

# ENVISIONING PEACE



*Focusing through the lens of social justice*

## Conference Dates and Location

The Advocates' Retreat and Conference will be held on May 4-5, 2020 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center in beautiful Rehoboth Beach, DE.

## Who attends the conference?

Each year, DCADV hosts 125-140 advocates, survivors, victim service providers, offender treatment providers, preventionists, and other direct service professionals. The majority of attendees are from Delaware, though out-of-state attendees are welcome!

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is seeking workshop proposals for our 22nd Advocates' Retreat and Conference in May 2020! Each year, this action-oriented conference brings together survivors, advocates, and victim service providers to connect, share information, and engage in critical thinking analysis about efforts needed to address and prevent intimate partner violence, family violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.

We recognize that the roots of domestic violence and trauma are grounded in issues of power and privilege, and encourage workshops that use an intersectional, anti-oppression framework, and address issues like racial or gender equity.

## Workshop proposals being sought include, but are not limited to, the following topic areas:

- Increasing access, services, and support for culturally-specific/underserved populations
- The impact of domestic violence on children and the parent-child relationship
- Innovative approaches to abuse intervention services
- Strategies for working at the intersection of domestic violence, mental health, and substance use disorders
- Community accountability and response approaches (i.e. coordinated community response teams (CCRs), innovative court responses, and transformative or restorative justice models)
- Challenges in victim advocacy (i.e. self-care, setting boundaries, values clarification, etc.)
- Evidence-based prevention models and strategies
- Innovative/emerging best practices in services for victims/survivors
- Engaging and serving youth victims of dating violence
- Strategies for trauma-informed supervision
- Impact of secondary traumatic stress on advocates/service providers
- Innovative approaches to policy, systems, and environmental change
- Confidentiality
- Strategies to promote economic justice
- Local tools/resources to promote victim safety and wellbeing (i.e. address confidentiality, witness protection, etc.)

## Preference will be given to workshops that:

- Enhance the skills of participants in building and/or strengthening collaborations and improving advocacy, practices, policies, programming and services;
- Are interactive, learner-centered, and incorporate adult learning principles;
- Align with the theme of "Envisioning Peace: Focusing through the Lens of Social Justice"

**The goal of all conference sessions is to leave attendees excited and equipped with new and useful information and new skills that can be applied practically and with confidence in their work.**

*Submissions that advertise a product, service for profit, book or other effort meant to make money during your presentation will not be considered.*

## How many workshops will be selected?

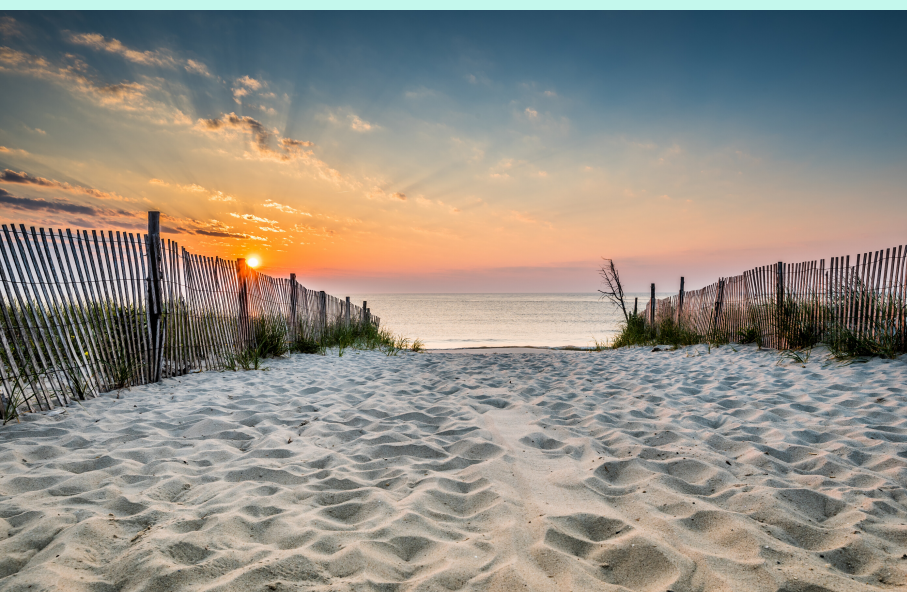
- The conference consists of two keynote presentations, 1-2 plenary sessions, and approximately 15 breakout sessions over two days.
- Workshops are 90 minutes, while keynotes and plenary sessions are scheduled for 45-60 minutes.
- Two-part workshops with opportunities for extended application and interaction will also be considered.

## How many learners should I prepare for?

Keynotes and plenary sessions are open to all attendees (125-140), but workshops may range from 40-60 attendees.

## What will I receive for presenting?

- Limited financial assistance is available for travel and lodging expenses for presenters.
- Presenters are welcome to attend any sessions on the day of their presentation. If a presenter wishes to attend the entire conference, a discounted registration rate will be available.
- A/V equipment (projector, computer, speakers, Internet, flip chart) will be provided.



## Important Dates

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020:** Proposal submissions are due to DCADV.

**Mid-January 2020:** Proposals will be reviewed by the 2020 Retreat Planning Advisory Committee.

**Friday, January 24, 2020:** All prospective presenters will be notified of their submission status.

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020:** Deadline for selected presenters to confirm their participation

**Friday, April 3, 2020:** All workshop materials (presentations and related handouts) are due to DCADV.

## How do I submit a proposal?

Submit your proposal at  
**[www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCADV20](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCADV20)**.

Submissions will also be accepted via email to **[training@dcadv.org](mailto:training@dcadv.org)**. Please visit **[www.dcadv.org/retreat](http://www.dcadv.org/retreat)** for a list of required information.

**Questions? Contact Courtney Winkler, DCADV's Training & Outreach Coordinator at [training@dcadv.org](mailto:training@dcadv.org) or 302-658-2958 ext. 15.**



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