

# PeaceWorks University 2023

## Toolbox Item: Shepherding Team Roundtable - Advocates

In January, March, May, July, September, and November of 2023, PWU members will receive access to bi-monthly practical, ready-to-use Toolbox items (in addition to the vast archive of past Toolbox items). These Toolbox items will correspond to each of the six Shepherding Team Roundtable videos (also new in 2023). Each video and corresponding Toolbox item will highlight one of six potential shepherding team components. These components will include (in no particular order):

- Pastors
- Advocates
- Counselors for Victims
- Counselors for Perpetrators
- [Men of Peace](#) Facilitators
- Trauma Healing/Post-Traumatic Growth

### Why Shepherding Teams?

We believe the greatest potential for an abusive man's accountability and change lies in his choice to take responsibility for his repentance process and to proactively invite a variety of people (counselors, advocates, pastors, church leaders, law enforcement, etc.) to, together, act as a shepherding team. The more expansive and diverse the roles of shepherding team members, the more holistic and effective the intervention process will be (both in terms of victim care and perpetrator accountability). Individual shepherding team responsibilities will vary depending on the roles and expertise represented.

Follow the links below to learn more about why we recommend a team-based approach to domestic abuse intervention.

- [Men of Peace Shepherding Team Roundtable Video](#)  
Here you'll be able to watch an informative roundtable discussion with an experienced group of individuals who have all participated in past shepherding teams for Men of Peace participants.
- [The PeaceWorks Podcast Episode – Team Based Responses](#)  
In this episode of The PeaceWorks Podcast, Chris Moles shares the value of a team-based approach to domestic abuse intervention ministry.
- [The PeaceWorks Podcast Episode – Building a Team and the Called to Peace Conference](#)  
In this episode of The PeaceWorks Podcast, Chris Moles shares more about the process of building a shepherding team for a team-based approach to domestic abuse intervention ministry.

### PeaceWorks University Shepherding Team Support

In February, April, June, August, October, and December of 2023, PWU members will have the opportunity to participate in bi-monthly Zoom calls with Chris Moles for Shepherding Team members engaged in current domestic abuse intervention cases. These open consults will take place on the second Wednesday of the month at 12pm EST and will not be recorded or be available for later viewing.

# Toolbox Item: Shepherding Team Roundtable - Advocates

## In what ministry contexts might an advocate serve?

- Churches
- Parachurch Domestic Abuse Intervention Ministries
- Biblical Counseling Centers
- Domestic Violence Shelters

## What are the roles and responsibilities of an advocate in the intervention process?

- To provide domestic abuse awareness resources to the victim and training to the shepherding team as needed
- To listen to and affirm the experiences and emotions of the victim
- To assess threats to safety, legal challenges, and any other ongoing needs the victim may have
- To identify and connect the victim with available support resources
- To empower and support the victim in decision making
- To understand, organize, and communicate to the shepherding team the specific dynamics of the abuse and the impact the perpetrator's choices have on the victim
- To represent the voice and values of the victim, ensuring that her concerns are prioritized

## What are common challenges an advocate might face while serving on a shepherding team?

- Not all shepherding team members have equal experience with domestic abuse intervention ministry, nor will they always be educated in the common dynamics and impact of abuse.
- Shepherding team members may be deceived by or collude with the perpetrator, ultimately working against the team's goals of perpetrator accountability and victim care.
- Not all people helpers are willing to collaborate with or learn from other team members which can lead to working in isolation and ineffective team responses

## PeaceWorks University Advocacy Specific Resources

- PWU Master Class – *Understanding Police Interventions* with Kathy Haecker
- PWU Toolbox Item – *Advocates and Police-Based Investigations*
- PWU Master Class – *Help Her Advocacy in Cases of Abuse* with Ann Maree Goudzwaard
- PWU Master Class – *The Wisdom of Using Advocates* with Joy Forrest
- PWU Toolbox Item – *Advocacy 101*
- PWU Master Class – *The Lived Experience of Abuse* with Pastor Brad Hambrick
- PWU Master Class – *Helper vs Rescuer* with Evelyn Colon
- PWU Master Class – *Safety Planning* with Megan Cox
- PWU Toolbox Item – *Options for Victims*
- PWU Master Class – *Approaching Your Pastor About Abuse* with Jim Upchurch, Joy Forrest, and Chris Moles
- PWU Master Class – *Victim Care* with Joy Forrest
- PWU Toolbox Item – *Advocate Questionnaire*

# General Shepherding Team Educational & Support Resources

We recommend shepherding team members take advantage of the following educational and ministry support resources as they engage in domestic abuse intervention ministry.

