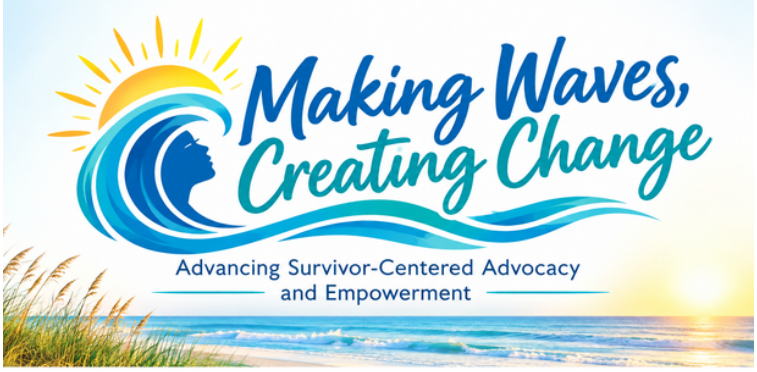


Advocates' Training & Networking Event

May 3-4, 2027
Rehoboth Beach, DE

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is seeking workshop proposals for our 26th Advocates' Training & Networking Event!

For decades, victim service professionals and advocates have worked tirelessly to support victims and survivors, navigate evolving challenges, and advance safety, justice, and healing in their communities. Through changing policies, funding uncertainties, and an ever-evolving landscape of victim services, their compassion, dedication, and commitment continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those they serve. Every connection made, every voice heard, and every survivor supported contributes to lasting change. Advocates and victim service professionals are catalysts for change, helping survivors navigate their own paths forward while working to create communities where safety, dignity, and empowerment are possible for all. This year, as we gather for the Advocates' Training & Networking Event, we embrace the theme, "**Making Waves, Creating Change: Advancing Survivor-Centered Advocacy and Empowerment**." Like waves that create ripples far beyond the shore, our collective efforts have the power to strengthen services, challenge barriers, and transform how we support victims and survivors.

Through this year's event, we hope to foster meaningful connections, encourage thoughtful dialogue, and share knowledge and innovative approaches that strengthen our collective response to intimate partner violence, family violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking. We invite workshop proposals that inspire learning, elevate survivor voices, promote empowerment, and advance survivor-centered practices. Together, we can exchange ideas, build skills, and explore new possibilities for creating meaningful change. Just as importantly, we recognize the people behind this essential work and the importance of supporting one another as we continue to learn, grow, and make waves in our communities.

We're looking for workshop proposals that include (but are not limited to) these topics:

- **Advanced DV intervention/service skills**

We have a number of seasoned providers who are looking for training beyond the basics!

- **Building effective collaborations across systems and services**

What are some innovative ways we can work together across community-based and systems-based services to improve outcomes for victims/survivors-- especially when so many of us are doing more with less?

- **Increasing access, services, and support for culturally-specific/underserved populations**

How are you ensuring access for all survivors?

- **Innovative approaches to policy, systems, and/or environmental change**

Share how you're working toward preventing or eliminating gender-based violence and how we can apply those strategies.

- **Best practices/core skills for direct service providers**

There are so many foundational skills that are essential for advocates, counselors, therapists, and hotline workers!

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.

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;
- Center the experiences of marginalized groups and how to provide more inclusive services;
- Align with the identified topics or conference theme.

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

The goal of all 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.

In your proposal, please include:

- Title of proposed workshop (**10 words or less**)
- Presenters' name(s) and contact information (organization, title, address, email, phone)
- Biography of presenter(s) (150 words maximum)
- Workshop abstract (75-100 words to be used in training materials if selected)
- Description of your presentation that discusses the content, main points to be covered, relevance to training event attendees, and **how the session is unique from others that might address the same topic** (300-500 words)
- 2-3 measurable session learning objectives
- Level of workshop (introductory; intermediate; advanced)

Submit your proposal by January 10, 2027 at 11:59 p.m. via https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCADV2027

Submissions will also be accepted via email to training@dcadv.org.

For more details on the training event or the proposal process, visit www.dcadv.org/retreat.

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