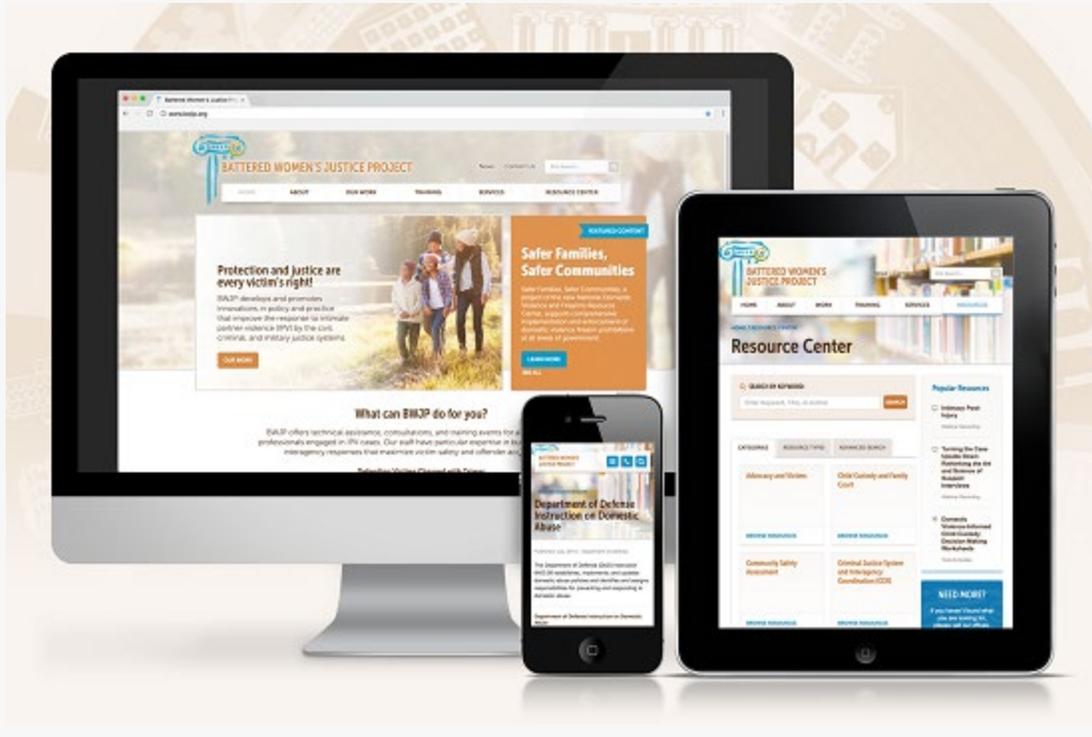




Promoting justice and safety for victims of intimate partner violence and their families.

BATTERED WOMEN'S JUSTICE PROJECT



COVID-19 in the Intimate Partner Violence World

As we all strive to minimize the loss of life caused by COVID-19's spread around the globe, those of us in the intimate partner violence sphere must also prepare to address the probability of an increase in domestic violence incidents, whose deadliness may be exacerbated by the increase in firearms and ammunition sales in recent weeks. Additionally, as court systems nationwide delay or halt certain operations, many victims/survivors will be unable to secure the reliefs they need to protect themselves and their families. We understand that this is an even more difficult time for those who aren't safe in their own homes.

At BWJP, we continue our work to the best of our abilities, despite the barriers that we now face. Though staff are working from home, our help line--active between 12pm and 4pm CDT from Monday through Friday each week--continues to operate, and can be reached at 800-903-0111, prompt 1. Victims/survivors and professionals can reach us there to connect with an advocate as usual, or email us at technicalassistance@bwjp.org and we will get back to you.

We urge everyone to seek out connection in any way that you can in this trying time, and to follow the health advice of reputable institutions, such as the CDC. Acting intentionally now will help minimize the harm to victims/survivors caused by the virus, and will reduce the spread of COVID-19. Stay healthy and safe.

For those of you looking for professional development opportunities over the next few weeks, BWJP will be offering two webinars in April. Information and registration links are available just below and on BWJP.org.

