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30 years of working in Colorado to end domestic violence in all its forms.

## CCADV VISION

CCADV is dedicated to the elimination of domestic violence in all its forms.

We recognize that this requires a fundamental change in society's views of gender and gender roles.

## CCADV MISSION

Through community education, networking and the empowerment of battered women and children, CCADV serves as a forum for social action and the development of services for battered women and their families by bringing its membership and the community together.

CCADV is a diverse network of rural and urban advocates who work together through the coalition to coordinate services, exchange information and work on issues of common concern, thereby providing a unified, statewide environment that will nurture members' local, community-based efforts to stop domestic violence.

# THE VOICE

April 2008

## Address Confidentiality Program Eligible Colorado Residents Can Apply Starting July

The Colorado Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) will begin accepting participants by July 1, 2008. CCADV guided the legislation in the 2007 session, which became law on July 1, 2007. Colorado is now the 20th state to have such a program.

The ACP provides services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking who live in Colorado and have recently relocated or are in the process of relocating to a new address unknown to the abuser.

The ACP helps survivors protect their relocated addresses by providing them with a legal substitute address and a confidential mail forwarding service. These services prevent potential abusers from locating their victims through public records. Another program benefit is allowing eligible voter participants to vote by absentee ballot.

The program is available to men, women and children. Applicants must be at least 18 years old or a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a minor or incapacitated adult, live in Colorado and be a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking and fear for his or her safety. They must have relocated to an address that is unknown to the abuser within the past 90 days, or be planning to move in the future. They must be willing to designate the ACP as their agent to receive legal documents, service of process, certified and first-class mail. Mail delays of up to five days should be expected.

ACP certification is effective for four years. Participants may cancel their enrollment at any time, or renew their certification at the end of four years.

Recommendation for participation is made by an Application Assistant. Advocates in local domestic violence and sexual assault programs can and should be trained on the ACP to become an Application Assistant.

CCADV will be offering several opportunities for advocates to get this training. The first opportunity is at the following upcoming regional meetings:

Region 1 (NE Colorado) – June 12, Greeley  
Region 2 (Metro Denver) – June 17, Denver  
Region 3 (SE Colorado) – July 18, Pueblo  
Region 4 (Western Colorado) – May 2, Glenwood Springs

The ACP will also be offering an online training beginning in May, and CCADV will offer a training session at our annual conference.



**April is Sexual Assault & Child Abuse Awareness Month!**

## From the Desk of Denise

Dear Friends,

April is Sexual Assault Awareness/Child Abuse Prevention Month. This brings another opportunity to engage in activities that raise the level of awareness in our communities, bringing attention to the complex issues inherent in violence against women and children.

I was reminded of a listserv post by Patti Giggans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence in Los Angeles, CA, which I have adapted with her permission.

Recognition of awareness months reminds advocates that the strategies that were developed, and have been used successfully for many years to teach women and children skills, behaviors, and knowledge toward changing attitudes about sexual and domestic violence have been steeped in gender and oppression analyses, and cultural considerations.

Feminist analysis has always been about transformation. The original feminist analysis that facilitated our arrival at this point today is being informed by other perspectives such as public health, criminal justice, education, and the welcoming of men as allies, to name a few. This enlarging perspective must include men, but should not, and must not, be at the expense of women having to give up on empowerment models for themselves, their children, and their communities. Those empowerment models must not be reduced to "teaching women to protect themselves." We must not be made to feel ineffective because rape and domestic violence have not been eradicated.

It's been 30 years. Thirty years weighed against a thousand years of violence against women. Of course domestic violence and sexual assault haven't ended. Progress has been and will continue to be made, as we incorporate new approaches to prevention and develop the societal will necessary to end this violence.

Domestic and sexual violence is complex, and it will take complexity to diminish them. This speaks to the need for an inclusionary approach to ending violence in our communities. Imagine men, women, girls, boys, entire communities working together to transform our culture, our world... Towards an end to the violence...

