



COLORADO ADVOCACY IN ACTION CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE: Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference - June 14-16, 2022!

Join us for the VIRTUAL **Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference** June 14-16, 2022! Started in 2011 and co-presented by **Violence Free Colorado** and the **Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault** (CCASA), CAIA is the only statewide conference specific to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence advocacy.

Our full conference lineup and registration dates will be available in the coming months. **Learn more** about CAIA and make your plans to attend! If you have additional questions about submitting a proposal, email conference@coloradoadvocacy.org or call 303-521-0201.

Also, the deadline to submit a proposal to present at CAIA has been extended to Feb. 18! Learn more and submit your proposal [here](#).

Coalition Updates

Executive Team

In January, members of the HR Advantage Team met with Violence Free Colorado staff to better understand our needs and goals for the Executive Director role. We are finalizing the job description and plan to post the position in early February. Additionally, the Executive Director Search Committee was formed. It is made up of Violence Free Colorado staff, board, members, and community partners. They began meeting in late January and will be responsible for the interview process.

There are still opportunities to participate. If you have thoughts, feedback or input you would like to share, please email rkalantar@violencefreeco.org or aevans@projectpave.org.



Marissa Shoback and Roshan
Kalantar, Violence Free Colorado
Leadership Team

Training and TA Team

**February Facts & Snacks: Using Trauma Informed Motivational
Interviewing with Survivors to Empower Change**
Feb. 8, noon-1 p.m.
[Register today!](#)

Come chat about the benefits of learning and using Motivational Interviewing as a communication skill with survivors to help them address trauma, build empowerment, and work on safety planning.



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

Presenter: Darlene Brace (she, her, ella) has worked in the DV/IPV field for over 15 years. She is a social worker and addictions counselor who specializes in trauma and wholistic care. She is a Motivational Interviewing (M.I.) National Trainer and is passionate about ending violence in our communities. She works as a Behavioral Health Director for a medical clinic and teaches for the graduate school of social work at University of Denver.

Congratulations to the first cohort of (Re)Centering Resilient Communities!

It's with great honor that I say congratulations to Safehouse Denver, Crossroads Safehouse, and Advocate Safehouse Project for completing the first (Re)Centering Resilient Communities Cohort. This journey included a six-month commitment to multiple monthly meetings focusing on Accessible, Culturally Responsive, Trauma Informed (ACRTI) work. Our mission was to have continual efforts to end all forms of violence, by (re)centering ACRTI practices and by acknowledging the unique experiences of those impacted by gender-based, racial violence and other intersectional oppressions.

We support collective healing by challenging how we, as organizations against violence, can broaden our understanding of what we bring into our interactions with survivors, as well as create frameworks within our organizations to include all survivors and all experiences of trauma. We have worked so hard over the past six months to identify strengths and areas of growth and will continue to do so. It was such a privilege to learn beside these organizations. Congratulations!

-Miranda Encina, Cohort facilitator

"You do not have to be me in order for us to fight alongside each other." -Audre Lorde

Public Policy Team

Colorado's 2022 legislative session began on Jan. 12! You can stay up to date with our work by signing up to receive our action alerts [here](#).

We will also be posting and regularly updating a list of the bills we are following and taking positions on; you can find [the most recent list](#) on our [Public Policy page](#).

We are waiting for our biggest priorities to be introduced, but as always please reach out to Amelia at alobo@violencefreeco.org with any questions!



Amelia Lobo, Violence Free
Colorado Public Policy
Specialist

Community Impact Team

It's time to renew your Violence Free Colorado membership as part of our annual membership drive! Your 2021 member access expires on March 31. Once you renew for 2022, you'll keep access to all our incredible member benefits, including the Online Learning Center, discounted rates to the Colorado Advocacy in Action conference, invaluable training and technical assistance, and more.

Programs and individuals who were members in 2021 should have received their initial renewal reminders in January. If you haven't received a reminder, have questions about how to renew, or want to become a new member of Violence Free Colorado, please reach out to communityimpact@violencefreeco.org and let us know. We're happy to help!



Tamika Matthews and Hannah
Colter, Violence Free Colorado
Community Impact Team

Resources and Other News

Talk About It: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

love is respect is thrilled to announce the 2022 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM)

theme: **[Talk About It](#)**.

Talk About It is a call to action for young people and those who support them to engage in meaningful conversations about healthy relationships and navigate what may be unhealthy or even abusive.



The goal is for youth and the adults in their lives to talk about their experiences in caring, supportive, and real ways. So many young people, including members of the love is respect Youth Council, say that conversations with their peers and their loved ones are essential when it comes to feeling safe and supported. Talking about healthy relationships and how to recognize warning signs isn't just something parents and youth should be doing in the home—these conversations ought to be taking place also in classrooms, on college campuses, and anywhere young people spend their time.

Safety Net Project 2021 Year in Review

For more than 30 years, the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) has worked to create a social, political, and economic environment in which domestic violence no longer exists.



In 2021, NNEDV's Safety Net Project stayed busy expanding partnerships and activities, exploring new strategies for addressing the impact of current and emerging technologies on victims' safety, privacy, accessibility, and civil rights, and supporting service providers in the field. Safety Net's commitment to this work and each other was clearly demonstrated throughout the year as the team worked together to keep growing the project. Staff continued to develop materials for **[TechSafety.org](#)** and provide trainings to help advocates, programs, and coalitions respond to survivors' ever-changing needs and concerns.

Take a look at the **[SafetyNet 2021 Year in Review](#)** to learn more about the ways that their work continues to support survivors of domestic violence.

National Center for Transgender Equality - U.S. Trans Survey

NNEDV is excited to announce a new partnership with the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) as a part of our Collaborative Approach for Safe Housing OVW project. We are working with NCTE to get the word out as they prepare to launch the U.S. Trans Survey (USTS)—the largest survey of trans people in the United States. The USTS documents the lives and experiences of trans people in the U.S. and U.S. Territories and is the main sources of data about trans people for the media, educators, policymakers, and the general public, covering health, employment, incomes, the criminal justice system, and more.



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