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Newsletter



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NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

Nominate an individual or business for their advocacy and support of victims and survivors of domestic violence.

It is the time of year when DCADV recognizes advocates, community members, and local businesses that have shown extraordinary commitment to assisting and supporting victims and survivors of domestic violence through three awards presented in October as part of DCADV's Purple Ribbon Celebration.

Nominations are due by June 29th, 2021 for the Spirit of Advocacy, Vision of Peace, and Corporate Citizenship Awards.

A Note from Sue



Dear Friends,

As we enter the summer months we do so with a little more hope and yet, we remain ever-vigilant. Delaware is working hard to get everyone vaccinated. Throughout the pandemic domestic violence services and responses have continued, courageous first-responders and advocates continue to offer support and assistance. We are so grateful for their commitment!

DCADV's Virtual Advocates' Retreat and Conference Series kicked off on April 12th. This robust and diverse series of virtual trainings offer advocates, therapists, first responders, and service providers an opportunity to connect with each other and share best practices from national and local experts on efforts needed to address and prevent intimate partner violence, family violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking.

DCADV has also started a new training series called Foundations of DV Advocacy. This introductory training series was developed as a substitute for DV101 until we can safely host the in-person trainings again. These trainings cover the core response skills that folks who are new to the field need to know to effectively work with DV victims/survivors.

We are also engaging in a number of agency-specific trainings including with Delaware State Housing Authority; Community Health Worker project partners; Wilmington Police, and the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

DCADV continues to partner with the Nanticoke Tribal Association with the Nanticoke Resource Guide project, supporting the work of tribal members to become DV advocates for their tribal community. We celebrated the completion of a year-long training series and now will continue to collaborate to provide support. DCADV is grateful to the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) for the comprehensive training that they provided as part of this project.

DCADV is partnering with Healing Equity United, a program within Centering the Margins, to engage in an organizational assessment to determine how the Coalition can increase diversity, equity and inclusion within our agency's operations and center racial equity within our all of our efforts.

DCADV is also planning for the October 7th Purple Ribbon Event. It will be a virtual event again this year and we hope you can all join us for this hour-long celebration of the work of the Coalition and our member programs.

We are so grateful to our member programs for all the work they do to keep victims of domestic violence safe! Many, many thanks to all of you for your ongoing support and generosity and your shared commitment to end and prevent domestic violence.

Peace,

Sue Ryan

Advocacy & Policy Update

DCADV has been actively educating lawmakers, raising awareness of the current issues that victims are facing during this pandemic, and advocating for better laws in Delaware. Our advocacy has covered a broad range of policies including housing, criminal justice reform, paid family and medical leave, and confidentiality and privacy in healthcare. We have also been witness to advances in gun safety in Delaware, and encourage all to join our [LEAP list](#) to get involved.

We are currently tracking the following bills in Delaware's General Assembly:

From the House - HB 1; HB 124; HB 136

From the Senate - SB 3; SB 6; SB 90; SB 101; SB 111; SB 112

This first leg of the 151st General Assembly will end on June 30, 2021. So there is still time for a good bit of legislation to be introduced.

To learn more about particular legislation, please visit <https://legis.delaware.gov/>.

To become better acquainted with the GA website, a brief video tutorial is available [here](#).

Communications Update

Domestic violence is a serious public health issue that is preventable. Together, we can create conditions in Delaware, and beyond, where healthy relationships can thrive and environments are free of violence.

Every person can play a role in preventing violence.



[Learn more!](#)

"This program is funded through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family Violence Prevention and Services Program."

DV-CHW Project Update

As part of the overall evaluation plan for the [DV-CHW project](#), the Center for the Study & Prevention of Gender-Based Violence at the University of Delaware completed a formal evaluation in April 2021, comprised of quantitative and qualitative data. The report of this evaluation includes participant characteristics, the nature of services provided, key impacts, and next steps. If you're interested in receiving a copy of this report, please visit [here](#).

EVALUATION OF THE
DELAWARE COALITION
AGAINST DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKER
PROGRAM

APRIL 2021

SHORT REPORT



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Nanticoke Indian Resource Guides Update

This May, we celebrated the completion of a year-long training series that supported nine Nanticoke tribal members in becoming Resource Guides for the Nanticoke community. The Nanticoke Resource Guides for Safe & Healthy Relationships Project, a collaborative partnership of the Nanticoke Indian Association and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) was designed to identify, train, and support tribal members who can serve as a resource for anyone in the Nanticoke community who may be a victim of domestic violence or may need access to community resources to support healthy relationships.

The Nanticoke Resources Guides received extensive training through Zoom due to the safety precautions needed with the pandemic. This turned out to be a benefit, enabling participation from some tribal members who live a distance from Sussex County. Training topics have included healthy relationships, understanding dynamics of abuse, impacts on families and children, understanding substance abuse and the resources for treatment, how to empower and support survivors, as well as how to access safety and community services. Guests from a variety of community agencies have joined the Zoom sessions to share information with the Resource Guides. Resource Guides have been paid a stipend through a State of Delaware grant that recognizes the value of their time and efforts.

