

Your Coalition at Work

News, Upcoming Trainings, Other Resources



April is...

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which raises public understanding about sexual violence and educates communities on how to prevent it.

The National Sexual Assault Resource Center estimates that nearly one in five women and one in 67 men in the United States have experienced rape or an attempted rape at some point in their lives.

It's important for us to examine prevention methods that stop sexual violence before it can happen by promoting safe environments and intervening when we see dangerous behaviors. Additionally, we must believe the voices of survivors of sexual assault, and work to bring them the resources and support they need to heal.



Resources

PreventConnect: A national project that advances the primary prevention of sexual assault and relationship violence, and builds the capacity of other organizations to develop and implement effective prevention initiatives.

SAVA Center: The Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center in northern Colorado has numerous events and resources in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

RAINN's 2019 Guide to Sexual Assault and Prevention Month: A guide with suggested awareness activities and action items from the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

Say Something: A short video highlighting the importance of speaking up and taking action to stop sexual violence.

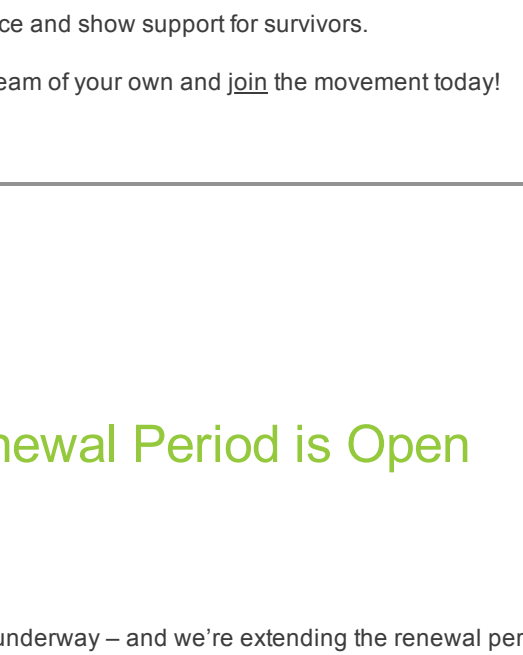
Domestic and Sexual Violence in Communities of Color: A fact sheet highlighting domestic and sexual violence statistics in marginalized communities.

Colorado Denim Day is April 24

Colorado Denim Day is an opportunity to align your organization or team with a movement to end sexual violence in Colorado.

State agencies, businesses and other groups in Colorado are asked to allow their employees to pay \$5 in exchange for wearing jeans on Denim Day. You can also participate with family, friends and neighbors - anyone who wants to raise awareness of sexual violence and show support for survivors.

Promote freedom from sexual violence with a team of your own and [join](#) the movement today!



Coalition Updates

2019 Membership Renewal Period is Open through April 15!

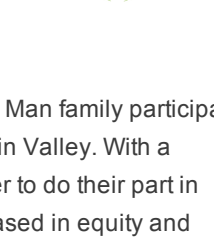
Our membership renewal process is currently underway – and we're extending the renewal period to April 15!

As many of you know, we've transitioned to a new system with Coalition Manager, which lets you register for trainings, access Violence Free Colorado member resources and even connect with other programs in Colorado.

You'll need to [reset](#) your password before you can access Coalition Manager. Once you're in the system, you'll need to update your information (including your annual budget for domestic violence programs) to calculate and pay for your membership fees. Our [instruction guide](#) will help you get started!

Contact Tamika Matthews, Community Impact Manager, at 720-728-8368 or tmattews@violencefreeco.org with any questions.

Medicine Man is our Newest Community Partner



This month, we're proud to announce Violence Free Colorado's newest community partner – and first in the cannabis industry – Medicine Man.

Together, we will not only end relationship abuse but create a higher standard for relationships across our state.

