LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

WHAT IS LAP?

The Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) is an evidence-based program that helps prevent intimate partner homicides by helping law enforcement identify and connect high-risk DV victims to safety and support services.

WHY LAP?

- Helps reduce future domestic violence and may prevent homicides.
- Connects victims on scene to trained advocates for safety planning.
- Identifies high-risk cases quickly.
- Training and resources provided at no cost to North Carolina partners.

FORM A LAP TEAM

LAP Coordinators form a team of at least:

- One law enforcement agency
- One community-based DV service provider serving the same jurisdiction

Agencies must meet implementation readiness criteria and sign a Letter of Commitment.

GETTING STARTED

1. Assemble LAP team members in your community.
2. LAP Team submits an application to NCDOJ.
3. Collaborate with NCDOJ to assess LAP readiness, establish protocols, and train initial LAP implementers.
4. Begin LAP trainings, assessments, and referrals.

LAP BY THE NUMBERS

- LAP screening contains **11** yes/no questions
- **2,500+** LAP screenings completed in 2025 in North Carolina
- **25** LAP trained partner agencies across North Carolina

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