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COLORADO ADVOCACY IN ACTION CONFERENCE

Welcome our 2022 keynote speaker

Dominique Morgan!

We're pleased to announce Dominique Morgan as the keynote speaker for our upcoming [Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference](#) June 14-16!

The keynote session will be at 9 a.m. MST June 14. "[A Roadmap to Building Sustainable Communities](#)" will address topics around how a generation of changemakers can pass the mistakes of our elders and lean into community solutions for change.

Dominique is a Black trans woman who experienced incarceration as a young person and adult, and leads [Black and Pink](#) from a strong transformative justice and reproductive justice standpoint. Black and Pink is a national prison abolitionist organization dedicated to abolishing the criminal punishment system and liberating LGBTQIA2S+ people and people living with HIV/AIDS who are affected by that system through advocacy, support and organizing.

Learn more about Dominique and our keynote session at the Colorado Advocacy in Action [keynote webpage](#), and be sure to keep an eye on the [CAIA website](#) so you'll be the first to know when registration opens in the coming weeks!

Coalition Updates

Training and TA Team

[March 8 Facts & Snacks: How Extreme Risk Protection Orders \(ERPOs\) Save Lives](#)

Colorado's ERPO law was enacted in 2020 as a way to prevent and reduce gun violence by temporarily removing firearms from people at risk of harming themselves or others. Colorado Ceasefire Outreach, in partnership with the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence, was awarded a grant in July 2021 to conduct a public awareness campaign about ERPO. During this presentation, we will discuss the details of Colorado's ERPO law, including how and when to use it, and some statistics around ERPO usage in 2020 and 2021.

Presenters:

Leslie Ervin served on the board of Texas Gun Sense for many years before moving to Denver. She recently joined the Outreach board of Colorado Ceasefire and is working on increasing public awareness for the Extreme Risk Protection Orders law.

Eileen McCarron has been a volunteer in the Gun Violence Prevention movement for 27 years. She is the current head of Colorado Ceasefire's Legislative Action branch, which introduced the entire concept of ERPO in Colorado.

[Register here!](#)



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

Public Policy Team

In February the Senate finally introduced a bipartisan VAWA reauthorization bill! The bill includes important provisions around tribal sovereignty, culturally specific funding, LGBTQ+ protections, and more. We are asking Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper to cosponsor and hope to see the Senate advance this legislation soon; learn more [here](#).

At the state legislature [SB22-100](#), which continues the statewide domestic violence fatality review board and expands its responsibilities, passed its first hearing unanimously.

Lindsay, our Housing Program Manager, also testified in support of [HB22-1082](#), which will help enforce various housing protections.

Several other bills we support have moved forward; see the most recent list on our [Public Policy page](#).

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
Collier, Violence Free Colorado
Community Impact Team

Resources and Other News

Colorado Domestic Violence Statistics and Data Sources - 2021

This [compilation](#) is intended to offer a single source summarizing available Colorado data on domestic violence.

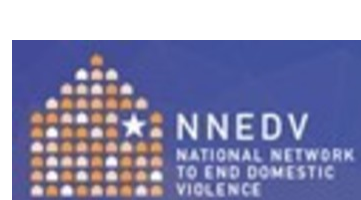
This information may be useful to organizations who are completing grant applications and individuals who wish to learn more about the issue and status of domestic violence in Colorado. Violence Free Colorado will update this document annually.



Tech Talk: Teens and Technology - Digital Breakups

SafetyNet released several resources in partnership with its grant partner, Tonjie Reese of [eleven24](#) for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) in February.

The organization released its first Tech Talk titled, [Teens and Technology: Digital Breakups](#) along with a companion resource/ [handout](#) that provides information for advocates working directly with teen survivors who may be planning to breakup online. The Tech Talk conversation focuses on the difficulties of breaking up online, as well as tips advocates can use to support young people they're working with.



2022 U.S. Transgender Survey

The [U.S. Trans Survey](#) is the largest survey of trans people in the United States. It documents the lives and experiences across the United States and its territories.

The 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey (USTS) was the largest survey ever devoted to the lives and experiences of transgender people, with 27,715 respondents across the United States. The 2022 US Trans Survey (USTS) aims to be even larger, with a targeted participation of more than 40,000 respondents across the United States.

The 2022 [USTS](#) will be conducted by the National Center for Transgender Equality, in partnership with the National Black Trans Advocacy Coalition, the TransLatin@ Coalition, and NQAPIA (National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance).

This year's [USTS](#) will be fielded in early 2022 and will provide an updated and expanded view of the experiences of transgender people across a wide range of areas, such as education, employment, family life, health, housing, and interactions with police and prisons.



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