

Laurel House of Montgomery County provides supportive services for anyone impacted by domestic abuse, including all gender identities & sexual orientations.



LGBTQ Resources

Montgomery County LGBT Business Council
<https://montcolgbtbc.org/>

National LGBTQ Task Force
www.thetaskforce.org

Mazzoni Center
www.mazzonicenter.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
<https://ncadv.org/blog/posts/domestic-violence-and-the-lgbtq-community>

William Way Community Center
www.waygay.org

Services are free and confidential

- 24-Hour Hotline services
- Crisis Counseling & assistance with filing Protective Orders
- Civil legal representation
- Safe haven shelter
- Individual Counseling & support groups
- Children's Program
- Community Education
- Professional training & speakers on Domestic Abuse



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The mission of Laurel House is to:

- Advocate for and empower those impacted by domestic violence by providing crisis intervention, safe haven, supportive programs and resources.
- Advance social change through preventative education and through community training and collaboration to foster a coordinated response to domestic abuse.

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LGBTQ & Domestic Abuse



Laurel House  *Working to End Domestic Violence*

24-Hour Hotline
1-800-642-3150

LGBTQ Relationship Violence

Abusive partners in LGBTQ relationships use the same tactics to gain power and control as in heterosexual relationships. These may include physical, psychological, financial, sexual abuse and more.

In LGBTQ relationships, an abusive partner may also use societal factors to reinforce their tactics to maintain power and control.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, LGBTQ members fall victim to domestic violence at equal or higher rates compared to their heterosexual counterparts.

*NISVS survey, 2010 www.cdc.gov

Lifetime Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by an intimate partner

For women:

Lesbian 43.8%

Bisexual 61.1%

Heterosexual 35.0%

For men:

Gay 26.0%

Bisexual 37.3%

Heterosexual 29.0%

*2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual
Orientation Fact Sheet, www.cdc.gov



Power & Control

- "Outing" a partner's sexual orientation to family members, friends, employers, and community.

- Telling the victim that because they are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, no one will help them, or that for this reason they deserve to be abused.

- Monopolizing resources through an abusive partner's manipulation of friends and family.



- Justifying abuse with the notion that a partner is not "really" gay, lesbian, transgender or bisexual.

- Threatening to take away the children from the partner.

- Making someone afraid by using looks, gestures and actions.

- Using privilege, or ability to "pass", to discredit their partner, putting them in danger.

Facts About LGBTQ & Domestic Violence

Abuse is about power and control. Even though two partners may be of the same sex, imbalances in power may come from differences in earning power or other factors.

"Mutual battering" is rare. It is not a consensual "fight" since violence that includes control and domination is occurring.



Wherever you are in your personal life, you deserve a healthy and safe relationship. All too often members of the LGBTQ community are invisible victims of domestic abuse.



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