

25 Ways to Support Economic Empowerment

- 1 Acknowledge that 95% of DV survivors experience financial abuse.
- 2 Advocate for equal pay between men & women.
- 3 Become an economic empowerment trainer.
- 4 Develop partnerships with local banks and credit unions.
- 5 Fight for raising the federal minimum wage.
- 6 Create coupon collection groups.
- 7 Teach financial literacy classes in shelters, prisons, and schools.
- 8 Learn about and promote micro entrepreneur lending programs.
- 9 Create safe environments to share stories about economic successes & challenges.
- 10 Learn about and promote the Earned Income Tax Credit and free tax preparation resources.
- 11 Learn about Individual Development Asset (IDA) programs available from the federal government.
- 12 Investigate & calculate your own living wage and self sufficiency standard where you live.
- 13 Become familiar with the Family Violence Option Waiver for people on TANF.
- 14 Collaborate with job development programs to provide clean interview suits.
- 15 Learn all the ways survivors can be eligible for crime victim's compensation.
- 16 Learn about Lifeline, a government assistance program for qualified low-income people.
- 17 Obtain a copy of your credit report & monitor your credit regularly.
- 18 Learn about and promote Allstate financial literacy tools available at www.clicktoempower.org.
- 19 Recognize that survivors may not leave abusive relationships because of finances.
- 20 Re-imagine budgeting as a positive goal and not a chore and teach children to budget.
- 21 Avoid judgment of survivors because of their poverty or wealth.
- 22 Share knowledge about scholarships for survivors seeking higher education.
- 23 Share savvy money saving tips with friends, colleagues and other survivors.
- 24 Know the fair housing laws in your state and community.
- 25 Learn about VAWA protections for survivors who live in federally subsidized housing.



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