



Lisa Nitsch

Lisa is responsible for House of Ruth Maryland's intervention services for abusive partners and the Training Institute, which coordinates professional development for staff, external community education, and professional technical assistance. She has been with House of Ruth Maryland since 1998 and has advanced through a variety of positions, including overseeing the agency's Clinical Services for survivors and their children, the Teen Initiative, and the Developmental Childcare Center.

Lisa is Vice-Chair of Baltimore City's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, a member of the City's Domestic Violence High Risk Task Force, an appointed member of the Maryland Governor's Family Violence Council and sits on the Board of Directors for the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. For several years, she served as Vice President of the national organization, Women in Fatherhood, and as Co-Chair of Maryland's Abuse Intervention Collaborative.

Lisa has been on training teams for notable organizations such as Futures Without Violence, Battered Women's Justice Project, Women of Color Network, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, and the National District Attorneys Association. She has served as an advisor to the United States White House, the National Institutes of Health, the United States Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, and the United States Department of Health & Human Services' Administration for Children & Families.



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Lisa is most proud of being recognized as a field leader in Ed Gondolf's 2015 book, "Gender-Based Perspectives on Batterer Programs", her 2013 award from the Center for Urban Families for her "years of dedication in serving Baltimore City's most vulnerable citizens", and the Special Day of Honor designated for her by Mayor Nagin in 2007, for "promoting positive outcomes and providing support to the fathers of New Orleans" following the devastation of hurricane Katrina.

Her current, but ever-changing, interests include developing programs for abusive partners within disinvested communities that address the dual experience of both holding privilege and being oppressed, increasing access to learning tools for service providers globally, and exploring community-based accountability models for abusive partners beyond the criminal legal system.

Lisa's roots run deep in her beloved hometown of Baltimore City, Maryland, where she proudly continues to work and live.