

LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT

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Verizon Funds Community Awareness Campaign



Timothy McCallion, President, Pacific Region of Verizon, presents a check for \$1 million to fund the **Los Angeles Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative**.

The Los Angeles Urban League, the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF), and the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC) are collaborating to undertake a comprehensive campaign aimed at improving education and awareness of domestic violence prevention in the African-American, Latino, and Asian communities.

Funded by Verizon with a \$1 million grant, the main goal of the collaborative is to increase awareness about resources available to victims of domestic violence in ethnic communities. The Urban League, MALDEF, and APALC will target audiences including service providers, youth, and parents through large events such as health fairs, community festivals, and the Urban League's Neighborhoods@Work community meetings.

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is defined as behavior used by one person in a relationship to control the other. Partners may be married or not married; heterosexual, gay, or lesbian; living together, separated or dating. The means of control include physical, sexual, emotional and economic abuse, threats and isolation.

If you are in an abusive relationship remember, YOU ARE NOT ALONE & HELP IS AVAILABLE

HELPFUL RESOURCE HOTLINES	L.A. Domestic Violence Safety Plan Hotline 1(800)978-3600	L.A. County Victim Assistance (213)974-7499
	TDD - Deaf Victims 1(800)660-4026 1(800)787-3224	Info Line - Assistance & Food Programs 1(800)339-6993

Safety Tips for Leaving *(Courtesy of the L.A.P.D. Domestic Violence Pamphlet)*

- Keep emergency and hotline numbers accessible.
- Contact local shelters and discuss safe ways to leave and places for you and your children to go.
- Keep an extra set of house and car keys hidden in a safe, quickly accessible place.
- Put the following things together in one place where you can access them quickly: identification, money, checkbook, credit cards, medications, legal papers, change of clothing, address books, immigration papers, child custody orders, and anything which could not be easily duplicated.
- Develop plans to contact police or find a temporary hiding place with a trustworthy friend.
- Hide or destroy anything that might give a clue as to where you are going. **DO NOT LEAVE A NOTE!**

Meet Jacquelyn M. Horton, Our New Project Coordinator

Jacquelyn M. Horton is the new Los Angeles Urban League Domestic Violence Project Coordinator. She uses her knowledge of government policies and procedures to design programs catering to at-risk youth and violence prevention.

She offers years of work experience earned with organizations ranging from the University of California to the California State Assembly. She currently volunteers as the coordinator of Programs and Projects for the Takeover Youth Ministry. Having worked in diverse communities such as Watts, Westwood, and East Los Angeles, she welcomes challenges and takes pride in her ability to mobilize people to make a difference in their lives and communities. Ms. Horton can be reached at jhorton@laul.org.

Domestic Violence Statistics

- 4 million American women experience a serious assault by a partner during an average 12-month period.¹
- On the average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day.²
- 1 out of 5 female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.³
- Some estimates say almost 1 million incidents of violence occur against a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend per year.⁴
- In a national survey of more than 6,000 American families, 50 percent of the men who frequently assaulted their wives also frequently abused their children.⁵
- Intimate partner violence is primarily a crime against women. In 2001, women accounted for 85 percent of the victims of intimate partner violence (588,490 total) and men accounted for approximately 15 percent of the victims (103,220 total).⁶
- Women are seven to 14 times more likely than men to report suffering severe physical assaults from an intimate partner.⁷



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