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Newsletter



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 30th, 2022 for the Spirit of Advocacy, Vision of Peace, and Corporate Citizenship Awards.

To learn more about the awards and submit a nomination, visit dcadv.org/pre

Save the Date - Purple Ribbon 2022 is Oct. 6!

A Note from Sue



Dear Friends and Advocates:

Advocacy, Advocacy, Advocacy!

DCADV has been working with our membership, community and system partners to advocate for more state funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services. This advocacy has included letters to the Governor, outreach to legislators, and outreach to the press.

With the increase in domestic violence, there is a significant and growing need for services for domestic violence and sexual assault victims. Service providers have continued to offer supportive services throughout the pandemic; they creatively responded to ensure services were safe and accessible during COVID. Although exhausted from two years of COVID, service providers courageously continue to respond and provide trauma-informed care. DCADV has been highlighting the work of service providers and advocating for additional and essential state funding.

DCADV has also been providing community education on important state legislation, including key efforts to protect the privacy and rights of DV victims. One of these legislative efforts in Delaware is HB400 which provides privacy for sensitive health care services.

As we know, after seeing a medical provider, we receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form sent to our residences. This EOB provides information about the health services we received. This is truly a safety and privacy concern for DV victims, particularly when accessing sensitive health care services, like mental health care, domestic violence services, and reproductive health care. An abuser can read the EOB, seeing what health services were received, breaching the victim's privacy and putting the victim in jeopardy. It is a frightening situation for victims and out of fear, they may not seek further health services. When individuals can depend on confidentiality safeguards, they are more likely to seek the care they need.

DCADV created two community education fact sheets on the legislation to provide helpful information:

[HB400 Factsheet](#)

[HB400 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

We encourage you to learn more about HB400 and why it is an essential privacy and safety protection for victims of domestic violence.

We will continue our advocacy for additional state funding for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault services and we will continue to share information and engage in community education on efforts to protect the privacy and safety of victims.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue Ryan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue background.

Sue Ryan
Executive Director

Training Update

Join us for an informative and exciting webinar series!

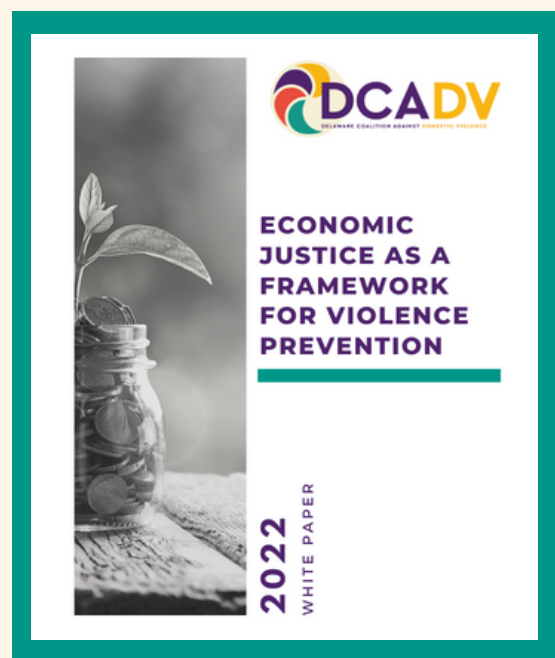
DCADV's 2022 Virtual Advocates' Retreat and Conference Series is up and running! We'll be hosting webinar sessions through the spring and summer - there's something for everyone!



Economic Justice Update

DCADV is thrilled to release “Economic Justice as a Framework for Violence Prevention.” This white paper explores how all local and statewide organizations, corporations, workplaces, and sectors can consider ways to adopt and advance policies that promote economic equity and revamp policies that may hinder success, stability, and safety for employees and communities. This white paper is being published to raise awareness and increase knowledge capacity of economic justice among community partners, corporations, and state legislators.

Read the full white paper [here](#).



Advocacy and Policy Update

Our Policy Committee and policy staff have been actively raising awareness of the needs of victims and educating elected officials about the types of policies that advance the prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence. Members of the Delaware General Assembly have been responsive to our calls for increased protections within the criminal justice system. Delaware is once again considering a constitutional amendment to expand presumptive detention beyond capital murder and to include individuals when public safety cannot be assured. There have also been a series of gun violence prevention bills introduced. To learn more about these bills, visit the [Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence](#).

We are thrilled to also provide an update on efforts to address DV through a public health response. [DE's Paid Family Medical Leave Act](#) has been signed by the Governor and is to be implemented over the next two years. We are also advocating for the passage of a privacy in insurance billing bill, and ask that you please help us build support for [HB400](#). See Sue's Note for additional information.

DCADV also recognizes the significant impact of economic abuse by offenders and has advocated for economic justice. One recent effort is to explicitly include this form of abuse in DE's protection from abuse law. [HB414](#) was introduced by Rep. Eric Morrison after working with domestic violence legal advocates and is modeled after laws in California, Maine and New York. We realize we are nearing the end of session, but hope to advance this bill before June 30.

Stay informed on DCADV's advocacy and policy work!



Domestic Violence doesn't stay at home – it impacts our workplaces and economy.

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Professional development to foster thriving, respectful environments.

