A Message from Leadership

With the needs of domestic violence survivors in the forefront, CCADV is pivoting to become a movement-building coalition working to achieve social change through inclusive, collaborative strategies and projects. Even in the beginning phase of this transformation, CCADV is forming new alliances and partnerships, engaging in both new and long-awaited projects and programs, increasing Coalition funding, and experiencing membership growth.

Along with our collaborative partners the Colorado Council of Churches and Family Tree, CCADV is eager to amplify our work on the Close To Home campaign towards a Metro Denver in which homelessness is a priority issue for a grassroots network of residents who are working to alleviate underlying causes of homelessness, including domestic violence. If you want to be a part of this progressive initiative, just contact us! CCADV’s involvement in this campaign links homelessness and domestic violence in a meaningful way that has often been overlooked and is the kick-off of a comprehensive approach to homelessness and housing through a new housing program launching at the Coalition this year! CCADV is also working with many other partners to create a domestic and sexual violence action/prevention campaign that will drive social norms change and community engagement on a local and a statewide level. We hope to launch the action/prevention campaign late this year. CCADV is thrilled to have the Colorado Attorney General’s Office as a new partner in all of our work to end domestic violence in 2016 and beyond!

These are just a few of our plans for the coming year, which holds a lot of promise for a strong new vision and for bold action on domestic violence in Colorado! We invite you join us in our work to inspire Colorado to end domestic violence!

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Advocating

CCADV engages in collective strategic action to advance public policy on domestic violence and related issues and to enhance governmental and non-governmental systems responses to DV.

In 2015, CCADV’s Public Policy Committee established a coalition to defeat SB15-129, which would have established a joint allocation of parental responsibilities. CCADV also advocated for and secured expanded provisions for victim compensation funding to better meet needs of survivors and their children.

CCADV’s Strangulation Policy Subcohemite also laid the groundwork for a bill in 2016 to improve the response to crimes of strangulation, bringing together survivors, advocates, and supporters to educate and engage policy makers to create momentum and drive change.

Connecting

Through social media, our website, and community advocacy, CCADV is working to change the conversation on domestic violence and connect people to stories, resources, and each other!

23,284 visitors to the CCADV website
6,258 visitors who used CCADV’s DV Program Directory to access info on local DV programs

Engaging the Community

Each October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month), CCADV and DV programs around Colorado raise awareness and engage our communities to join the work to end domestic violence.

21 – Attendees at CCADV’s first Directors Orientation and Training, intended to orient new (3 years or less) directors to the work, to the coalitions who work on behalf of survivors, to the advocacy organizations that serve them, and to provide basic training to improve skills necessary to lead programs
260 – Individuals from 12 states joined together at our largest ever Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference, co-sponsored with the Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Advancing Expertise

CCADV provides extensive training and technical assistance with the overarching goal of advancing effective interventions based on best practice. We use a feminist-based, trauma-informed approach to promote the safety and wellbeing of survivors and communities. An anti-violence, survivor-centered, anti-oppression framework is woven through all CCADV training and TA opportunities.

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Reaching Out

As a statewide coalition, CCADV is deeply committed to serving the entire state and greatly values and prioritizes rural inclusion. Through its Statewide Rural Latin@ Outreach Program and Coordinated Community Response Team Project, CCADV helps to strengthen domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy and safety services throughout the State.

19 – Bi-lingual advocates from around Colorado and as far as Michigan completed CCADV’s 40-hour Promotoras Promocionando Paz en El Pueblo (Promotoras Promoting Peace with the People) culturally and linguistically based training
90 – Professionals from four separate rural communities engaged in trainings to develop and strengthen Coordinated Community Response Teams to improve the criminal justice system response to domestic and sexual violence

196 – Community members joined CCADV and other organizations for a film screening and panel discussion with local leaders on how we can and must reframe masculinity, combat patriarchy, foster social justice, engage in activism and media advocacy to change social norms, influence commercial sectors, and impact public policy