

League of Women Voters discusses domestic violence

The League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak region held a panel discussion to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence. Boxer was reassured tell us about the prevalence of this issue and what the panel had to say.

The League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak region brought together 11 panelists from various different backgrounds to discuss and bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence. It's one of those silent topics that not a lot of people like to talk about whether they're embarrassed or whatever the case may be. The panelists included representatives from the police department victim advocates, former prosecutors members from support groups and more.

It's making people know that there are places to go for help that there is a community here to support you. And again, the more that we can talk about it, the more change we can

affect the CEO of Tessa, a local Colorado Springs agency serving victims of domestic violence said the issue is especially prevalent in this community

on a monthly basis. We have over 1200 people call into our safeline and that's just people that are choosing to pick up the phone and call

some panelists advocating for collaboration saying it's the only way this issue will be solved.

The question was, can we do better 100% No organizations want to work together can't do it by ourselves. But together, we can move mountains, others calling

for legislation all around him was not happy.

where law enforcement could basically go in and say, Okay, I'll have to wait for somebody to primary aggressor, but I can't and shall rest on this

law enforcement urging people to report these cases as soon as it happens. It gets

so far down, they feel they can never get out. It just becomes too overwhelming. And it takes a lot longer and many years to get these people out of that situation.

But there is also an understanding that the first step is always the hardest.

If you do pick up the phone and call us if you do choose to come in for support. We're there to listen to validate you to believe you. And oftentimes that's a really hard thing for people to be able to make that first step reporting in Colorado Springs RIA Fox 21 News.