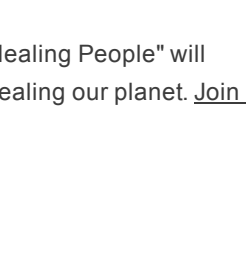
The seeds of the partnership were planted in September when the Medicine Man family participated in the 5K Race Against Domestic Violence, hosted by Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley. With a mission to give back to the communities they serve, Medicine Man was eager to do their part in creating a Colorado culture that values and upholds healthy relationships based in equity and respect.

Medicine Man kicked off its community partnership with a \$5,000 donation to Violence Free Colorado and is following up with another donation in the coming months. They have also been actively engaged with the [Stand Up Colorado](#) campaign, placing #KnowTheSigns posters in their offices, helping spread the reach of social media messages and promoting the Stand Up Colorado Helpline.

A family-owned business, Medicine Man began producing high-quality, low-cost medical cannabis in 2009 – opening their doors to recreational customers in 2014. They now have four dispensaries serving retail and medical cannabis in Aurora, Thornton, their newest location in Longmont and the largest single cannabis dispensary in Denver.

Training and TA Update

Join us for a free training-of-trainers from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 12. Futures Without Violence hosts "Integrating Health Services into Domestic Violence Agencies and Community-based Organization across Colorado." You'll learn to conduct health assessments with clients at domestic violence and community-based advocacy programs, and how to conduct similar trainings for other advocacy programs using the FUTURES curriculum. [Registration](#) is required.



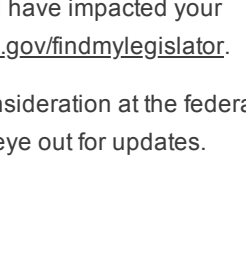
Liz Stuewe, Training and TA Manager

In addition to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April is also Child Abuse Awareness Month, and our Brown Bag Webinar features Maria Walker, an environmental and social advocate. Her webinar, "Healing Our Planet By Healing People" will discuss inspirations, intersections and why healing people is essential to healing our planet. [Join us](#) at noon April 9.

Questions? Please email me at lstuewe@violencefreeco.org.

Policy Update

Child marriage laws center around the discussion of power dynamics – specifically, who has the control in a marriage where a minor is involved. Here at Violence Free Colorado, we've started to tackle these difficult discussions and maintain a seat at the table to address individuals' rights to freely and fully consent to marriage. If you want to learn more about this topic, take a look at our [January Brown Bag](#) with Casey Swegman, Program Manager of the Forced Marriage Initiative. Casey will also host two sessions on forced marriage in Colorado at our [Colorado Advocacy in Action](#) conference June 5-7.



Lyda Waligorski, Public Policy Director

In other legislative news, we continue to work toward the passage of Safe Time as part of The Colorado FAMILI Act to assist survivors of relationship violence. There are several proposed amendments to the bill at this time. During these ongoing discussions, I ask you to continue to make your voice heard on the FAMILI bill. Your personal stories make a difference, so contact your legislators and tell them why there is a need for Safe Time and how it could have impacted your situation. Don't know who your elected official is? Go to <https://leg.colorado.gov/findmylegislator>.

Finally, the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act is up for consideration at the federal level. We'll be sending out more news about this soon, so please keep an eye out for updates.

If you have any questions, contact me at lwaligorski@violencefreeco.org.

Upcoming Trainings

Webinars and Web-Based Trainings

All times are MST

April 10, 1 p.m.: [The SAFeR Approach to Child Custody Cases Involving Domestic Violence](#). Presented by the Battered Women's Justice Project.

April 11, noon: [Language Access Accountability: Experiences from a New York Community](#). Presented by the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence.

April 11, 9:30 a.m.: [Emerging Interstate Issues](#). Presented by the Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women.

April 15, noon: [Language Access for Law Enforcement](#). Presented by the Asian Pacific Institute on Gender-Based Violence.

April 16, 11:30 a.m.: [Colorado VINE - More Than Just the Link](#). Presented by the Ending Violence Against Women Project.

