



End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (End Abuse) Lethality Assessment Program – Maryland Model (LAP)

Expansion Application

Important – Read First!

This abbreviated application is intended for areas in Wisconsin that have been trained in LAP and have implemented for no less than six months in at least one domestic violence service program (DVSP) and one law enforcement agency (LEA).

To expand the LAP to additional LEAs in the DVSPs service area and be recognized as a LAP-implementing LEA by End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, this application must be submitted. An outline of the required documentation to submit and all steps involved can be found on page 3.

Submit completed applications to Sara Krall:

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-or-

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Project Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Justice has awarded End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (End Abuse) funding to promote and enhance strategies to reduce intimate partner homicide.

Through this award and with support from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV), End Abuse provides training and technical assistance to expand use of the Lethality Assessment Program – Maryland Model (LAP) in Wisconsin.

The LAP, created by MNADV in 2005, is an innovative program that is designed to prevent intimate partner homicides and serious abuse. As a part of the LAP, officers use an evidence-based, 11- question instrument called the Lethality Screen to assess a victim's risk of being killed by an intimate partner. When a victim is identified as "high-danger" according to their answers on the Screen or the circumstances of the call for service, the officer calls the DVSP hotline immediately from the scene and offers the victim the chance to speak with an advocate about their safety and the DVSP's services. The LAP enables officers and advocates to work as equal partners in a more coordinated, communicative, and collaborative way to engage victims who otherwise may not access the life-saving services of the DVSP.

The LAP is one of only two models of evidence-based intimate partner homicide prevention to be honored as a "promising practice" by the U.S. Department of Justice. It has also been validated as a "supported intervention" according to the Centers for Disease Control's Continuum of Evidence-Based Effectiveness.



Application, Training, and Implementation Specifics

The following is an overview of the application, training, and implementation steps to follow if your county/community is interested in expanding use of the LAP to additional law enforcement agencies. If you have questions about any of the application components, please contact Sara Krall: sarak@endabusewi.org or 608-237-3450.

"LAP Expansion Application" defined: In an area of Wisconsin where the LAP is being implemented at a community-based DVSP and at least one law enforcement agency, any additional law enforcement agencies located in the DVSP's service area who are interested in receiving training and implementing the LAP, must complete and submit the following documentation to End Abuse.

- The LEA Demographics Form (Attachment 1, pg. 4)
- Agency Point of Contact Forms (Attachment 2, pgs. 5 & 6)
- Implementation Readiness Checklist (Attachment 3, pgs. 7 & 8)
- Letter of Commitment (Attachment 4, pg. 9)

Within two weeks of receiving the above documentation, End Abuse will contact the LEA and DVSP's points of contact and set up a phone call to discuss inter- and intra-agency policy and procedural decisions that will aid in LAP implementation. The applicant law enforcement agency(ies) will be expected to record their decisions on these matters prior to receiving training and implementing LAP. A policy decisions worksheet will be provided to you.

Additionally, ALL law enforcement officers in the prospective LAP law enforcement agency must receive training prior to implementing LAP, via either of the following means 1.) a 45 minute LAP in-service training provided to all officers, facilitated by an officer from a LAP-trained department with at least six months of experience implementing LAP, or 2.) sending a handful of representatives from the prospective law enforcement agency to a six-hour train-the-trainer session, who will then train the rest of their own department in the LAP, via a 45 minute in-service training.

² If you have questions about a LEA's eligibility to train your agency/department, please contact End Abuse.



Law Enforcement Agency Demographic Information

*Please provide the following information regarding your law enforcement agency and jurisdiction served. **Each law enforcement agency included in the application should fill out a separate demographic form.***

- 1) Please list the:
 - a) specific municipalities, towns, or other jurisdictions served by the law enforcement agency:

 - b) estimated population served by your law enforcement agency:

 - c) number of patrol personnel:
- 2) Does your agency use a domestic violence supplemental form/worksheet for investigations?
Yes_____ No_____

(If yes, please submit the form/packet along with your materials)

- 3) Do officers have department or squad-issued cell phones?
Yes_____ No_____
- 4) Do patrol officers wear body worn cameras (BWCs) or microphones?
Yes, officers wear cameras with both audio and visual capabilities_____
Yes, officers wear cameras with audio capability only_____
Yes, officers wear cameras with video capability only_____
No, officers do not wear BWCs or microphones_____



LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (LEA) POINT OF CONTACT

The agency point of contact is responsible for coordinating the activities required for implementation of the LAP. The application signature page (pg. 9) must have the support of the highest ranking official of the organization or agency.

Attach an additional point of contact form for each LEA included in the LAP Expansion Application.

