

# Your Coalition at Work

News, Upcoming Trainings, Other Resources  
April 2022



## Members, mark your calendars!

**The search for our next Executive Director is entering the final stages and we need your feedback. Join us from 1 - 4 p.m. April 14 to meet the two final candidates.** We'll gather on Zoom and spend about 45 minutes with each candidate. They will take a few minutes to introduce themselves and share about their understanding of the anti-domestic violence movement and the work of a coalition. We'll also have time for questions. The firm working with us in our search, HR Advantage, will stay on after each candidate's meeting to get your impressions. **As members, your experience, wisdom, needs, and input are a critical part of this process. We hope you'll join us!**

An invite will follow by email. Please reach out to Roshan with any questions at [rkalantar@violencefreeco.org](mailto:rkalantar@violencefreeco.org).

## Coalition Updates

### Training and TA Team

#### April 12 Facts & Snacks: Understanding the VOCA Emergency Fund and How to Get to "Yes"

The VOCA Emergency Fund comes with a lot of restrictions. COVA would like webinar participants to have an understanding of the restrictions, and how a request must reflect on the crime a survivor has experienced. COVA's goal is for these resources to directly help crime victims; and how the application is completed and the request is made can impact getting to a "yes" in providing help for a survivor of a crime. The webinar will also discuss how advocates can provide assistance for survivors on nights and weekends. There will be time for questions about situations advocates have experienced. Since every request is unique to individual survivors, there are no blanket answers. COVA encourages advocates to call and ask questions if they are in doubt.

#### Presenters:

**Nancy Lewis, COVA Executive Director**

**Mandee & Rachael, COVA Emergency Fund Team**

**Register here!**



Brandy Walega and Miranda Encina  
Violence Free Colorado  
Training and Technical Assistance Team

### Public Policy Team

**VAWA Reauthorization has been passed and signed!** We waited nearly a year for VAWA to move forward after being passed by the House. Last month both the House and Senate passed an appropriations bill that included the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2022, which President Biden subsequently signed. See [NNEDV's statement](#) for more information on the provisions and protections included in the final bill!

The Colorado legislature is now over halfway through the 2022 session. One of our priorities this year - [SB22-100](#), which continues the statewide domestic violence fatality review board - has passed the Senate and is making its way through the House! Thank you to those who have testified and supported this bill; we are happy to see the broad, bipartisan support it has received.

Additionally, [SB22-183](#) has been introduced and will provide funding in support of community-based domestic violence programs and survivors facing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As always, you can keep up with the legislation we're following on Violence Free Colorado's [Public Policy Page](#). Please reach out to Amelia at [alobo@violencefreeco.org](mailto:alobo@violencefreeco.org) with any questions!



Amelia Lobo, Violence Free Colorado Public Policy Specialist

### Community Impact Team

Our Community Impact Manager, Tamika Matthews, has moved on to her next career adventure! We are super sad to see her go but very excited for her in her next steps.

If you would like to renew membership this year and haven't yet, please do so via [Coalition Manager](#), and reach out if you need help!

[communityimpact@violencefreeco.org](mailto:communityimpact@violencefreeco.org)



Hannah Colter, Violence Free Colorado Community Impact Specialist

## Resources and Other News

### The National Deaf Domestic Violence Hotline

The National Deaf Domestic Violence Hotline (NDDVH) is available to Deaf callers across the nation in partnership with Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS).



Deaf NDDVH advocates at ADWAS answer videophone calls and emails 24/7. If using a voice phone, you will be connected to an interpreter for the duration of the phone call. Because of their experience working with Deaf domestic violence survivors and their extensive training, advocates are uniquely able to provide crisis intervention, education, information, and referrals for Deaf callers.

ADWAS can listen, provide information and referrals, provide domestic violence and sexual assault education, and brainstorm with callers different ways to keep safe and do formal safety planning. ADWAS also can work with Deaf and hearing friends and family members of Deaf survivors. Learn more [here](#).

### Updated Tech Safety App From NNEDV

Safety Net is excited to announce their updated Tech Safety App! All the English and Spanish content has been updated to help survivors and advocates with information about tech abuse and options for taking action to address it. The app covers phones and other devices, social media, location tracking, and online privacy.



The app includes audio versions of the text, and can be downloaded or accessed online at [TechSafetyApp.org](#), which can be a safer option for survivors who are worried someone might be monitoring their phone.

### Building a Decolonized and Restorative Approach for Persons Causing Harm

The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women is offering a one-day, 8-hour training at 9 a.m. April 20 for direct service providers that focuses on the dynamics of domestic violence and Indigenizing offender accountability programming for tribal communities.



**Intended Audience:** Direct service providers who provide services in the area of Batter's Intervention and those working with victims and survivors of violence and their dependent children, including but not limited to counselors, advocates, probation officers, judges, etc.

**Survey and Certificate:** A certificate of completion will be issued after completing the training survey. A survey link will be provided at the end of the training. It will also be emailed out so you can take the survey at a later date.

#### Contact Us

[communityimpact@violencefreeco.org](mailto:communityimpact@violencefreeco.org)

Share this email:



[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

PO Box 40328 1330 Fox Street, Second Floor  
Denver, CO | 80204 United States

This email was sent to .  
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.



[Subscribe](#) to our email list.