



CHICAGO METROPOLITAN
BATTERED WOMEN'S NETWORK

Fiscal Year 2017 Organization Membership Application (July 1, 2016 – June 20, 2017)

Join now and get the most out of your membership!

The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network and its members are dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by domestic violence. Join us as we continue to work together to end to our society's tolerance of domestic violence.

Please indicate your support of the Network and its activities by completing the enclosed membership application. Your support and participation will help the Network maintain its commitment to its three main goals: 1) systems and public policy advocacy, 2) training and education, and 3) support and coordination of domestic violence service providers.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Systemic & Public Policy Advocacy

Develop and Execute an Annual Advocacy Agenda

At the Annual Membership Advocacy Meeting in each year, we will present the slate of advocacy agenda items for the next fiscal year, as well as the progress made on the current year's advocacy agenda. The Network allows the domestic violence community to present a united voice on domestic violence issues to governmental and administrative agencies. Acting as the Chicago Metropolitan area coalition of domestic violence service providers, the Network is uniquely situated to lead the efforts for system wide change. The Network committee structure will support the member selected Advocacy Agenda for FY 2017.

In addition to the Annual Membership Advocacy Meeting, members meet on a quarterly basis. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet other domestic violence service providers and discuss ongoing concerns and emerging issues. Committee reports will be provided at membership meetings and emerging issues impacting victims of domestic violence will be discussed.

Centralized Training Institute

Annual Training Catalog and Resources Tailored to Meet Members' Needs

The Network's Centralized Training Institute (CTI) offers trainings geared toward improving knowledge of domestic violence workers. The CTI offers members the basic 40 hour domestic violence training and specialized trainings on advanced issues. In addition, CTI offers a free, members-only training *Taking Care of Yourself*, held each December. Domestic Violence Program Members that are tax exempt, not-for-profits that have full time domestic violence staff pay discounted training fees when their annual dues have been paid. A limited number of scholarships are available on an as-needed basis.

Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline

The *State of Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline* is a confidential, toll-free link to domestic violence services available throughout the state. The Network's *Victim Information Referral Advocates (VIRAs)* are available 24-hours a day, 365 days-a-year, and have the ability to take calls in over 140 different languages. The Hotline is also TTY available for speech- and hearing- impaired callers.

Communication about the Issues that Matter to You

Membership includes a subscription to the *Network Newsletter*, a major piece in the Network's communication and support. Each issue recaps membership meeting topics, lists upcoming meetings and program activities, highlights current issues, and lists job openings in the community. The Network also distributes information via email when special issues are identified and action is required between meetings or *Network Newsletter* distribution.

Participate in Developing Innovative Funding Strategies and Programming

Membership includes the opportunity to build and participate in the following: crowdsourced funding initiatives such as the "Run Domestic Violence Out of Town" marathon team; valuable research projects such as the Domestic Violence Outcome Measures project; coordinated efforts such as the Medical Response Collaborative, a group of medical provider/service provider partnerships; and other capacity building initiatives.

Voting at the Network

Network Member Voting Privileges:

We invite you to choose your level of rights, responsibilities and participation. Domestic Violence Program Members and Individual Network members may vote to determine Network policy positions. Each organizational member has one vote to be submitted by their designated delegate. Individual members carry one - half vote.

Domestic violence program members must do the following to maintain voting privileges:

- have representation at least two-thirds of the quarterly membership meetings,
- participate in at least one standing or ad hoc committee and attend at least two-thirds of that committee's meetings.

Member voting privileges will be suspended if attendance requirements are not fulfilled.

For Individual members, attendance at committee meetings is preferable, but if this level of attendance is impossible, the requirement can be satisfied by doing committee or other work. Individual members that are employees, Board members, or volunteers of a member agency must be represented by that agency's designated delegate.

Please review the membership levels and complete these three steps to join or renew your membership to the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network.

✓ **STEP 1: CHECK YOUR LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION**

Domestic Violence Program Member \$200

A Network organizational member must be a non-profit, domestic violence program with full time domestic violence staff. Members receive the *Network Newsletter*, notices of Network and domestic violence community activities, discounts on CTI trainings, and access to member-only trainings. Domestic Violence Program members may vote to determine Network policy positions.

Individual Member \$60

Network individual members must be working with domestic violence survivors or have an interest in the issue of domestic violence. Individual members must disclose their professional affiliation when applying as an individual member. Individual members receive the *Network Newsletter* and notices of Network and domestic violence community activities. Individual members are invited to member only trainings and may vote to determine Network policy positions.

Affiliate Member \$200

Affiliates of the Network are government agencies, for profit organizations, other social service organizations, or individuals who want to participate in the Network. Affiliates receive the *Network Newsletter* and notices of the domestic violence community activities. Attendance at membership meetings and participation in committees are not required but are welcomed and encouraged. Affiliates are invited to member only trainings. Voting privileges and member training discounts are not extended to affiliates.

✓ **STEP 2: COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

Membership is in effect July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (Please note: membership fee is not pro-rated.)

Organization (if applicable)		
Designated Voter/ Title	Executive Director	
Phone	Fax	TTY
Address		
City	State	Zip
Please attach a staff list with e-mail addresses for our newsletter subscription list.		

FY2017 Budget		
For Domestic Violence Program Members:		
Does your agency accept clothing or furniture donations?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Services Provided (Check all that apply):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotline	<input type="checkbox"/> Case Management	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Training/Education	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Support Group	
<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Partner Abuse Intervention Program	
Agency Description: _____		

# of Staff:	# of Volunteers:	Year Services Began:

✓ **STEP 3: MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR DUES TO:**
THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN BATTERED WOMEN'S NETWORK
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