Denise Washington, Executive Director

## Around the State

### **Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley "Building a Safe Place" Campaign**

The Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley in Longmont embarked on a capital campaign in 2002 to raise funds for shelter renovation. The Board and staff were successful in raising funds for Safe Shelter to purchase office space housing the counseling offices. Board and staff focused their goal of providing a new shelter.

A major structural renovation was initially planned. When it was realized that a new structure could be built with roughly the same budget, the renovation was reconsidered. HomeAid Colorado, an independent, nonprofit organization that coordinates volunteers to build shelters for the homeless nationwide, agreed to work with Safe Shelter to identify a local architect firm. Olson Architecture and 5 Star Construction came on board to bring the project to fruition.

Together these agencies have designed and developed a facility that is reliable, that supports the programs with the necessary physical space, and that accommodates the urgent needs of women and children in crisis. The construction is set for completion in April, with a move-in date in mid-May.

### **Vicarious Trauma Training for Bilingual Staff and Interpreters**

The Denver Center for Crime Victims and The Translation & Interpreting Center announce a new training opportunity designed specifically for bilingual staff and interpreters.

Health Enabling for Language Professionals: Coping with Vicarious Trauma (HELP) is a half-day workshop that focuses on the unique concerns faced by bilingual staff when translating or interpreting for victims of crime.

The workshop will discuss the impact of vicarious trauma on language professionals and address coping mechanisms and self-care skills.

For more information or to register, contact Janice Rhyne at (303) 996-0976 or [info@ticenterdenver.com](mailto:info@ticenterdenver.com).

### **Advocates in Steamboat offer Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Conference**

As part of our 'Building Peaceful Communities' project, Advocates against Battering and Abuse in Steamboat Springs is planning a statewide conference. "Children Exposed to Domestic Violence" will be held at the Steamboat Grand Resort Hotel and Conference Center on May 29 and 30, 2008.

This conference is open to advocates, parents, community leaders, students, and medical personnel. Rus Funk, MSW, will speak from an ecological framework, David Mandel, MA, will share his expertise from a child welfare perspective, and Margaret Drew, ESQ., will discuss the legal aspects of this issue.

For questions, call 970.879.2034, or e-mail [advocate@advocatesaba.org](mailto:advocate@advocatesaba.org).

### **Crossroads Safehouse Wins Coloradoan's Nonprofit of the Year**

Crossroads Safehouse won The Coloradoan's 2007 Nonprofit of the Year at the Best in Business Awards.

Eight leaders and companies in various categories were recognized, and there were sixteen contenders for Nonprofit of the Year, including the Food Bank and the Humane Society.

The awards made history with the most nominations ever received in the awards' six-year span and the biggest crowd yet.

# February Statewide Meeting: The Anti-Workshop

Despite a heavy Colorado snowstorm, participants from fifteen members programs and three community partner agencies made the February Statewide Meeting a success.

Nita Mosby-Henry facilitated the two-day “Anti-Workshop,” which focused on inclusiveness and diversity.

The workshop received high evaluatory praise. One participant stated that she had learned “greater self-awareness as a supervisor, and how to be a more inclusive leader within my organization and through committees and task forces.”

Another participant noted that “regardless of the difficulty, sensitive subjects can and need to be approached.”



Facilitator Nita Mosby-Henry



Workshop participants focus on communication



Regina Padilla begins group construction



Christine Linville and Brooke Ely-Milen create a collaborative structure



Workshop participants display their creativity

## Interfaith Task Force Meetings Feature Cultural and Religious Seminars

The Interfaith Task Force has included monthly cultural and religious seminars as a part of domestic violence training. In December, Teresa Bernie Fresque from the Denver Indian Family Resource Center presented on the culture and religion of Native America, and historic events that have impacted Native American culture and domestic violence.

In January, Chaplain Debra Fliter discussed Jewish culture and the implications of domestic violence in that community. Issues discussed included the “shame” felt by victims of domestic violence, and why incidents are not readily reported. She further spoke of the laws relating to the Orthodox community and how they impact the victims of domestic violence.

