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

CCADV VISION STATEMENT

CCADV is dedicated to the elimination of domestic violence in all of its forms. We recognize that this requires a fundamental change in society's views of gender and gender roles.

CCADV MISSION STATEMENT

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

Winter 2005

Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

Congress went home before the Thanksgiving holiday without finalizing the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The House and Senate will only return for a short time in December. In that time it will not be easy to convene a conference committee and come to an agreement about what the final VAWA 2005 should include. However, it is not impossible, especially if we all contact leadership and tell them that we expect them to get VAWA's differences worked out and passed.



Enacted in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act improved the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence and provided essential and life saving services to victims of domestic violence. In 2000, Congress reauthorized VAWA, adding services for rural, older, and immigrant women, as well as women with disabilities. The law is up for reauthorization this year and without action would expire.

Although VAWA's authorization ran out September 30th, along with the funding for all government activities and programs, Congress voted to continue funding at last year's levels through December 17th. But without passage of VAWA 2005, no funding stability or cost-of-living increases are guaranteed, and any new programs in the bill will be unable to get off the ground.

On Tuesday, October 4th, the Senate unanimously passed its version of VAWA 2005. A less comprehensive version of VAWA 2005 passed the House of Representatives on September 28th as part of the Department of Justice's yearly authorizing and funding bill. While the House version included

reauthorization of crucial VAWA programs, it does not achieve all that is needed. Just prior to the vote, the Republican leadership dropped important provisions dealing with immigrants and women of color. The Senate bill still includes many of these House-dropped provisions, but faced its own trimmings as a key program was dropped that would have extended coverage for unemployment insurance to domestic violence survivors who lose their jobs as they hide or flee from violence.

The bill will now need to move to a conference committee where differences between the House and Senate versions will be discussed and a final version produced. Because the House bill is part of a larger Department of Justice bill, H.B. 3402, and the Senate bill, S. 1191, is free-standing, holding a conference committee may be difficult.

Call the offices of the House and Senate leadership and ask them to add passing VAWA to the December agenda and get it passed before services are reduced and programs are eliminated!

**TOGETHER, WE CAN
END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

To Join Our Effort:

Please fill out and return the remittance envelope enclosed in this newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Domestic Violence: It's Closer Than You Think

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The day of Unity was intended to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity is now celebrated the first Monday in October and the entire month of October is now dedicated to Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

CCADV, its partners and allies joined this celebration on the first Monday of October, with a rally on the steps of the Capitol Building in Denver. The purpose of the event was to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrate those who have survived, connect those who work to end violence, and raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence.

This year's theme was "Domestic Violence: It's Closer Than You Think". Through signs depicting



that domestic violence can and does happen to people of all ages, ethnicities, lifestyles and social classes, the organizers demonstrated that many people know someone who is a victim of domestic violence. Participants also carried black silhouettes, one for each of the 42 Coloradans who died as a result of domestic violence since January of this year.

Speakers at the rally included Trish Thibodo, Executive Director of CCADV, Attorney General John Suthers, a representative from Senator Ken Salazar's office, a representative from Senator Wayne Allard's office, domestic violence survivors, and community activists. Governor Bill Owens issued a proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month and that proclamation was presented to Cheryl Law, a representative of CCADV's Survivors Task Force.

The event received good media coverage and was well attended by community members, domestic violence service providers, survivors, their family members and loved ones.

SHARE receives Rural VAWA Grant to Coordinate Community Response to Domestic Violence in Northeastern Colorado

SHARE, Inc., in Fort Morgan recently received a two-year grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. The Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program implements certain provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, which was enacted in September 1994 as Title IV of the Violence Crime Control Law Enforcement Act of 1994 and later reauthorized in the Violence Against Women Act of 2000. The program strengthens the safety of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and child abuse living in rural areas by creating and enhancing collaborative partnerships between criminal justice agencies, victim service providers and community organizations to respond to crimes of domestic violence, dating violence and child abuse, and to provide services to the victims of such violence.

SHARE, Inc., the Morgan County domestic violence program, is the lead implementing agency on this project. Through this award, SHARE will create and promote an interagency effort to standardize practices and procedures in dealing with domestic violence cases in the 13th Judicial District of Colorado. The primary goal of this grant project is to improve the District's response

to domestic violence cases and provide capacity building to the seven counties within the 13th Judicial District.

Notification of the grant award was handed down through Congresswomen Marilyn Musgrave's office. Musgrave stated that she was in full support of this program which serves her rural district and believes the project aim is a very important step toward the enhancement of victim safety and offender accountability in northeastern Colorado.

According to Jacque Morse, SHARE's Director, SHARE and the 13th Judicial District Attorney's Office recognized several years ago that they were serving the same population and that by sharing information and coordinating resources a more comprehensive approach to domestic violence could be developed for our community.

