



Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition

Domestic Violence Work Group

Meets twice each month at Still I Rise, Inc. and via conference call.

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Background

Prince George's Healthcare Action Coalition (PGHAC) serves as a community health network and forum for collaboration to advance the state of health care in Prince George's County. This community powered coalition represents over 70 community organizations, health care providers and stakeholders in community health. The **Domestic Violence Work Group** consists of about 22 members and represents roughly 7 various community-based, behavioral health-oriented organizations in Prince George's County.

The Coalition was formed under the leadership of Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD), with County Health Officer Pamela Creekmur serving as Chairwoman, in order to move the county towards reaching its goals as outlined in the [Prince George's County Health Improvement Plan, 2011-2014](#). In 2015, the Domestic Violence Work Group will merge with the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Support Services Division in order to collaborate with county-wide partners and initiatives on domestic violence prevention and recovery efforts in the county.

Strategies, Goals and Accomplishments

The Domestic Violence Work Group operates under Priority 6 of the Local Health Action Plan for 2011-2014 in Prince George's County, to "ensure that Prince George's County social environments are safe and support health." As such, the Work Group has selected the following County Outcome Objective to work towards achieving each year:

- (1) Reduce domestic violence or reduce non-fatal physical assault injuries.

In 2014, the work group accomplished significant progress on its goals in the following areas:

- Printing and distributing the Domestic Violence Self-Assessment tool brochures (one for adults and one for children and adolescents, in English and Spanish versions for each)
- Developing an outreach program to provide education in schools and around the community
- Developing a public service announcement that is targeted to high risk families
- Partnering with the community by interacting with doctors, teachers, employers, churches, daycare providers and parent to facilitate awareness and to educate about the silent form of violence taking place.

In 2015, the work group's goals are to continue to develop and follow through these goals.