



DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Breaking the cycle of violence.

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Domestic Violence Coalition 18th Annual Conference Links Violence and Systems Conversations

WILMINGTON, Del. – The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is hosting their annual Advocates’ Retreat & Conference on May 2-3, for service providers, advocates and preventionists throughout the state to increase their knowledge and skills in being more trauma-informed with their work with survivors and families. The conference will feature keynote presenters, Marissa Alexander, who received national coverage during her prosecution in Florida, Sumayya Coleman, an advocate for the Free Marissa Now Mobilization Campaign, and Sue Ryan, DCADV’s new Executive Director. This two-day conference will take place at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach, bringing together more than 150 domestic violence advocates and practitioners from the health care, legal, social services and behavioral health communities in Delaware.

The conference will have a wide variety of workshops, some discussing Police Body-Worn Cameras, Social Justice and Systemic Violence, and Stalking to name a few. Crucial conversations will take place around accountability processes with our service systems, as they represent some of the organizations that victims/survivors of abuse look to for prevention of oppressions. DCADV is excited to bring these diverse messages and planning opportunities to the Delaware community.

“While Delaware is making real strides to examine and address criminal justice reform and enhance court response to ensure equity and accessibility, having Marissa Alexander speak on her experiences, and those before her, can challenge our community to truly discuss the deep injustice between surviving sexual and domestic violence and being arrested, prosecuted and/or incarcerated,” says Sue Ryan, DCADV Executive Director.

The Conference is made possible by generous support from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council, Capital One, and Delaware City Refining Company.

The Conference will take place from May 2 – 3 at Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach. More information about presenters and workshops are available online at:

dcadv.org/2016-annual-advocates-retreat-conference

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About DCADV:

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is a statewide, non-profit organization with a membership including domestic violence agencies and programs providing shelter and direct services to adult victims of domestic violence, allied organizations, and caring individuals. Since its founding in 1994, DCADV has engaged in a variety of activities, including public education efforts, training and prevention initiatives, and systems advocacy. Learn more at www.dcadv.org or our social media links: [Facebook/DelawareCoalition](#) and [Twitter/DCADVde](#)

For media only:

Your attendance at the Conference is requested and interviews of staff and presenters are possible. Contact Kimberly Green-Cauley at 302-897-2689 to coordinate.