District Attorney Bob Watson remarked that "this grant will permit us to focus our efforts in prosecuting domestic violence cases throughout the 13th Judicial District. We are able to add an additional county court prosecutor and a part time investigator to our arsenal in fighting this serious societal problem." It is the belief of both SHARE and the District Attorney's Office that promoting a coordinated response increases victim safety, abuser accountability and system responsibility.

A SHIELD FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On Wednesday, November 16th, the House Committee on Financial Services passed by a unanimous voice vote the Safe Housing Identity Exemption for the Lives of Domestic Violence Victims (SHIELD) Act, a bill introduced by Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) earlier this year. The bill, co-sponsored by Ranking Committee Member Barney Frank (D-MA) and Congresswoman Katherine Harris (R-FL), would ensure that victims of domestic violence who have fled their abuser could not then be tracked and found through the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) new Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The SHIELD Act will now be forwarded on with a favorable recommendation from the Financial Services Committee for consideration by the full U.S. House of Representatives.

"Today my colleagues on the Financial Services Committee unanimously agreed to support a simple solution to protect a vulnerable population, and for that I am grateful. This bill will make certain that the anonymity of victims of domestic violence remains secure," Congresswoman Moore said. "Unless the current HUD rules are amended, the identities and locations of hundreds of thousands could be exposed to those who wish to hurt or even kill them."

Currently, all domestic violence shelters, transitional housing programs, homeless shelters, and emergency

shelters receiving funds from the HUD McKinney-Vento Act are required to submit the names and other personal information of all who use the facility into the HMIS tracking database. Employees and contractors of federal, state, and local agencies - some of whom may be abusers - have access to the HMIS database. A study from Carnegie Mellon University has found that 53 percent of the U.S. population is likely to be uniquely identified by only place, gender, and date of birth.

The SHIELD Act would exempt shelters from having to submit personal information - such as first and last name, Social Security number, date of birth, ethnicity and race - about each person who seeks safety and shelter at their facility. Instead of offering such specific information, the SHIELD Act recommends using non-personal identifying information for data collection. This would still allow HUD to perform unduplicated counts and statistical analysis of those benefiting from its services in order to measure the effectiveness of McKinney-Vento Act programs.

Thirty-seven states have confidentiality laws that conflict with the requirement that shelters contribute information about their clients to the HMIS database, including Colorado. In addition, during the last legislative session Colorado passed a resolution clarifying that the state's law providing privacy rights to domestic violence shelters supersedes HUD requirements. HUD initially considered exempting domestic violence victims in 2003, then reversed its position and removed the domestic violence exemption from final HMIS standards released in 2004.

Support your Domestic Violence Organization through The Wireless Foundation's CALL TO PROTECT® ShelterHelp Program

The Wireless Foundation has expanded the CALL TO PROTECT® program with the new ShelterHelp program, which is a cell phone collection campaign designed to help domestic violence shelters and other groups directly serving victims of domestic violence.

Since 1996, The Wireless Foundation has provided over 37,000 wireless phones with airtime and collected over 2,000,000 retired wireless phones, which has both raised awareness of the issue and helped us make cash grants of more than \$3,000,000 to help in the campaign to end domestic violence.

Through CALL TO PROTECT® ShelterHelp, your shelter has the opportunity to earn wireless phones with airtime, additional airtime minutes and funding through the collection of used cellular phones. All collected phones are sold,

recycled or refurbished and your organization receives the net proceeds generated. The Wireless Foundation also provides each participating shelter with tips on how to raise community awareness and support for your ShelterHelp collection, and how to enroll businesses in your community to help collect phones.

This is a simple way for you to expand your effort to help victims of domestic violence in your community.

To register to collect phones for your shelter, please visit www.shelterhelp.org. Once you are registered, you will receive the marketing kit and further information on the program. If you need additional information, please contact Jennifer Comer at The Wireless Foundation at 202.736.3675 or via email at jcomer@ctia.org.



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2005

Digital Storytelling Project: Provided survivors of crime, violence and oppression with an opportunity to tell their stories using digital media. The project participants attended a three-day workshop to produce their own Digital Story and then their pieces were screening at a public screening.

Advocacy and Community Education: CCADV and Project Safeguard staff completed 10 "roll call trainings" at all six all six Denver Police Department substations. The trainings included presentations on the changes in the protection order statutes, issues involved with the enforcement of protection orders, and the importance of full faith and credit. We are now in the process of conducting the same training at the Aurora Police Department. If you would like additional information on this for your local law enforcement, please contact Randy at 303-831-9632 Ext. 12 or at rsaucedo@ccadv.org.

