

Breaking the silence: dealing with domestic violence

**Strong families are the first agent
to prevent and confront
domestic violence**

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The importance of family to prevent/confront violence

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68 countries · 7,000 volunteers

50,000 families/year

GCE at the UN



Family = where we usually learn
the fundamental skills for life



The 'new frontier' in domestic violence prevention

Need for strong connections between
individual, family and community

Family → restoring secure...

- attachments
- functional relationships
- resilience

Domestic vs. family / Household vs. home

Violence usually arises where familiar ties...
never really existed
were real in the past but not anymore

First way to break the silence...
create a conducive environment to
strengthen and support all families



Time for domestic violence to remain hidden has passed

Pope Francis: “the culture of abuse and cover-up is incompatible with the logic of the Gospel”

Among the positive aspects
we find in today’s world,
many help to make it visible

Different concepts for the role of the state

Abstention, control or support of families
by the public authorities?

- stable and solid bonds respect
- situations of vulnerability support
- failed or broken links intervention



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WHERE LIFE BEGINS
AND LOVE
NEVER ENDS

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