

# AWAKE, Boston Children's Hospital

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AWAKE stands for Addressing Well-Being through Advocacy, Knowledge and Empowerment.

Established in 1986 to address intimate partner violence, this program is part of the Child Protection Program at Boston Children's Hospital. This was the first intimate partner violence program in a pediatric setting.

***Who Do We Serve?*** AWAKE works with patients, caregivers and employees of Boston Children's Hospital who have been, or are currently in an unsafe relationship

***How Can DV Survivors Access Support?*** Call the Hospital Page Operator at **617-355-6000** and ask to speak with AWAKE

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AWAKE is a voluntary program centered in the Empowerment Model, allowing survivors to decide what choices are best for them and their families to help keep them safe.

Survivors can connect with us to receive the following supports:

- **Assessment for immediate safety concerns**
  - **Support with safety planning**
- **Referral to community resources (ex. culturally & linguistically specific services, legal resources, housing, shelter, therapeutic supports)**
- **Connection with local DV agencies, DTA DV Specialist, DCF DV specialist, DV legal supports**