Nirmeen El Sayad and Maryam Ali from the Muslim community presented in February. They explained culture versus religion, and what the Koran says and does not say about domestic violence. Questions answered included why Muslim women wear their head and face coverings, as well as their dress.

These trainings will continue throughout the year and are open to everyone to attend. For more information contact Bayonne Holmes (303) 962-0935.

The Interfaith Task Force also continues the education of clergy and the faith communities by distributing resources and educational materials.

## CCADV Legislative Update

The legislative session is in full swing and there has been a flurry of activity.

### **Domestic Violence Offenders Management Board**

**(DVOMB):** The DVOMB will continue until July 1st of 2017. The recommendations for changes made by Colorado Divisions of Regulatory Affairs are still being considered in House of Appropriations (HB1232). Once final revision have been made, CCADV membership will be notified.

**Legal Services Funding:** The Access to Justice Commission is still working with the Colorado Supreme

Court and the Colorado Legislature to secure an additional \$250,000 for the Family Justice Fund. If they are successful, it will increase civil legal services for victims throughout the state.

### **Annual Conference:**

A representative from CCADV lobbyist Mendez Steadman will present a 2008 legisla-

tive wrap-up at the first annual conference June 29 - July 2, in Colorado Springs. A packet will be provided to all attendees regarding the overall legislative process, how to contact district legislative representatives, and other helpful information.

The Legislative Committee cannot emphasize enough how vital the voice of membership is. During this session, a child service program provided testimony which solely stopped the bill from moving forward. CCADV proudly speaks for the membership, but can only provide statistics and general information. It is the real-life stories that provide the most significant impact. If there is ever any legislation that you/your agency can speak to, please call right away, you have the power to make a true difference.

If you ever want to view a bill or want hear a live broadcast of any legislative session log on to: <http://www.leg.state.co.us>.

## New Members

CCADV welcomes The San Luis Valley Victim Response Unit in Alamosa as an Allied Program member

## Child & Youth Advocacy Program Collaborating for Change

The Child and Youth Advocacy Program is developing strong relationships and networks between domestic violence agencies and community, and systems-based and national programs working to meet the needs of children and youth exposed to domestic violence.

This work has focused on gathering information about policy and practice methods, assessing effectiveness, identifying gaps in services, and educating practitioners and the public about effective intervention with traumatized children and families.

The program is also providing services in the area of Teen Dating Violence and Prevention by supporting agencies in providing educational outreach to schools, juvenile detention centers, community programs, and the faith community.

The Children's Advocacy Committee (CAC) was formed initially to assist with the program development and management of the child/teen program. CAC holds monthly meetings and quarterly workdays for training, support and peer education of child and adolescent advocates.

The committee has identified three critical areas of concern for Colorado children exposed to batterer violence. These include teen dating violence, post separation safety and marriage dissolution issues (divorce and custody) and child protection issues. The committee has formed three work groups in addition to the overall committee to plan and implement the projects required to address these concerns. Members of CAC have also joined community collaborations addressing these concerns, including the CDHS DV/CPS Task Force and the Colorado Bar Association's multi-disciplinary group meeting to look at the provision of legal services to domestic violence victims.

The CAC and subcommittees are involved in the designing and implementing of two research projects. One will address domestic violence victims' experiences in their domestic relations and parenting responsibility allocation cases. The second research topic addresses teen dating violence and adolescent experience.

The Child and Youth Program has developed a teen dating violence toolkit with national research, resources, tools, group activities, and curricula. These toolkits are now complete and will be distributed at the following four teen dating violence workdays:

April 4 - Fort Collins, The Moot House, 2626 College Drive

May 12 - Frisco, Location TBD

August 8 - Alamosa, Location TBD

September 15 - Grand Junction, Location TBD

The agenda will include conducting good trainings and presentations, how to talk to adolescent groups, teen dating violence specifics and curricula, and more. Please join us and invite your community partners.