Remarkably, the training concluded with three sessions with dynamic speakers from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC), who were able to provide culturally specific materials for the Resource Guides. They also highlighted information about traditional indigenous values and the impact of historical trauma on the lives of indigenous people. The NIWRC and DCADV will continue to be a resource and support for the Resource Guides and the Nanticoke tribe as they embark on supporting the community.

Kudos to these nine dedicated Resource Guides, as well as the NIA Tribal Council and Chief Carmine for their investment, vision, and support of this project. In the coming months, the Resource Guides will continue to meet to develop Nanticoke-specific resource materials and plan ways to let the community know that they are available for support and connection to community resources.



RPE Program Update

DCADV has rolled out a new group under the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program. The group is part of the RPE efforts to continue the conversation about the intersection of economic justice issues related to sexual and domestic violence prevention efforts. INVEST DE is a workgroup designed to mobilize partnerships among Delawareans who share a common goal to create an economically just community across our state. This collaborative space of stakeholders exchanges expertise and ideas to help increase the number of data-informed, economically just policies adopted by workplaces across Delaware.

INVEST DE

DCADV's RPE program is intended to improve protective factors and decrease risk factors for sexual violence through implementation and evaluation of DCADV's INVEST DE group efforts. The long-term goals aim to: Strengthen women's economic well-being, increase the income status of women, decrease gender inequities in income and economic opportunity, and decrease poverty among women and female-headed households in Delaware. This group has been meeting bi-monthly since March of 2021 and continues to grow momentum surrounding conversations about ways to help create equitable access to economic participation throughout the state.

To learn more, please email prevention@dcadv.org.

This project was supported by the Grant Number CDC-RFA-CE19-1902, Rape Prevention and Education: Using The Best Available Evidence for Sexual Violence Prevention, funded by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Department of Health and Human Services.

Training & Outreach Update

Our Virtual Advocates' Retreat and Conference Series launched and is running through spring and summer! We have had several fantastic webinars already, with more to come. Visit www.dcadv.org/retreat to access recordings of past sessions and register for future sessions!



DCADV recently wrapped up a five-session series on the Foundations of Domestic Violence Advocacy. Participants learned about the dynamics of domestic violence, trauma-informed communication skills, effective response and support for victims/survivors, safety planning, and the impact of secondary traumatic stress. We hope to hold another round of this series this fall!

Training & Outreach Update (cont'd)

Domestic Violence and Housing

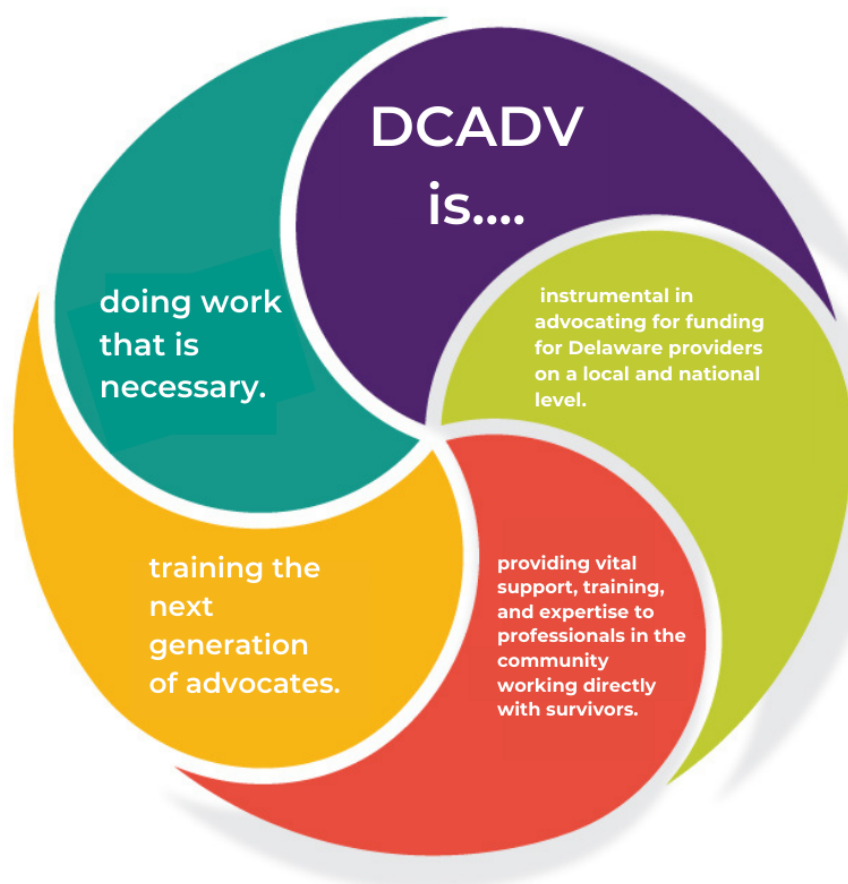
Finding and keeping safe housing is crucial for domestic violence victims/survivors. DCADV has been working with Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA) to increase their awareness of domestic violence dynamics, resources, and legal remedies/housing protections for survivors, and had the opportunity to host two trainings in May on these topics. Over 150 people were in attendance, including DSHA staff, property managers, members of the Delaware Continuum of Care, and members of the Domestic Violence Task Force Housing Subcommittee. Our team was fortunate to tap into the incredible knowledge and expertise of our partners at the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Housing Law Project, and the National Alliance for Safe Housing to present these trainings. As a result of the training, one participant noted that they feel confident “to continue fair treatment to all individuals, protect the confidentiality of residents, and make the proper referrals.” We look forward to continuing our work with DSHA to improve services and resources for victims/survivors in public housing.

