



*Ending Abuse in Lesbian, Bisexual Women's  
and Transgender Communities*

Acabando con el abuso en comunidades de lesbianas,  
de mujeres bisexuales, y de gente transgénero.

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### Background

The Network/La Red is a social justice/social change organization dealing with the issue of domestic violence in lesbian, bisexual women's and transgender communities. The organization is a national resource and model for battered women's programs, batterer's intervention programs, and gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) organizations beginning to address battering in GLBT relationships. Boston's Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project and the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women were designed consulting with The Network/La Red. The Network/La Red collaborated on a poster campaign with Tufts University, and Chicago-based Horizons and the University of Michigan both called on The Network/La Red while developing GLBT domestic violence programs.

The Network/La Red features advocacy, emergency, organizing and outreach programs in Massachusetts. For battered LBT folks, The Network/La Red offers a hotline, safe homes shelter, a support group, safety planning, court accompaniment, and social, legal, medical and housing referrals. Outreach efforts include workshops and training sessions on the issue of LBT domestic violence. The Network/La Red provides statistical information for the Executive Office of Victim Assistance and the Department of Social Services in Massachusetts, and for the annual LGBT domestic violence report by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs.

The Network/La Red was formed in 1989. The organization employs 4 full-time staff and is supported by 15-25 volunteers. It is headquartered in Boston. In 2001, The Network/La Red launched the Come Out Against Queer Domestic Violence ribbon campaign, provided safe home shelters for 25 victims, took 554 hotline calls, and conducted 67 trainings and workshops for clients including Massachusetts General Hospital, Jane Doe Inc., Massachusetts Department of Youth Services, City Year, Safe Havens, and the Boston Police Department.

The Network/La Red's mission is to create a culture in which domination, coercion, and control are no longer accepted and operative norms. The organization works to educate, provide support services for victims, organize the community, and build coalitions with other movements for social change and social justice. It is a multi-cultural community-based organization in which battered and formerly battered lesbians, bisexual women and transgender folks hold leadership roles.

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