

Your Coalition at Work

News, Upcoming Trainings, Other Resources
August 2022



Hello from Violence Free Colorado!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the remaining days of summer. I'm still feeling very new but I remain excited about the trajectory of our organization and am glad I took the leap to join as ED! I received a number of responses to my message in the [last newsletter](#) so I want to open this one up by offering gratitude for the very warm welcome. Thank you!

Anyone who has spent more than five minutes with me knows that I'm big on context. Most of my questions are "big picture" and I'm intentional about learning relevant contextual dynamics before taking action. Additionally, my approach to leadership includes actively resisting the [characteristics of white supremacy culture](#). In the case of my onboarding at Violence Free Colorado, this means resisting a sense of urgency... which can be particularly difficult when leading a coalition that has been operating with multiple long-term vacancies and has time-sensitive gaps to fill. Many of the changes our constituents have been wanting to see from us will require us to be fully staffed so I'm working with the leadership team to fill key internal positions as quickly as possible. Beyond staffing, we are working to prioritize the internal infrastructure that I believe will ensure our long-term stability. Through it all, I'm remaining grounded in my commitment to be intentional, thoughtful, and strategic about how I transition into the coalition and I appreciate the encouragement and patience I've experienced from our stakeholders in my first 30 days.

I will continue to provide updates in newsletters each month. If you have questions, thoughts, or feedback for me, please don't hesitate to [reach out](#)!

-Monica



Coalition Updates

Leadership Team

DV program members:

-Domestic Violence Counts is Sept. 7! If you haven't participated before or if your organization has a new DV Counts lead this year, please [contact Roshan](#) to get more information and get on our email list. You can also learn more about the project [here](#).

-[Register for NNEDV's DV Counts webinar](#) at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 16. It will be recorded and is available in English and Spanish.

-We're working with reproductive health providers and advocates to create a training on the connection between advocacy and reproductive justice. It will likely take place in late August or early September; please watch out for a final date/time. As we create this training, we appreciate your input. [Contact Roshan](#) to share your questions, what information you'd like to learn, and the issues you're seeing in your work with survivors.



Marissa Shoback, Roshan Kalantar, Monica Rivera

Leadership Team

Public Policy

Our next Public Policy Committee meeting is at 12 p.m. Aug. 10. If you'd like to get involved with this committee, please contact [Roshan](#) to let her know and learn more.

Training and TA Team

August Facts & Snacks Webinar

12 - 1 p.m. Aug. 9

ASL and Spanish interpretation provided. *Tendremos la interpretación de ASL y español.*

Learn about the 10 to 10 Helpline – how it was created, its structure, and its focus.

The [10 to 10 Helpline](#) is a free, anonymous, and confidential intimate partner abuse prevention helpline, serving adults and teens at risk of harming their intimate partner, or who have questions about how to be a safe partner. Family members, friends, and professionals who want to help someone stop harming their partner are also encouraged to call. While 10 to 10 staff are based out of Massachusetts, they can receive calls from people all over the U.S. – for Mountain Time Zone callers, this is 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

[Register here!](#)



Brandy Walega and Miranda Encina

Training and Technical Assistance

Team

September Facts and Snacks Webinar

12 - 1 p.m. Sept. 13

ASL and Spanish interpretation provided. *Tendremos la interpretación de ASL y español.*

Learn about the movement to create on-site pet housing for DV shelters.

In this presentation attendees will learn the research supporting the need for pet-friendly housing, how preserving the human-animal bond can help survivors with resiliency and healing, four different SAF-T housing models, how to receive sustainable financial support to house pets in your shelter, and how to overcome common concerns such as allergies, fear of pets, and lack of space for pet housing. Existing shelter pet housing programs will be featured.

[Register here!](#)

Community Impact Team

Share your input for our new website!

In the coming months, we'll be redesigning our website! Don't forget to take our [quick survey](#) to share what you're looking for in our new site.



Hannah Colter, Violence Free Colorado

Community Impact Specialist

Resources and Other News

DVAM Toolkit Now Available!

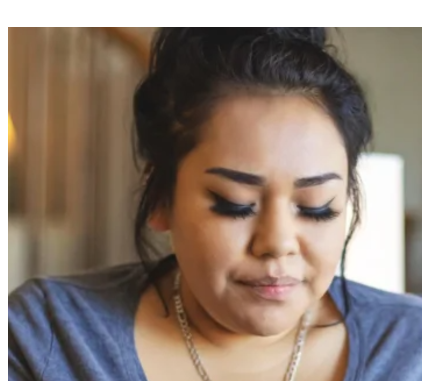
NNEDV and PCADV partnered again this year to create a unified #Every1KnowsSome1 messaging campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. [Check out their toolkit](#) and use as much or as little of their provided content as you'd like this October!

Don't forget to [register your organization](#) through [GiveGab](#) to join the coordinated #GiveForDV fundraising campaign on Giving Tuesday!



Mental Health for Native and Indigenous American Students

Learn more about culturally competent mental health support for Native and Indigenous American college students in [this guide](#).



Abortion Access Information and Resources

If you or someone you know needs access to information, an abortion, and/or other reproductive healthcare services, try these resources:

- [Cobalt](#)
- [COLOR](#)
- [Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains](#)
- [Colorado Doula Project](#)
- [Indigenous Women Rising](#)



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To learn more about the Reproductive Justice movement and the connections to relationship violence prevention and advocacy, [click here](#).

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