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Coaching Boys Into Men Update

As part of the CDC's Delta Impact grant that is designed to promote primary prevention strategies to address intimate partner violence¹, DCADV is engaging influential adults and peers with a program called Coaching Boys Into Men. This program is an evidence-based prevention program structured to help athletic coaches discuss healthy relationship behaviors and bystander intervention strategies with the young men on their teams². The goal of Coaching Boys Into Men is to leverage the tremendous impact sports has over our culture and the influential role that male coaches have over their athletes to model healthy behaviors to transform those athletes into leaders that help shape-changing gender and social norms in their communities, which in turn will reduce violent behaviors³.

One of the ways DCADV has engaged influential adults and peers is by forming a new partnership with Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association (RSTTA)! With this collaboration, DCADV has been working with RSTTA during their launch of a new workforce development program to help develop & strengthen their interpersonal skills for the working world. With the completion of their first cohort, some of the CBIM lessons and values are already making an impact!

“ On the topic of noticing aggressive behaviors, one of the teens stated, “I think that [it] was a very important topic to touch on as young adults because not many teens know that abuse is not just physical”.

“ Another participant felt an impact from the messaging around harmful gender norms and stated “...these gender labels and stereotypes are hurting the youth plus the new generation and we don't even realize it”.

This collaboration continues the ongoing work of reaching young minds who will be our future leaders of tomorrow – Thank you Rodney Street Tennis & Tutoring Association!

We also want to give a shout-out to the Claymont Boys & Girls Club! They have just completed training for their staff on Athletes As Leaders, a complimentary program to CBIM that focuses on female-identified athletes and teams. By completing the training, they are ready to bring the same messaging around healthy relationships and bystander intervention to their youth program participants. We are excited to see the impact Athletes As Leaders will have on the teens who are part of the Claymont Boys & Girls Club! Stay tuned!

[1] Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/delta/impact/index.html>

[2] Source: <https://www.coachescorner.org/>

[3] Ibid.



DV-CHW Update

DCADV's Domestic Violence & Community Health Program Manager, Erin Ridout, was invited to write an article for the Delaware Journal of Public Health. The article is entitled - [Domestic Violence: A Public Health Problem Requires a Public Health Solution.](#)



Help is available for survivors of domestic violence.
Call a Community Health Advocate for support today.

Purple Ribbon Celebration



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Join DCADV for our Purple Ribbon Celebration! We have sponsorship and advertising opportunities available. This year's event will be in-person so you don't want to miss it!

The Purple Ribbon Celebration is important to us. It is our annual fundraiser and not only does it raise awareness in the community about domestic violence, it also raises essential funds that DCADV uses throughout the year to support our training efforts, outreach work and our general operation.

Domestic Violence Specialist Certificate Program

Delaware State University DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPECIALIST Certificate Program

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From Dr. Eleanor Kiesel, Interim Associate Dean

"I am very excited to start this program at Delaware State University, an HBCU founded in 1891. We offer this cross-disciplinary program to support a diverse workforce in Delaware that can advocate for survivors from all populations and underserved groups. If you join us, you will understand the dynamics of intimate partner violence and sexual assault as a societal condition with historical roots. Please contact me for more information at Ekiesel@desu.edu."



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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental and foundational knowledge of domestic violence and sexual assault, including the history; gender issues, empowerment, power/control; family dynamics; risk assessment/safety planning; community resources; and ethical responsibilities.
- Understand and apply an increased cultural humility and competency particularly with underserved populations to include but not be limited to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and ability.
- Assess and demonstrate intervention with those impacted by trauma, spanning developmental stages from childhood to elder populations.
- Evaluate evidenced-based interventions and policy trends, practices and advocacy that impact micro-, mezzo- and macro system-level practice with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Understand criminal and civil justice systems that impact perpetrators as well as victims.

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Delaware State University DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

100% online or hybrid

PLAN OF STUDY

Course #	Course Name	Credits
WHIG-201	Intro to Women & Gender Studies	3
SCJ-309	Men & Women in Society	3
WHIG-319 OR SCJ-415	Intersectionality OR Victimology	3
SCWK-402	Family/ IPV Violence	3
SCWK-410	Issues in DV Delivery	3
SCWK-450	Field Practicum	3
Total Credits:		18

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Domestic Violence Specialist Certificate Program requires the completion of 18 credits, plus additional internship hours with an agency specializing in domestic violence services under a DVS supervision.

The program provides students with the opportunity to graduate with domestic violence/sexual assault coursework, preparing them to work as advocates and to be well on their way to certification.

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL CERTIFICATION

- No history of violent behavior for five years; review of complete criminal and substance abuse history;
- Submit a Criminal Background Check from the State of Delaware, state of residence and state of employment (or verification of background check from employer);
- Abide by the Professional Code of Ethics of Delaware Domestic Violence Specialist;
- Complete 2,000 hours of service in the area of practice (direct services/systems advocacy and/or prevention);
- Complete 70 clock hours (110 clock hours for Dual Certification) of Training and Education with documentation;
- Complete 12 hours of mentoring sessions with a DCADV Certified Domestic Violence Specialist;
- Submit three evaluations — one each from a supervisor, a colleague and a local community agency — and a self-evaluation.

ADMISSION STEPS & TIME FRAMES

Students should apply through their advisor or by contacting Dr. Eleanor Kiesel at ekiesel@desu.edu.

Students are encouraged to apply early in their academic career at Delaware State University and/or prior to taking electives in order to fit the certificate requirements into the existing major program.



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It All **MATTERS.**

Delaware State University was founded in 1891 and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). For important safety and consumer information, please visit desu.edu/consumer-information.

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!

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