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Together we can end relationship abuse

Membership Information

VIOLENCE FREE COLORADO

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Thank You for Becoming a Member of Violence Free Colorado

Dear Violence Free Colorado Member,

Thank you for your membership with Violence Free Colorado. We are honored to work alongside you as a partner in the movement to end domestic violence in Colorado.

Founded in 1977 by twelve domestic violence programs, Violence Free Colorado is a social profit network of rural and urban domestic violence victim advocacy organizations and community partners across Colorado. Our members serve and advocate for survivors of domestic violence all over the state. Violence Free Colorado staff serve our members by working for laws that ensure safety and justice for survivors, providing specialized support to domestic violence and community partner organizations, developing publications on critical issues, informing the public, and providing expert technical assistance and training.

Violence Free Colorado is the leading voice to end domestic violence in Colorado. We mobilize our members and allies to advocate on behalf of survivors and to create social change through our collective voice. Additionally, we inform policymakers, government agencies, the media, the faith community and others concerned with domestic violence. We would be honored to support and to work alongside you to inspire Colorado to end domestic violence.

More information on Violence Free Colorado member benefits follows for your review, and we hope this information helps you better understand the value of your membership in Violence Free Colorado.

Thank you for the work you do every day with and on behalf of survivors of domestic violence in communities throughout Colorado.

In Solidarity,

Amy Miller
Executive Director
Violence Free Colorado



What is a Coalition?

Coalitions are organized groups who come together to accomplish a common goal – all while keeping their own identity. Through a coalition, individuals and organizations alike from different backgrounds can work toward the realization of a **common cause**.



When you join the Violence Free Colorado coalition, you'll find:

- * Increased potential for success through the support from multiple organizations, which can win on more fronts than a single organization working alone.
- * More expertise and resources to assist with complex issues that may be limited at one organization.
- * New leadership opportunities. Emerging leaders strengthen the membership organizations and the coalition's work.
- * Amplified impact for your organization from people who intimately understand your issue and will advocate for your side.
- * A lasting, united base for change that is difficult for opposition groups to discredit or ignore.
- * An increase in physical and financial resources – as well as contacts, connections, and relationships with other members.
- * A more prominent public profile and increased media profile, as coalition activities typically receive more media attention than individual organizations.
- * Improved communications and less duplication of efforts among key players.

A Violence Free Colorado membership makes you a powerful ally in our efforts to end relationship violence. Here's a look at how we partner with local domestic violence organizations.

HOW WE WORK TO END RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

As Colorado's state domestic violence coalition, Violence Free Colorado works with hundreds of organizations and individuals in local communities across the state to prevent and end relationship violence, and support those affected by relationship abuse.

Tailored Support

State Coalition builds the capacity of local organizations to meet the needs of all survivors

Local Organizations provide survivor defined and culturally responsive advocacy to promote immediate safety and long-term independence

Collective Action

State Coalition advocates for survivors in legislative and other systems, and represents community-based organizations and survivors with funders, decision-makers, and the media

Local Organizations work in concert as a coalition to advance the movement to end relationship violence and linked forms of oppression

Advocacy & Policy

State Coalition educates policy leaders and advocates for state, local and federal policies that end relationship violence and support victims of relationship abuse

Local Organizations advocate on behalf of survivors and their children, and with local policy and community leaders

Social Change

State Coalition mobilizes communities to take action and works to create conditions where freedom and peace are possible for all Coloradans

Local Organizations work in schools and communities to increase awareness and understanding about relationship violence and healthy relationships

Together we can end relationship abuse.

Stay Connected

I. Social Media

Our **Facebook** page (<https://www.facebook.com/ViolenceFreeCO/>) shares news, events, and articles to prompt critical thought about domestic and sexual violence issues, and on intersecting oppressions as necessary and critical to our work to end domestic violence.

Our **Twitter** page is (@CCADV1) primarily for public policy action alerts and news, and to share announcements and events.

Our **LinkedIn** page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/colorado-coalition-against-domestic-violence>) is where you can view our newsletter and access our volunteer and job openings.

We also host the **Colorado Men Making a Difference** Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoMenMakingADifference/>), which highlights ways that men can and are taking a stand against domestic violence.

II. Listservs and Email Lists

We moderate multiple listservs that members can join. To send or receive any of these listservs, you must be a member of that list. To join any of these listservs, please email info@ccadv.org.

Member Only Lists

Membership (members@lists.ccadv.org): This list is open to all Violence Free Colorado members (staff, volunteers, etc.) as a forum for questions and discussions on issues related to programming.