Mental Health, Trauma, and Domestic Violence

The connection between mental health, trauma, and domestic violence is complex. Common mental health issues (depression, PTSD, suicidality, anxiety, addictions) are often exacerbated by domestic/intimate partner violence. DCADV had the opportunity to work with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) under the Emergency Response to Suicide Prevention grant, which requires a focus on serving domestic violence victims/survivors. DSAMH has worked with the hotline and shelter staff at two of our member organizations (CHILD, Inc. and People’s Place) to help identify those who may be at risk of suicide and to provide them with treatment through Brandywine Counseling and Community Services. Additionally, DCADV provided training to the Brandywine Counseling staff on the dynamics of domestic violence, potential challenges/barriers for folks engaging in service, effective response and support for victims/survivors, and the referral process for connecting folks to DV services. One participant summed up an important message they gained from the training: “I’ve learned that I can share with my participant that they have options instead of living in fear.”



Join us as a member!



We can't do our work without **YOU!**

Now more than ever we need individuals to help support the mission and philosophy of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Be part of a movement to end and prevent violence by becoming a supporting member through a tax-deductible contribution.

Visit www.dcadv.org/membership for more information and to join!

Member Benefits

- Membership within a statewide coalition working to end and prevent domestic violence.
- Early notification and registration for DCADV events.
- Invitation to our Annual Meeting which is held in December of each year and name recognition in the annual report.
- Discounted price for DCADV events, trainings, and conferences.
- The membership fee is 100% tax-deductible and 100% of the fee directly supports the work of DCADV.



Did you know that many corporations offer matching programs to their employees? Check with your company and your support of DCADV could double!

Meet DCADV's Board Members!

Dr. Kiesel has been a faculty member since 2015 and, more recently, Acting Chair with the Department of Social Work, Delaware State University (DSU). She teaches graduate foundation policy and practice classes, as well as macro advanced classes. Prior to joining DSU, Dr. Kiesel practiced law as Managing Attorney in a poverty project at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., (CLASI), primarily representing battered women in protection, custody and divorce proceedings, as well as attempting to prevent homelessness and denial of public benefits for those in poverty. Dr. Kiesel serves DSU by working on numerous committees and initiatives and serves her community by working on several boards related to her interests, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Peoples Place 2, CLASI, DE Lawyers' Assistance Program, and Slaughter Neck Community Action agency. She lives in Milton, Delaware, is married, has claimed her husband's adult children and grandchildren as her own. She has two dogs and two cats.

Fun fact: When I was in my early 20s, I went to hairdressing school. I worked for a while as an aesthetician in a salon in Philadelphia. While I did not cut hair professionally, the skill came in handy during COVID and I was able to cut my husband's hair. I thought it looked pretty good considering it has been a while. (He did go back to his stylist when restrictions were lifted!)

Serving on DCADV board: This is hard to answer in a sentence. DCADV is made up of the direct service agencies in Delaware and it lends support in a macro capacity. When I provided direct service to domestic violence survivors with legal services, I could also work with DCADV to make systemic change. I still value this service work and the many dedicated people I serve with on the Board and staff of the organization.



Eleanor Kiesel

Hi there,
I'm Deiana Tyree-McDuffy and I've served on DACDV's Board of Directors for about six years. My service on the Board is twofold; it reflects my personal commitment to ending intimate partner violence and I also represent CHILD, Inc., a DCADV member agency. My favorite Board memory of my work on the Board is co-creating the mission, vision, and philosophy statements. Each year as we review the annual budget, I marvel at all the work the Coalition does in collaboration with our partners. I'm looking forward to our next Purple Ribbon Event where we can celebrate our achievements and spend time together as a Coalition.

I come from a large family whose roots are in Appalachia, though I've made Delaware my home with my family of procreation. I earned a MS degree in Human Development & Family Science from the University of Delaware and a self-awarded honorary degree in awesomeness for overcoming adversities. (wink wink)

When not working or reading, I like to garden in containers, paint by numbers and cook recipes for beginners. I do those things marginally well. I enjoy the arts, specifically drama and visual arts.



Deiana Tyree-McDuffy

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