Legislative Successes: A major success of the 2005 legislative session was the passage of a law that allows a victim to terminate a lease agreement for domestic violence. A resolution affirming that the state's law regarding confidentiality takes precedent over federal HUD regulations that require transmittal about individuals in shelters was also a legislative victory to be celebrated.

Safety and Accountability Audits: CCADV facilitated three community Audits, examining several stages of the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence in order to increase safety for survivors and accountability for offenders.

Technology Project: Technology Project: CCADV customized a statewide client management database for member programs, incorporating data collection needs and agency protocols into the development process. Completed more than 50 site visits to provide technology assistance to member agencies, including database and technology safety training, computer networking assistance, and equipment upgrades. Additionally, CCADV worked with the Domestic Abuse Assistance Program to redesign the DAAP Quarterly Report Form and Definitions, to assist agencies to collect better, more streamlined data for funding compliance.

Trainings: Three statewide meetings covered topics including *Safety and Justice for All: Examining the Relationship Between the Women's Anti-Violence Movement and the Criminal Legal System*, *Violence Against Women and the Role of Religion*, and *Safety Planning as Part of Protection Order Modification*. The three-day New Worker Institute was attended by 45 new advocates and 41 Program Directors attended the Executive Director's Institute.

IN THE NEW YEAR!

In 2006, CCADV looks forward to pursuing a strong legislative strategy, continuing advocacy on critical issues facing the state, and providing multiple trainings on various topics. The following is a small sample of other projects CCADV will accomplish in the new year:

Economic Justice: Economic self-sufficiency is intimately linked to safety for many survivors of domestic violence and their children. In response, CCADV is expanding its work to address issues of economic justice as they affect survivors of domestic violence. CCADV is pleased to announce that it received \$7,000 from the Allstate Foundation to begin this critical work, in partnership with MicroBusiness Development, a Colorado nonprofit organization providing microenterprise support and training services.

Community Education: Issue briefs on key topics facing domestic violence advocates in Colorado will be published. Topics will include mandatory reporting by physicians, affordable housing options for domestic violence survivors, and economic justice.

Trainings: CCADV will sponsor one New Worker Institute, two Leadership Institutes for People of Color, three Advanced Advocacy Trainings, one Executive Director Institute and three Statewide Meetings. The first Statewide Meeting scheduled for February 6-8 features Lundy Bancroft as our key speaker!

Technology Project: The CCADV website will be revamped with more comprehensive content and a member-only access area. Work will continue with member programs to enhance the statewide client management database and associated training materials. Additionally, CCADV will continue advocacy work and training regarding the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), technology stalking, data collection standards, and non-profit technology resource management.

Reviving the Latino Outreach Committee: As the staff liaison, Jorgelina Karner is enthusiastic about the reviving the Latina Outreach Committee. For information about the mission of the Latina Outreach Committee and meeting times, contact Jorgelina at jkarner@ccadv.org or 303.831.9632 X23

STAFF UPDATES

The staff and board of Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence regret to report the departure of Trish Thibodo as Executive Director of CCADV. Having worked at CCADV for over seven years, she will be greatly missed and we wish her much success and happiness in her new endeavors.

CCADV Welcomes Membership Director

This October, Jessica Khan joined CCADV as Membership Services Director. Jessica has been working with victims of domestic violence for the past ten years, including working in shelters and her most recent position as a Legal Advocate and Trainer at the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline in Honolulu, Hawaii. With a background in direct services, Jessica brings to CCADV first-hand knowledge of the extreme challenges service providers face on a daily basis, and she is enthusiastic about working with the Coalition. As Membership Services Director, Jessica is committed to being available to all members and supporting the work however she can.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Advocates: Victim Assistance Team of Grand County is gearing up for the 3rd Annual Subaru Women's Tour. The event will take place February 4th and 5th at Snow Mountain Ranch and a portion of proceeds will benefit **ADVOCATES:** Victim Assistance Team of Grand County and MESA of Boulder. Celebrate Women, Winter and Chocolate! Visit our website for details and a link to the tour—www.gcadvocates.org.

The Center on Domestic Violence at the University of Denver and Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC) is proud to announce that Kathleen Wells has been hired in a newly created position of Director of Community Relations. Kathy comes to us from the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence where she served as Public Policy Director. She is a recent graduate of the Program on Domestic Violence at UCDHSC and brings a long and rich history of work on behalf of battered women and their children to this position. Kathy can be contacted by phone at 303.315.2743 or email at Kathleen.wells@cudenver.edu.

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Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to the prevention and elimination of domestic violence in all of its forms.

Members of CCADV include shelters, safehouses, counseling & advocacy programs, and concerned individuals. The staff at CCADV provide information and referrals, trainings to organizations and individuals, and work on the development of public policy and legislation.

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Your donation provides
shelter, counseling and assistance
to battered women and children
across the state.

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- Ask your accountant to help
- Tell your friends to do the same