Director (directors@lists.ccadv.org): Private list for directors (shelter, executive, etc.) of Violence Free Colorado domestic violence member programs. List members also receive a Weekly Director email from Violence Free Colorado with time-sensitive and/or director-focused information.

Rural Issues (rural@lists.ccadv.org): This list is open to all Violence Free Colorado members in rural programs and serves as a forum for questions and discussion on rural-specific issues.

Region Lists: Mostly used to share membership meeting details for Violence Free Colorado's four regions.

Public Lists and Email Lists

Expert Witness (ewworkgroup@lists.ccadv.org): Open to Violence Free Colorado members and non-members who completed the NITA Expert Witness training sponsored by Violence Free Colorado or who regularly engage as an expert witness on domestic violence issues. Contact Amy Pohl (apohl@violencefreeco.org).

Legal (legal@lists.ccadv.org): This list is open to both Violence Free Colorado members and non-members who are engaged in legal advocacy. Contact Lydia Waligorski (lwaligorski@violencefreeco.org).

Latin@ Advocates (latinaadvocates@lists.ccadv.org): A virtual space for Latinas specializing in professional and personal development of Latin@s doing anti-domestic violence and anti-sexual assault work in Colorado. Contact Amy Pohl (apohl@violencefreeco.org).



Serving Latin@s (servinglatinas@lists.ccadv.org): A space for advocates and others doing the work of anti-domestic violence and anti-sexual assault work specific to serving Latin@ survivors and Latino communities in Colorado. Contact Amy Pohl (apohl@violencefreeco.org).

Public Policy Action Alerts: Learn about public policy issues, build relationships with your elected representatives, and help ensure the voices of domestic violence survivors are heard and understood. Sign up at: <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/what-we-do/public-policy/participate/#alert>

eNewsletter: Monthly newsletter with upcoming trainings, funding opportunities, resources on best practices in domestic and sexual violence advocacy, and Violence Free Colorado staff updates. Sign up at: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1893047/1809343/>

Housing Newsletter: Monthly newsletter that shares stories, trainings, webinars, and opportunities related to housing, homelessness, and the intersection of domestic violence. To sign up, email Lindsay Christopher: lchristopher@violencefreeco.org.

Listserv Policies and Etiquette

- Requests for information and responses should be of interest to the entire list.
- Listserv lists should not be used to post job announcements or position descriptions. Submit your job announcements on the Violence Free Colorado jobs board at: <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/resources/jobs/post-a-job/>
- Listserv lists should not be used to post events or trainings. Submit an event or training on the Violence Free Colorado statewide calendar: <https://www.violencefreecolorado.org/events-calendar/>
- Respect your colleagues' posts. If you disagree or become upset with someone's response or use of the list, reply to that person directly when appropriate or notify Violence Free Colorado directly.
- We encourage you to use our listservs for professional and informational purposes. We will not editorially control postings; however, we reserve the right to delete messages that, at our discretion, undermine the spirit of information sharing and respectful discourse.

III. **Website:** Our website (www.violencefreeco.org) offers members a comprehensive online resource library with webinar archives, a Colorado confidentiality toolkit, resources for program management, advocacy tools, Violence Free Colorado position papers, and more!

The Members Only login is in the upper right corner of our homepage. First-time visitors will need to change your password. Once you've entered a new password twice, click the Save option at the bottom of the page. To check the status of your username and password, email info@violencefreeco.org.



Training and Technical Assistance

In-Person Training and TA:

Violence Free Colorado Staff provide training and technical assistance to members free of charge via phone, email, and/or Skype. In some cases, we can come to your community to do a training. We can send you resources and/or create tools specific to your needs. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

Governance

- Board Training
- Strategic Planning
- Policies & Procedures
- Employee Guidelines
- Emergency Response
- Culturally Generated Policy

Operations

- Trauma-Informed Environment
- Grant Writing
- Program Management
- Budgets
- Critical Incident Debriefing
- Media Communications
- Spanish Language Communications
- Messaging
- Outcomes & Evaluations

Programming

- Best Practices in Direct & Systems Advocacy
- Philosophical Foundations of Advocacy
- Confidentiality/Legal Privilege in Advocacy
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Children and Youth
- Shelter Rules Reduction
- Drug/Alcohol Use
- Debriefing/defusing
- Court/Legal Advocacy
- Offenders as parents
- Advocate-Initiated Response
- On-call Protocols & Procedures
- Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchange (Safe Havens Model)
- Cultural Sensitivity & Inclusivity
- Culturally Engaging Latino Outreach
- Coordinated Community Response Teams
- Lobbying & Electioneering Activities
- Battered women as defendants
- Curriculum Development
- Support Groups
- Public Policy Advocacy



Online Learning Center

Violence Free Colorado's Online Learning Center (OLC), in partnership with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV), provides free training options to our members (staff, volunteers, and board members). These on-demand courses provide uniform, self-paced training. Participants receive a certificate upon successful course completion. We will continue to build this project over time.

