

What is LEVI?

Longmont Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI) is a collaboration of over 24 agencies in Boulder County working to reduce domestic violence. LEVI started as an awareness project designed to enlist the entire community in recognizing and responding to domestic violence.

LEVI has an office in the Safety and Justice Building where we provide referrals and easy access to local resources for victims and their families. We also plan and coordinate prevention/education campaigns, conduct professional trainings, and create public information materials for the community.

Since LEVI represents a multi-agency collaborative response, it allows ALL community domestic violence agencies to provide central prevention/education services with one unified message.

Our process has strengthened agency strategies and streamlined valuable staff resources to more effectively impact domestic violence in our community.



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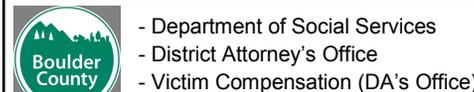
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LEVI Member Agencies

Thanks to the following agencies that work tirelessly to reduce domestic violence in the Longmont community:

Boulder County
Legal Services



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Healthy Relationship

- Treating each other with respect
- Equality of needs
- Freely voicing thoughts, feelings, and opinions
- Mutual decision making
- Responsibility for your own choices
- Freedom to spend time with friends and family
- Enjoying spending time with each other

Unhealthy Relationship

- Controlling behavior
- Extreme jealousy
- Explosive temper
- Constant criticism
- Giving orders
- Blaming others
- Using force or violence to solve problems
- Extreme highs and lows
- Possessive of time spent with family and friends
- Isolation

You can help. We ALL can.

How to help a victim of domestic violence:



1. **Believe them** and tell them you don't think they are "crazy."
2. Acknowledge the injustice. The violence perpetrated against them is **not their fault**. No one deserves to be abused.
3. Respect **confidentiality**. It is essential for trust and the victim's safety that all discussions remain strictly private.
4. Even if you disagree, allow them to **make their own decisions** about their lives.
5. Be there for them **as many times as it takes** to break free of the violence.
6. Help the victim create a workable **safety plan**.
7. **Promote access to community resources**. For non-emergency domestic violence resources in the Longmont area, please call LEVI at 303.774.4534. For bilingual 24-hour crisis line, shelter and counseling, please contact Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley at 303-772-4422. In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

What LEVI DOES

In an effort to reduce domestic violence in our community, LEVI provides the following:

- **Prevention/Education**
Empower the community to end domestic violence through educational and informative presentations, trainings, awareness campaigns and public events.
- **Access/Referrals**
Identify resources and respond to gaps in order to provide access to crucial services for those seeking assistance in living a life free of abuse.
- **Public Information**
Heighten community awareness and action, as well as change public opinion and social behavior toward domestic violence.

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If you suspect someone is an abuser:



1. Be **direct** and **specific** about what you see, think, and feel when they act in an abusive manner.
2. Explain that domestic violence is a **crime** and has **consequences**.
3. **Be consistent**. **Don't accept excuses** for the abuse. Instead, encourage them to **take responsibility** for their actions.
4. **Encourage** the abuser to **seek resources** to stop the abusive behaviors. Contact LEVI at 303.774.4534 for Longmont-area resources that can assist in their recovery.
5. Confronting an abuser can be dangerous for you and the victim so think carefully about your **own safety** concerns and **help the victim with a safety plan** before starting the conversation.