and Southeast Michigan

THE LA VIDA Program

Is located in the
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IF YOU FEEL THAT YOUR LIFE
IS BEING THREATENED, CALL THE
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
HOTLINE AT **1-800-799-SAFE(7233)**
OR CALL
LA VIDA AT **313-849-3920.**



*“Latinos Contra La
Violencia Intima en el
Suroeste de Detroit”*

*“Southwest Detroit
Partnership to Prevent
Intimate Partner Violence
Against Latina Women”*



**There Is NO Excuse For Domestic Violence or
Sexual Assault!**

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In April 2000, the LA VIDA Partnership was awarded a four-year grant from the Skillman Foundation, a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit. This was the beginning of a much needed culturally competent interpersonal violence program. Since its inception, LA VIDA has received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Michigan Women's Foundation, Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, The Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and the Target Foundation. The program's contents are solely the responsibility of the authors/program and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence or the Department of Human Services or the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- **Talk with a friend or relative you trust about what's going on. They may be a good source of support.**
- **Contact your local domestic violence program to find out about laws and community resources (ie: shelters, counseling, legal assistance) before you need them. They can help you plan ways to stay safe.**
- **Arrange a signal with a neighbor to let them know when you need help (ie: turning a porch light on during the day, or pulling down a particular window shade).**
- **Keep some money stored in a secret place so that you have access to it in an emergency, or if you decide to leave. You can also pack a change of clothes (and personal care items, an extra set of glasses, important legal papers, etc...) for yourself and your children and ask a neighbor and/or friend to keep it, along with an extra set of keys, in case you need to leave quickly.**
- **Call 911 if you are in danger or need help.**
- **If you decide to leave, take important papers with you (ie: birth certificates, passports, health insurance documents, photo ID/driver's license, immunization records, checkbook, medication, Bridge card, Social Security cards, etc..., for both you and your children).**

GOALS

- Promote collaboration among community-based organizations, health and social service agencies and other groups committed to preventing domestic violence and sexual assault in Latino families.
- Increase knowledge and disseminate information about domestic violence and sexual assault in Latino families.
- Promote the development, implementation, and evaluation of culturally competent interventions aimed at reducing domestic violence and sexual

ACTIVITIES

- **Community education** and awareness-building
- **Training** of agency-based service providers and clergy.
- **Screening** and **referral** of women and families in crisis.
- **Support groups and other interventions** targeting Latino women, children and youth.
- **Short term counseling for women**, court advocacy, and translation for monolingual Spanish speakers.
- **School-based prevention activities** targeting children and adolescents.
- **Legal immigration and family law services** for survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault.
- **Youth services**, including counseling for direct victims of dating violence and sexual assault provided at local schools.