




We all deserve to  live free from sexual assault  and domestic violence. 



The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence



43,000

Massachusetts children are exposed to reported acts of abuse and violence between family members every year.

The Jane Doe Inc. network is building a society that no longer tolerates rape, sexual abuse, domestic violence, or stalking. Our membership includes more than sixty innovative community-based domestic violence and sexual assault organizations throughout Massachusetts, along with a growing number of public and private sector partners, individual friends, and supporters. Guided by the voices of survivors, we create social change by addressing the root causes of this violence. Above all, we are **Voices for Change**.

RAISING AWARENESS

Domestic violence and sexual assault have long been “silent” crimes. We work with survivors and advocates to break the silence and dispel the myths that deny victims the right to safety, justice, and healing. Jane Doe Inc. engages people to take action to end sexual assault and domestic violence through:

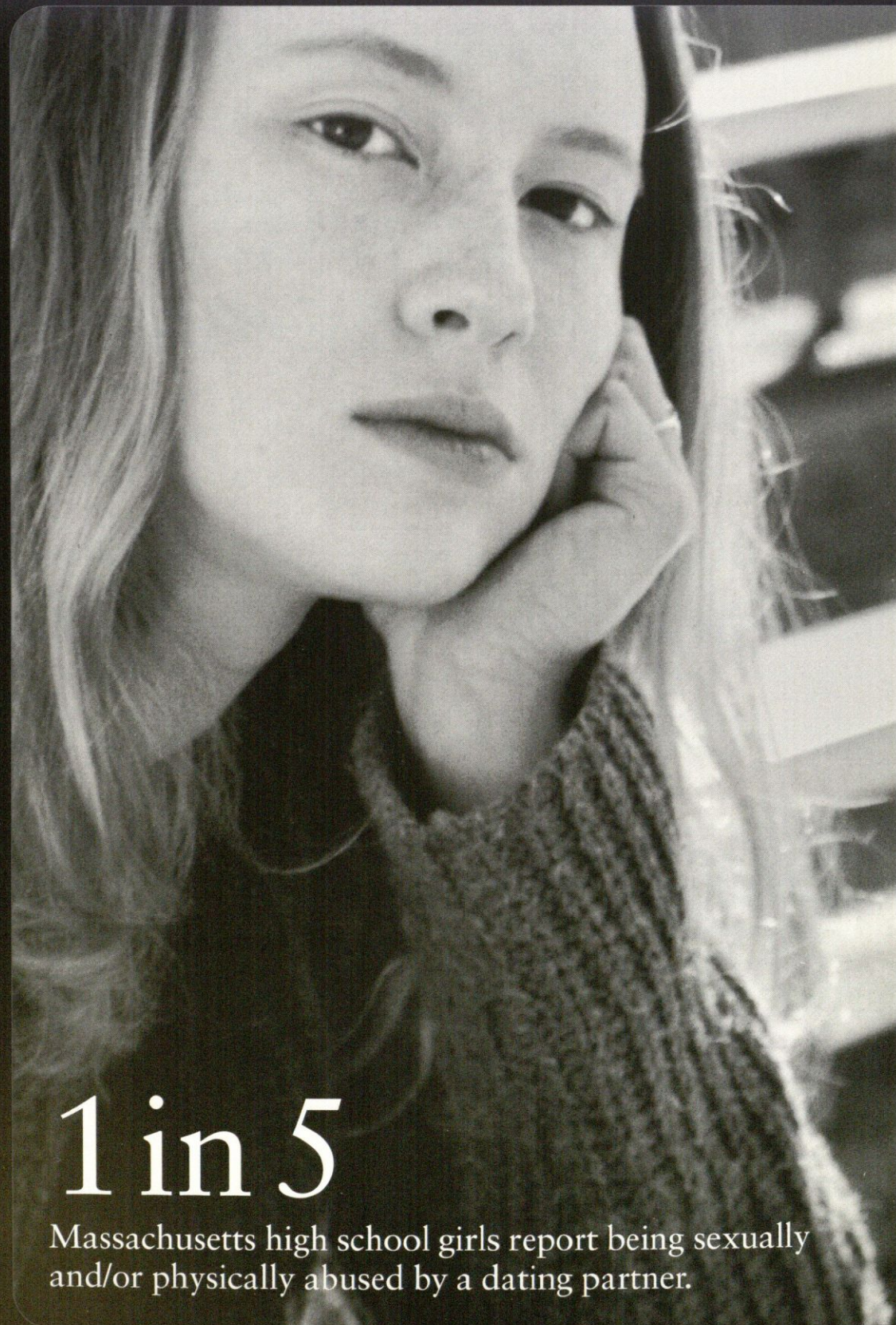
- media and public relations
- teen and community activism
- educational training programs
- community outreach
- public awareness and education

PROMOTING COLLABORATION

Jane Doe Inc. works collectively with an ever-growing network of allies – direct service providers, business partners, health professionals, law enforcement officials, elected and government leaders, teachers, faith-based groups, and concerned individuals. We facilitate, develop, and participate in multi-disciplinary integrated solutions by:

- sharing research and information
- serving on government commissions
- organizing men as allies
- hosting programs and conferences
- reaching underserved communities
- exploring new partnerships

Every day, at least 3 women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country.



1 in 5

Massachusetts high school girls report being sexually and/or physically abused by a dating partner.

One in four gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people are battered by a partner.

INCREASING ACCESS

Jane Doe Inc. offers leadership to ensure that survivors, providers, decision makers, and others have speedy, accurate, and comprehensive access to services and information. We work to undo institutional and societal biases that create barriers based on culture, language, housing, income, health, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, rural isolation and immigration status. Our unique infrastructure supports a critical flow of information between practitioners, victims, survivors, and supporters by providing:

- an internet-based system to facilitate a real-time inventory of community-based resources (such as shelters and support groups)
- a clearinghouse of research, training, and educational materials

INFLUENCING POLICY

We confront the root causes of domestic violence and sexual assault by addressing a broad range of issues, from economic justice and healthcare access, to discrimination and workplace safety. Jane Doe Inc. works directly with state and national policymakers to provide cutting-edge analysis and to promote public health and public safety. We seek responsive public policy and budget priorities that both protect victims of sexual assault and domestic violence and prevent future victims by engaging in:

- legislative advocacy
- coalition building
- policy analysis
- grassroots mobilization

SAVING LIVES

The crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence have life-long, complex, and often profoundly damaging impacts on victims, their families, and friends. Many victims are strong and resilient, yet they need services. Jane Doe Inc.'s member organizations provide services to more than 100,000 women, men, and children each year including: shelter and safe homes; 24-hour hotlines; support groups; legal, housing, and economic advocacy; children's services; community education programs; transitional housing; and other long-term services. Our statewide advocacy, training, and education complement this work and help to strengthen direct services, hold offenders accountable, and promote effective prevention.



1 in 4

women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual assault during their lifetime.

Together, we have the capacity to be powerful agents for change, to end the silence, to stop these terrible crimes, and to assure the right of every survivor to safety, justice, and healing.

Add Your Voice. **Learn More.** Get Involved.
Make A Financial Contribution.