
New York City Anti-Violence Project

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AVP's Mission & Vision

We empower lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ), and HIV-affected communities and allies to end all forms of violence through organizing and education, and support survivors through counseling and advocacy.

AVP envisions a world in which all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-affected people are safe, respected, and live free from violence.

AVP's Framework

We address violence impacting LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities internally and externally.

Our main focus areas:

- Intimate Partner Violence
- Hate Violence
- Sexual Violence

AVP's History

1980

THE NEW YORK CITY GAY & LESBIAN ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT WAS FOUNDED AS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF NEIGHBORHOOD ANTI-LGBTQ HATE VIOLENCE INCIDENTS IN CHELSEA.

1984

AVP BECAME A STAFFED ORGANIZATION. WE BEGAN TO PROVIDE COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY FOR SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND HIV-RELATED VIOLENCE.

1995

THE NATIONAL COALITION OF ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMS (NCAVP) WAS FOUNDED.

1998

AVP FIRST PUBLISHES NATIONAL REPORTS ON HATE VIOLENCE AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

2001

THE NEW YORK STATE LGBTQ INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE NETWORK WAS FORMED.

2011

AVP NAMED WHITE HOUSE CHAMPION FOR CHANGE.

2013

AVP HELPS ACHIEVE NATION'S FIRST LGBTQ-INCLUSIVE FEDERAL LAWS (REAUTHORIZATION OF THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT).

2013

AVP LAUNCHES LEGAL DEPARTMENT WITH FUNDING FROM VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT.

AVP's New York City Impact

- **12,000 people** reached annually through community outreach. AVP reaches **all 5 boroughs** at least monthly through Community Safety Nights, Bystander Intervention Trainings, tabling, and more.
- **Over 2,500 callers** to our 24-hour bilingual hotline.
- **1,300 counseling clients** total seen at our offices in the Financial District and in every borough.
- **100+ trainings to 3,000 participants**, including company Employee Resource Groups, police, healthcare providers, social service agencies and more on issues of safety, diversity, and inclusivity for LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities in New York City.
- **Over 300 community members supported with legal services** on issues such as orders of protection, family law, immigration matters, and housing. AVP works with an extensive pro bono network of attorneys.

AVP's National Impact

- AVP produces two annual **national reports on LGBTQ Hate Violence and LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence**, cited in *The New York Times*, NBC.com, BuzzFeed, *The Guardian*, and more.
- AVP was key in pushing for **groundbreaking protections for LGBTQ people** in the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), working closely with the Obama Administration, including **Vice President Joseph R. Biden**.
- AVP is the **largest LGBT and anti-violence specific organization in the country**. Our New York City hotline receives calls from all over the country.

How AVP Works

Direct Services

- Client Services
 - 24-hour bilingual hotline
 - 1,300+ in counseling
 - Support Groups
 - Advocacy/referrals
 - Domestic Violence Shelter Advocacy
 - Economic Empowerment Program
- Legal Services
 - Civil legal issues including orders of protection and immigration

Organizing & Advocacy

- Leadership Development, Trainings & Technical Assistance
- Outreach & Community Organizing to respond to violence and build safety
- Policy Advocacy on city, state, and national levels
- Volunteer Opportunities

AVP: Lifeline for the LGBTQ Community

A phone call away during the moment of crisis:

“It’s no exaggeration -- AVP saved my life. In my fifties, I was suddenly the target of a stalker, a stranger who recorded and followed me for three years. Though the anti-gay threats escalated, the police refused to get involved and the courts turned down a restraining order. Eventually, fear paralyzed me. I was unable to leave my apartment; I couldn’t even turn my lock because my hand would freeze into a fist. Alone, ashamed, I lost hope. As a last chance, I contacted AVP and they knew exactly what to do. AVP advocated for me and gave me clear instructions on how to advocate for myself. They got me out and living again.”

- “Jim” AVP counseling client

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Building community:

“My experience serving on the hotline has been immeasurably rewarding. I have found deep satisfaction in the work, and was honored to be available for someone in a moment of crisis or struggle. I have been moved by the feeling that **I was able to help someone feel less alone** in that moment.”

-Julia, AVP Hotline Volunteer

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How to Get Involved

Community Safety Nights

AVP and our partner organizations team up with community members and volunteers to do direct targeted outreach on one of AVP's safety campaigns.

Constructing Safety Packs

Individual and employee groups construct Safe Packs (safer sex materials and safety information) in a 1-2 hour session. AVP distributes over 5,000 Safe Packs annually.

Pride Outreach

AVP tables or conducts outreach at 10+ Pride events throughout the summer. Volunteers assist AVP staff in passing out outreach materials and educating community on AVP programs, services, and current safety campaigns

40-Hour Hotline Training

Individual employees can take part in AVP's 40-hour training to become certified to volunteer for our 24-hour crisis hotline. There is a yearlong volunteer commitment after the training.

Other opportunities:

- **Skills-based volunteering** on as-needed basis
- **Pro Bono network for attorneys:** contact Geoff Kagan-Trenchard, Staff Attorney: GTrenchard@avp.org
- **AVP Events:** Fusion Pride Party (June) and Courage Awards (October)

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