April 16, 1 p.m.: [Assessing Patterns of Coercive Control in Abusive Relationships, Part 1: A Basic Skill for LGBTQ DV Advocacy](#). Presented by the National LGBTQ Institute on IPV.

April 23, 1 p.m.: [Intimate Partner Risk Assessment and the Family Court](#). Presented by the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative.

Do you have an upcoming training or event that you'd like to share with the Violence Free Colorado community? [Post an event on our website calendar!](#)

In Person Trainings, Conferences and Events

April 4: [Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Conference](#)
Presented by Colorado School Safety Resource Center
Location: Denver, CO

April 17: [Advanced Domestic Violence Investigation - Morning and Afternoon Sessions](#)
Presented by the Ending Violence Against Women Project
Location: Limon, CO

April 22-23: [Safe Shelter Symposium on Domestic Violence](#)
Presented by Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley
Location: Boulder, CO

April 26: [Advanced Domestic Violence Investigation](#)
Presented by the Ending Violence Against Women Project
Location: Cortez, CO

May 1-3: [ACRTI Supervisor Training](#)
Presented by Violence Free Colorado
Location: Frisco, CO

May 9: [Western Slope Youth Safety Symposium](#)
Presented by the Colorado School Safety Resource Center
Location: Montrose, CO

May 16: [Investigating Sexual Assault Involving College Students: Building Collaboration Between Law Enforcement and Title IX Professionals](#)
Presented by the Ending Violence Against Women Project
Location: Durango, CO

June 5-7: [Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference](#).
Presented by Violence Free Colorado and CCASA
Location: Vail, CO

June 20: [Cell Phones: Evidence Analysis and Controlled/Pretext Calls and Texts](#)
Presented by the Ending Violence Against Women Project
Location: Brighton, CO

June 27: [Advanced Domestic Violence Investigation](#)
Presented by the Ending Violence Against Women Project
Location: Delta, CO

June 25-27: [Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth](#).
Presented by the WyoJSCY Committee
Location: Cheyenne, WY

July 29-31: [Technology Safety Summit](#)
Presented by the National Network to End Domestic Violence
Location: San Francisco, CA

Sept. 16: [National Conference on Domestic Violence - Voices in Action](#)
Presented by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Location: Washington, DC

Resources and Other News

Data Brokers are Quietly Buying and Selling Personal Information

Our personal data is routinely bought and sold by dozens, possibly hundreds, of companies. There are ways to protect yourself, especially if you're part of a "protected class", which includes survivors of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault. Read more from [Fast Company](#).

The National Network to End Domestic Violence has also assembled a [guide](#) to data brokers, which breaks down people search and data broker sites, including where companies get their data and how to opt-out, what personal information are public records, third-party access and more.

Research Study Seeks Domestic Violence Organization Leadership

Keni Ramirez, a graduate student at the University of Colorado Denver, Department of Sociology, is seeking supervisors or executive directors of domestic violence advocacy organizations who are willing to be interviewed about their perceptions on domestic violence law for a research study.

If interested, please contact Ramirez at 303-324-5793 (text only, no phone calls) with questions or to set up an appointment at your earliest convenience. A one-time interview will take approximately one hour at a location of your choice. You may also email keni.ramirez@ucd.edu or keniram@msn.com.

Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Application

The Mary Kay Foundation's Domestic Violence Shelter grant application is open through April 30. The grant is \$20,000 per shelter with a restriction on staff travel. Grant recipients are announced the first week of October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. [Apply today!](#)

Safety Net Digital Services Toolkit

Safety Net is happy to announce our new [Digital Services Toolkit](#), filled with resources for local programs who are considering providing services via text, chat, video call, and other digital technologies.

The resources include three sections:

- [Assessing capacity and readiness for digital services](#)
- [Choosing a platform and a vendor](#)
- [Best practices for digital services](#)

CAIA registration is now open!

Join us for the Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference and be a part of the only statewide conference specific to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence advocacy. Registration is now open!

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