For more information, please contact Tracey Schlafer at (303) 831-9632.

# Real ID Worries Domestic Violence Groups

Every year, about 1,000 domestic violence victims legally change their Social Security numbers in an attempt to elude people who may pose threats, and many more change their legal names, according to figures compiled by advocacy groups.

But hiding from stalkers may become more difficult under a federal law called the Real ID Act that's scheduled to take effect on May 11.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's new regulations mandate specific standards for what personal information states must print on the face of Real ID drivers licenses and encode on their machine-readable zones. Although there's some consideration for people who qualify for special confidentiality treatment, critics argue the protections don't go far enough.

"The statute is troubling because it's trying very much to identify people who are dangerous, such as terrorists, and at the same time, how do you do that in a way that keeps everyday citizens and victims safe?" Cindy Southworth, technology project director for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, said of the Real ID Act, which Congress passed nearly three years ago. "I think inherently there's a conundrum there."

Homeland Security did weigh some of the concerns voiced by domestic violence prevention groups, as well as existing laws like the Violence Against Women Act, before issuing its final rules.

Currently, 19 states have confidentiality programs for domestic violence survivors, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The agency's final rule appears to preserve that, saying: "A DMV may apply an alternate address on a driver's license or identification card if the individual's address is entitled to be suppressed under state or federal law or suppressed by a court order including an administrative order issued by a state or federal court."

That "alternate address"--which in many cases is a dummy address created by the government that forwards to someone's real address--is also the only address required to be encoded on the two-dimensional bar code. That means that if convenience store clerks or police officers swipe the unencrypted card, they'll in theory only gain access to limited information.

Still, victims-rights and privacy advocates remain concerned about one important Real ID requirement, which dictates that state DMVs interlink their databases and make all their drivers' records and identity documents available.

The final rule says that both an individual's "full legal name" and "true address" must be stored in the DMV database, regardless of what's displayed on the card and encoded on its bar code. It also requires that motor vehicle departments scan and store "source

documents," such as birth certificates, to verify a driver's license applicant's identity.

Homeland Security hasn't yet stipulated what information must be exchanged among the state-to-state databases, saying only that it will be "limited," nor has it specified exactly how the database linking will work, leaving lingering worries among privacy and victim advocates.

All it would take is a determined, persuasive stalker--many have tricks, like saying an ex-spouse is suicidal or otherwise in need of help--and a gullible or corrupt DMV employee, and a victim's identity could be divulged, Southworth said.

"Given that there are less than six degrees of separation between most abusers and a friend or relative who works for the DMV, we are concerned about victims' location information housed in state databases that could be searched nationally," Southworth said. "Prior to national search ability, a victim could move to a different state and increase her safety and privacy, but national search functionality could place countless victims at risk."

In response to privacy groups' concerns about DMV employees' access to the databases, Homeland Security opted to require states to devise their own "security plans" for Real ID. That plan is supposed to include, among other things, "procedures to prevent unauthorized access, use, or dissemination of applicant information and images of source documents retained pursuant to the act" and background checks for some, though not all, DMV employees.

The final rule has offered little comfort, however, to some privacy advocates.

"We still have this problem of the backbone of this system, which is that we're creating this nationwide system of databases, all interlinked," said Guilherme Roschke, an Electronic Privacy Information Center fellow who focuses on domestic violence privacy issues. "A breach in one is a breach in all of them."

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## Second Quarter Regional Meetings

CCADV is divided into four geographic regions which have board representation and hold meetings based on the region's needs. Regional meetings are a forum for domestic violence programs and community individuals to connect and share with one another. Regional meetings are open to both CCADV members and non-members.

**Region 1** (Northeast Colorado): June 12, Greeley

**Region 2** (Metro Denver): April 15 and June 17, Denver

**Region 4** (Western Colorado): May 2, Glenwood Springs



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practices in the field. We've selected highly qualified, engag-  
ing speakers to provide you with tools to inform your work.

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Space is limited, so register today!

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