Agency/Organization Name:	
Name of Point of Contact:	
Title (and/or rank, if applicable):	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP Code:	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	

Signature - Agency Point of Contact

Date



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE PROVIDER (DVSP) POINT OF CONTACT

The agency point of contact is responsible for coordinating the activities required for implementation of the LAP within the applicant LEA. The application signature page (pg. 9) must have the support of the highest ranking official of the organization or agency.

Attach an additional point of contact form for each DVSP included in the LAP Expansion Application.

Agency/Organization Name:	
Name of Point of Contact:	
Title (and/or rank, if applicable):	
Street Address:	
City, State, ZIP Code:	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	

Signature - Agency Point of Contact

Date



Implementation Readiness Checklist

This Implementation Readiness Checklist sets out the Core Elements needed to implement the LAP. **Applicant LEAs - please initial each statement, indicating that your jurisdiction meets these criteria.**

LAP Core Element	LEA Point of Contact Initials
A. This team consists of at least one law enforcement agency and at least one community-based DVSP serving the same jurisdiction.	
B. The LEA(s) and DVSP(s) in this application have communicated specifically about the LAP, and have decided collaboratively that they wish to participate in the LAP as partners.	
C. The law enforcement agency(ies) and DVSP(s) in this application have consulted with culturally-specific domestic violence service providers in our service area (see WI statute 968.075(3)(a)4) regarding how to best provide co-advocacy and seamless referrals for high-danger victims.	
D. The DVSP(s) in this application currently manage a 24/7 hotline available for officers to call, or can commit to manage a 24/7 hotline for officers to call prior to implementing LAP. ⁴	
E. The DVSP(s) that manages the hotline has the ability to offer both residential and non-residential services to High-Danger victims during the LAP hotline call. ⁵	
F. The LEAs and DVSP(s) in this application agree to use the 11-question Lethality Screen for Law Enforcement Officers, and to not modify the questions on this Screen.	

⁴ By "24/7 hotline," we mean that officers must be able to have 24/7 access to a confidential advocate from their partner community-based DVSP. If your DVSP does not operate a 24/7 hotline (e.g., your calls roll over to a local or national hotline after-hours, or you have an answering machine or call-back service that is not a direct connection), your program must be willing and able to commit to designating a local LAP line that is available for officers 24/7. End Abuse can provide technical assistance around making these arrangements, if this is the case for your program.

⁵ If residential and non-residential services are offered by different programs in your community, or in different locations, the advocate answering the LAP hotline call must be able to simultaneously book appointments or approve requests for safe accommodation for High-Danger victims during the LAP hotline call for both agencies or locations. Again, we can provide technical assistance around this coordination, if this is the case for your community.



<p>G. The LEAs in this application agree to administer the Screen and place a hotline call to the DVSP <i>from the scene</i> of a domestic call for service for victims assessed at high danger.</p>	
<p>H. The law enforcement agency(ies) in this application agree to encourage officers to make their best effort to place this phone call from a “safe” phone—namely, a phone to which the victim's partner does not have access.</p>	
<p>I. The law enforcement agency(ies) in this application agree to encourage high-danger victims to speak on the phone with a hotline advocate.</p>	
<p>J. The DVSP(s) in this application agree to conduct immediate safety planning and encourage high-danger victims to take advantage of their services.</p>	
<p>K. The law enforcement agency(ies) in this application agree that their officers will <i>remain on the scene</i> and <i>offer victims privacy</i> during the 5-10 minute confidential hotline conversation.</p>	
<p>L. The law enforcement agency(ies) and DVSP(s) included in this application understand that receiving training on the LAP does not automatically enable you/your department to train others around the state. Any communities wishing to implement the LAP that haven't received training from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence or End Abuse must submit the appropriate documentation to End Abuse for consideration.</p>	



Signature Page - Letter of Commitment

We, the undersigned, are submitting this Letter of Commitment which states that our law enforcement agency(ies) and DVSP(s) agree to all of the following:

- To comply with the minimum criteria set forth in the LAP Implementation Readiness Checklist.
- To commit to having our respective law enforcement agency(ies) and DVSP(s) participate as a team in the development, training, and implementation of the LAP.
- To appoint a contact person who will serve as our Team Coordinator and who will work with End Abuse in scheduling training and TA activities as necessary to fulfill the requirements of the program. Should the contact person leave their position or decide not to become involved in the program, we will promptly assign another individual to fulfill the duties of the contact person.
- To continue to demonstrate a readiness, willingness, and commitment to implement the LAP throughout the training and implementation period.
- To ensuring **all** law enforcement officers receive LAP in-service training prior to implementing LAP.
- To collect LAP data and submit the collected data to End Abuse quarterly via a web-based database.
- To make a good-faith commitment to institutionalize the LAP within participating agencies.

Print Name Here (Highest Ranking Agency Official)	Sign Here
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