

**ILLINOIS FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCILS  
ILLINOIS INTEGRATED PROTOCOL INITIATIVE  
TRAINING PROGRAM**

**CORE COMPETENCIES:**

**Recommended Training Topics for: Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse  
and Abuse Against People with Disabilities**

**Goals of this Training Manual:**

- To provide a standardized curriculum with consistency in the components covered on:
  - Domestic Violence
  - Abuse and exploitation against elders and
  - Abuse and exploitation against people with disabilities
- To increase the number of professionals qualified to offer training in this arena
- To provide the most updated Model Protocols on domestic violence, elder abuse, and abuse against people with disabilities

The Training Work Group of the Illinois Integrated Protocol Initiative has identified the following core competencies and recommended training topics as key elements of any training on DV, EA and APWD. The accompanying training materials incorporate the recommended core competencies.

**Training participants will gain an understanding of:**

**Scope of violence:**

- The magnitude and types of domestic violence (DV), elder abuse (EA) and abuse against people with disabilities (APWD)
- Abuse/violence and the prevalence of violence in families and domestic relationships will include abuse over the lifespan of victims and the cycle of violence
- Techniques and common behaviors of victims and perpetrators

**Laws and Procedures:**

- Current statutes and recommended procedures
- Officer Liability
- Dual Arrest
- Violations of Protection Orders
- Stalking
- Strangulation
- Evidence Collection
- Follow-up
- Referral
- Context Assessment
- Risk Assessment
- Documentation of crimes for charging and prosecution
- Sample documents and tools

**Special populations and the unique issues each group faces:**

- Racial and ethnic differences
- Same sex partners
- Immigrants and refugees

**Collaboration:** The value of working in a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary fashion to promote system change within agency and department settings, at the local community and government levels and in statewide initiatives

**Resources:** Lists of resources will be developed at the local level with clear guidelines for referrals. Additionally, national and state resources will be made available.