## Books

- [\*The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Gospel Solutions for Men Who Use Control and Violence in the Home\* by Chris Moles](#)
- [\*When Home Hurts: A Guide for Responding Wisely to Domestic Abuse in Your Church\* by Jeremy Pierre and Greg Wilson](#)
- [\*Self-Centered Spouse: Help for Chronically Broken Marriages\* by Brad Hambrick](#)
- [\*Domestic Abuse: Recognize, Respond, Rescue\* by Darby Strickland](#)
- [\*Is It Abuse?: A Biblical Guide to Identifying Abuse and Helping Victims\* by Darby Strickland](#)
- [\*Called to Peace: A Survivor's Guide to Finding Peace and Healing After Domestic Abuse\* by Joy Forrest](#)
- [\*Is It My Fault?: Hope and Healing for Those Suffering Domestic Violence\* by Lindsey and Justin Holcomb](#)
- [\*Why Does He Do That?: Inside the Minds of Angry and Controlling Men\* by Lundy Bancroft](#)
- [\*Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life\* by Evan Stark](#)
- [\*The Emotionally Destructive Marriage: How to Find Your Voice and Reclaim Your Hope\* by Leslie Vernick](#)

## Free E-Books

- [\*God's Protection of Women: When Abuse is Worse than Divorce\* by Herbert Vander Lugt](#)

## Blogs

- [\*Is Anxiety Rooted in Trauma?\* by Beth Broom](#)
- [\*What Makes an Event Traumatizing?\* by Beth Broom](#)
- [\*How Trauma Affects Us\* by Beth Broom](#)
- [\*The First Step in Healing from Past Trauma\* by Beth Broom](#)
- [\*Deep Breathing for Anxiety and Trauma\* by Beth Broom](#)
- [\*Safety is Essential for Healing\* by Beth Broom](#)
- [\*What I've Learned from Working with Survivors of Abuse and Trauma\* by Melissa Affolter](#)
- [\*Domestic Abuse Victims: Sinners or Sufferers?\* by Chelsey Gordon](#)
- [\*Not as They Seem: Anticipating Deception in Domestic Abuse Cases\* by Chelsey Gordon](#)
- [\*Why the Gospel is Especially Good News for Domestic Abuse Victims\* by Chelsey Gordon](#)

- [\*Personal Soul Care for Those in Domestic Abuse Counseling\* by Chelsey Gordon](#)
- [\*Three Common Mistakes People Helpers Make When Working with Destructive Marriages\* by Leslie Vernick](#)
- [\*Guide for Men Who Are Serious About Changing \(Part One\)\* by Lundy Bancroft](#)
- [\*Guide for Men Who Are Serious About Changing \(Part Two\)\* by Lundy Bancroft](#)

## Training Resources

- [\*The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Step by Step Abuser Intervention for Biblical Counselors\*](#) - This twelve-unit online course from Chris Moles (based off his book, *The Heart of Domestic Abuse: Gospel Solutions for Men Who Use Control and Violence in the Home* - see above), was created to prepare church leaders and biblical counselors to recognize domestic abuse and respond to abusive men with the help and hope of the gospel. By completing this course, participants will be equipped with the knowledge and skills required to call abusive men to repentance and provide necessary accountability. Please note, this course is already included with each [PeaceWorks University](#) membership (under Core Curriculum) at no additional cost.
- [The House of Peace Virtual Advocacy Training Center](#)
- [Christian Trauma Healing Network](#) - The Christian Trauma Healing Network (CTHN) serves mental health professionals, pastors, and lay ministry leaders to advance Christ-centered trauma healing in the church and society.
- [IBCD Domestic Abuse Observation Videos featuring Chris Moles and Jeremy Pierre](#)
- [Church Cares](#)

## Podcasts

- [The PeaceWorks Podcast](#)
- [Relationship Truth: Unfiltered with Leslie Vernick](#)