

Governor Carney Recognizes Crime Victims' Rights Week and Sexual Assault Awareness Month



On April 10, 2018, Delaware Governor John Carney signed a proclamation recognizing this week as Crime Victims' Rights Week. Crime Victims' Rights Week (CVRW) is celebrated nationally to raise awareness of the rights of crime victims and to highlight the services provided in communities across the U.S.

This year's theme, **Expand the Circle- Reach All Victims**, encourages inclusion in victim services; from meeting the needs of all crime victims, regardless of age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, socioeconomic status, geographic location, race, ethnicity, or ability, to bringing providers and communities together to ensure victims/survivors are aware of and receiving the multitude of services that are available.

Annually, the Delaware Victims' Rights Task Force recognizes members of the victim services community with Outstanding Volunteer, Professional, and Organization awards. In each of these three categories, the individual or group have shown a history of exemplary service and commitment; uniqueness to their contribution; and had an impact of service on the community that has helped to improve the quality of services to victims or that has influenced long-term change in the victim services field. DCADV's **Women of Color Task Force**, and their longtime Chair Carolyn Morgan, has been recognized at this year's Outstanding Volunteer for their commitment and dedication to the community. The award for Outstanding Professional was presented jointly to CHILD, Inc. Shelter Directors Maite Aros and Diedra Harper for providing exceptional services to victims of domestic violence and their families. Congratulations to the award winners!



On the same day, Governor Carney also signed a proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is recognized annually, and this year's theme is **Embrace Your Voice**. During this event, DCADV's Engaging Men Project Coordinator, talked about the new Delaware MEN media campaign **#IWill**. Event attendees and community members are asked to show their support for victims and survivors by taking a stand against sexual violence. For more information about the **#IWill** campaign, visit www.delawaremen.org.

