



COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RECEIVES \$683,000 CONTINUATION GRANT FROM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office on Violence Against Women funding helps states strengthen programs, services and responses to domestic violence

(DENVER, CO – August 29, 2006) The U.S. Department of Justice has renewed its support of rural victims of domestic violence by again awarding the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) a Rural Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant of \$683,000. CCADV is a statewide coalition of domestic violence shelters, outreach programs and allied individuals dedicated to ending domestic violence in all its forms.

The funding is provided through a Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program administered by the Office on Violence Against Women, which helps states develop and strengthen responses to domestic violence. The program encourages collaboration between community criminal justice organizations to create new strategies to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, child victimization, sexual assault, and stalking.

CCADV's rural initiative provides training and resources for domestic violence advocates, law enforcement agencies, and community volunteers, and focuses on four areas: safety and accountability audits; advanced advocacy training; information and technology; and prevention. CCADV plans to continue bringing safety and accountability audits to rural communities, further leverage technology to enhance rural agency resources and safe client data-collection practices, deliver in-person and multimedia training to advocates and law enforcement personnel, develop a legal advocacy network to support immigrant survivors, and enhance statewide prevention programming through work with child and teen groups and on awareness campaigns.

The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) - www.ccadv.org - is a 27-year old statewide grassroots, nonprofit organization providing resources, education, and training, and serving as a voice to 75 member programs and individuals serving some 40,000 battered women and children in Colorado each year.

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