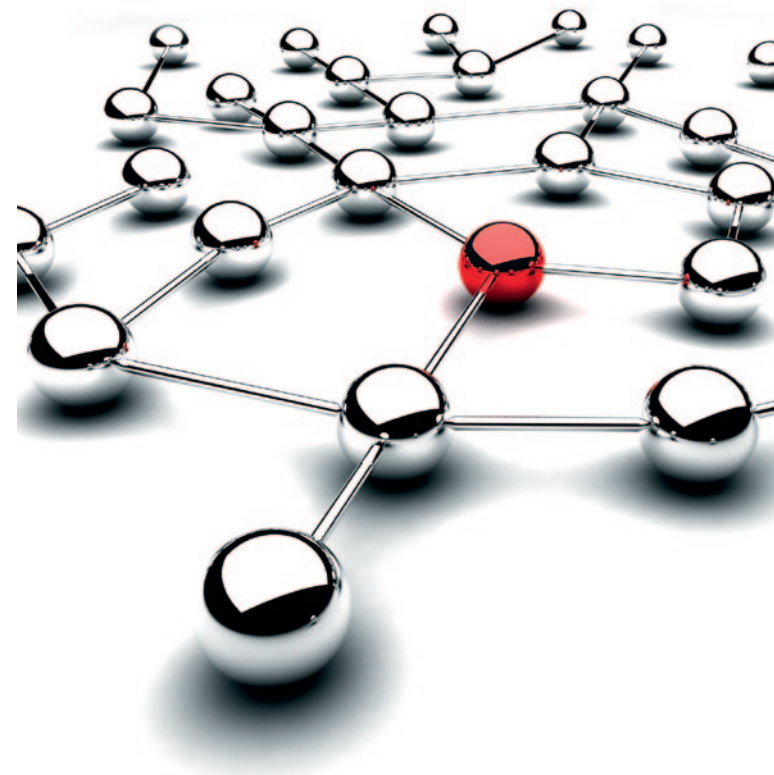


### Quality assurance

All BIG institutions have been scientifically monitored and evaluated. Contacts with colleagues in research and science and the collaboration within international networks ensure that we are always up-to-date with our work.



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# BIG KOORDINIERUNG

Ending domestic violence.  
Support for women and their children

## What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence includes a broad spectrum of violent acts within relationships or committed by relatives.

It takes many forms, such as physical, emotional, sexual or economic abuse.

Mainly women are affected.

A survey by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth in 2004 has shown: Every fourth woman in Germany has experienced domestic violence at least once in her life.

BIG Coordination is the central agency in Berlin for the development of measures and strategies against domestic violence.

## Our guiding ideas:

Domestic violence concerns society as a whole and has to be handled as such.

Victims of domestic violence – women as well as men – are entitled to receive protection and adequate support.

Abusive men have to be held responsible for their actions.

Children who witness domestic violence have to be better protected and taken into consideration during practical intervention.

## Our assignments:

- | Improving the protection, support and information for victims of domestic violence.
- | Providing information and advisory service for professionals and interested parties.
- | Raising public awareness of domestic violence.

### Networking

We link up the involved sectors and professionals with each other and bring together the different political and societal agents/parties. Together, we plan and implement concrete action against domestic violence.

### Cooperation

We support communication between all involved sectors and authorities, such as child and youth welfare services, police, the judiciary system, immigration services and authorities, health and welfare, to help optimize cooperation between them during interventions against domestic violence.

### Education and training

We provide further trainings, consultations, practical guidelines and work tools to support institutions and professionals in taking the complex effects of domestic violence more and more into consideration and to integrate them into their everyday work.

### Information

We author and distribute brochures and information on all aspects of domestic violence. These brochures are age-appropriate, come in several languages and are adapted to the needs of handicapped persons, so that everyone gets the support necessary. Furthermore, we offer comprehensive information about the support system or when looking for experts and we help with subject related research and questions about professional literature.

### Monitoring

We continuously examine the practical interventions against domestic violence for weak points and flaws which cannot always be avoided. But we help to overcome them or – with the help of innovative concepts, bills and new projects – prevent them.

### Mediation

If conflicts or complaints arise during interventions against domestic violence, we support the women affected as well as the professional groups involved, through negotiation and mediation.