

DV SAFE SNAPSHOT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In eight months, programs were able to:

Secure over
\$105,400 for
customers in
savings

Set aside
more than
\$16,740
in tax
refunds

Refer over
190
survivors
to free tax
preparation
sites

Help survivors
identify over
700
personal goals to
start saving including:

- Green Card application
- Tuition for a semester
- YMCA membership
- Self-owned fashion business
- Stroller

Over the last year:

13 programs
formed a community
of practice

47 leaders committed
to embedding financial
development

133 advocates are
building financial
security with
survivors

SUCCESS STORIES ABOUT SURVIVORS

"After pulling [a customer's] credit report, we were able to successfully remove fraudulent claims."

"[My customer] felt very empowered by filing her taxes in the U.S. for the first time."

"[My customer] was so happy to open up her first bank account. [Before opening her own], she wanted to open up an account for her daughter also, but had been too scared to even try."

"[My customer] learned that developing a short-term strategy to achieving goals will assist them to start saving. [My customer] is now having the money automatically deducted from their checking account to their savings account."

PERSONAL SUCCESS STORIES FROM ADVOCATES

"DV SAFE has helped me develop [my own] saving strategies. I pay myself first, every paycheck."
–Advocate from Barrier Free Living

"[My customer's ability] to take control of their financial situations, gives me hope and motivation to keep working in this field." –Advocate from New York Asian Women's Center

"DV SAFE has helped me to think about my own budget and has reminded me that [finances] take practice. It's okay not to be perfect!" –Advocate from New York City's Anti-Violence Project

"[Through strategies] learned in the DV SAFE trainings, I have been able to increase my credit score by 13 points!" –Advocate from Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services

"When our agency started the DV SAFE program, everyone was very uncomfortable with the topics. I thought it was a lost cause. However, we are now very comfortable speaking to clients about it as part of our daily work. Many of our clients find themselves choosing between abuse and extreme poverty. Financial development is essential for breaking the cycle of domestic abuse." –Advocate from Safe Horizon.

DV SAFE is a joint initiative between the Human Resource Administration and The Financial Clinic that provides training, tools, strategies, and leadership support to Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services Providers. Armed with these skills, advocates are able to support survivors to take steps to build financial security and establish independence. Through technical assistance, organizations are able to sustainably embed financial development work into their daily services.

