



# Debby Tucker

Debby will discuss what is underneath the use of domestic violence, the ways we are coordinating in the nonprofit community with government and civil society to end it. She will share what to say when you are worried that someone is a victim or a person using violence. And she will discuss why domestic violence usually increases over the holidays.

Debby has devoted 48 years of volunteer and professional leadership to build the movement to end violence. Currently, she serves as the Domestic Violence Specialist for Child Protective Services in the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Debby has served in leadership roles in many other organizations in Texas, nationally, and internationally. She co-founded the agencies Austin to address sexual and domestic violence, now part of The SAFE Alliance. She was the founding chair of the National Network to End Domestic Violence and coordinated with other national groups and then Senator Joe Biden to develop and pass the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. Debby was the founding director of the Texas Council on Family Violence which established the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

In 2014 Debby was named a Distinguished Alumna of the College of Liberal Arts at Texas State University and was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. In 2016, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault awarded her the Vivian Miles Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2019 she was inducted into the National Women's History Alliance. In 2020 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alliance for HOPE International