To sign in or request a log in, visit: <https://violencefreecoloradoonlinelearningcenter.talentlms.com/index>.

Current OLC Courses include, but are not limited to:

Understanding Domestic Violence

Define and identify domestic violence, understand the social-ecological model and the factors that influence violence and support prevention efforts. This course also looks at the impact of domestic violence on survivors, children and society.

Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Advocacy

Learn about the feminist-based approach to helping, woman/client-centered advocacy, goals of woman/client-centered advocacy and empowerment and options counseling.

Ethics

Learn the definition of ethics and the elements of ethical communication, and how to communicate and respond appropriately to ethical dilemmas.

How Batterer Behavior Impacts Children

Explore how abuser behavior impacts children exposed to domestic violence, and learn how resiliency helps reduce the effects of domestic violence on children.

Confidentiality: The Cornerstone of Safety, Trust and Privacy for Survivors

This course introduces important information about privacy, confidentiality and privilege, and your ethical and legal obligations as a community-based advocate to protect survivor information.

Housing is Foundational: An Introduction to Best Practices for Advocates

This course explores new and trending housing options and best practices for working with survivors to meet their long-term housing needs.

Introduction to the Civil Legal System

This course explains your role to help survivors understand and navigate the civil legal system, as well as the roles of other professionals in the system and how they may help survivors.

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Learn the basic functions of the criminal justice system and its role in responding to domestic violence, challenges survivors face in the system and your role in supporting them.

Survivors Involved with Child Protective Services

This course provides an overview of the child protection system and the process of assessing the potential danger to children.



Meet our Staff

*The Violence Free Colorado staff has **over 100 years of combined advocacy experience** working in the field of domestic violence. Please take advantage of the expertise they have to offer.*

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Amy Miller, Executive Director, amiller@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 812

Provides leadership and management for all organization matters, ensures that organizational responsibilities are fulfilled, including state and federal contracts, represents the organization in public arenas and has primary oversight for organizational fundraising.

Amy Pohl, Associate Director, apohl@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 824

Leads and implements Violence Free Colorado's programs and infrastructure through program oversight, evaluation and development, supervision of program leads, grant oversight related to grant goals and objectives, strategic organizational advancement, external partnership development, and communications.

Lydia Waligorski, Public Policy Director, lwaligorski@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 818

Legislative and other types of public policy advocacy. Technical assistance regarding implementation of laws impacting domestic violence victims and perpetrators.

Michael Teague, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, mteague@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 822

Planning, developing, implementing, and monitoring communications strategy for the organization and Violence Free Colorado's statewide relationship violence prevention campaign, [Stand Up Colorado](#).

Chance LeBeau, Housing Program Coordinator, clebeau@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 821

Supports the technical assistance, training, and systems advocacy work of the Violence Free Colorado Housing Program, assists in the development and implementation of a new economic justice program, and coordinates the Storyteller's Network for the Close To Home Campaign.

Liz Stuewe, Training and TA Manager, lstuewe@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 820

Support, coordinate, and facilitate Violence Free Colorado trainings and technical assistance, including the Online Learning Center.

Brandy Walega, Training and TA Specialist, bwalega@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 819

TA, training, advocacy, and support in core competencies and best and promising practices around domestic violence services and advocacy.

Tamika Matthews, Community Impact Manager, tmatthews@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 817

Planning, developing, implementing, and monitoring Violence Free Colorado's strategic communications with member programs, media relations, public awareness, and development of effective messaging.

Lindsay Christopher, Housing Program Manager, lchristopher@violencefreeco.org | Ext. 815

Training and technical assistance to improve existing sheltering options, alternatives to sheltering survivors, and on federal and state laws, policies, systems and funding related to domestic violence, housing and homelessness.



Violence Free Colorado 2019 Board of Directors

Leadership for the Coalition is provided by a Board of Directors elected from all areas of Colorado

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