

## VAWA related Activities

The Brockton Housing Authority has partnered with Family and Community Services of Brockton who is the primary provider of domestic violence services in the area. The Authority has contracted with Family and Community Resources Inc. to provide Security and Domestic Violence Services to our Residents.

FCRI provides the following services within the Brockton community;

- Intake and referral program
  - Advocacy for DTA, DSS, Medical and Legal
  - Battered Women's Support Groups, day & evening. Day group offers free childcare
  - Evaluation & assessment for dual diagnosed battered women
  - Individual and group treatment for dual diagnosed battered women
- community advocacy
- D.S.S. Liaison
  - Individual, group and family treatment (non-offending parent)
  - Psychiatric evaluations and medication management
  - Parenting group
  - Trauma Evaluations
  - Individual and group treatment for lesbian battered women & battered gay men
  - substance abuse evaluations and treatment
  - SafePlan Legal Advocacy Program
  - Supervised Visitation Programs
  - Civilian Police Advocates
  - Cape Verdean/Portuguese Project
  - Volunteer and Intern Program
  - Community Presentations and Training
  - Safe Home Emergency Shelter Program

The staffs at the Authority as well as the resident leaders have been trained by FCRI on domestic violence awareness and have been give the appropriate referral contacts for our residents. The Authority also has two Brockton Community Police Officers who work with FCRA and the Authority around matter concerning domestic violence

FCRI provides case management for BHA clients: follow-up phone contact to check on client's safety, referrals to legal support services, referrals for job training and housing issues, and crisis intervention.

FCRI provides Bi-Lingual staff, and therefore has been able to reach out to victims in the BHA sites that English is not the primary language.

FCRI and the Authority will continue to provide outreach in the community to raise Domestic violence awareness.

FCRI will continue to provide training and resources to tenants and staff at BHA.

The Authority continues to monitor changes in regulations and practices in this area and provides up to date training to all affected parties.