



PURPLE RIBBON 2021!

Join us for the Purple Ribbon Celebration on Oct. 7th via Zoom.

Together, let's celebrate the work of the Coalition
and DV Community!

2021 award winners on page 3!

Raffle items on page 4!

Please register by Friday, Oct. 1st, 2021.

Learn more and buy tickets.



A Note from Sue



Dear Friends:

September is self-care awareness month and it comes at a good time. Often a transitional month from the heat and hurry of summer to the cool, busy days of fall, September can be a month to pause, catch our breath, and ready ourselves for the work ahead. It is good to reflect and to take a moment, maybe even two, for ourselves. Self-care is essential.

DCADV has been busy this summer. We successfully engaged in and completed the Virtual Advocates' Retreat and Conference Series. Diverse, engaging, important topics were addressed by local and national experts; information that empowers DV advocates in their work with survivors. DCADV also kicked off INVEST DE: Integrating Non-Violent Economic Strategies throughout Delaware. This emerging group of community partners is addressing ways to influence businesses across Delaware to incorporate policies that foster safer, more inclusive, economically-just workplaces.

DCADV continues to partner with the Nanticoke Tribal Association with the Nanticoke Resource Guide project, supporting Chief Carmine and the Resource Guides in their preparations for hosting an awareness and outreach table at their September Powwow.

DCADV is enthusiastically working on final preparations for the October 7th Virtual Purple Ribbon Event. We will be acknowledging three outstanding community partners and advocates through the Vision of Peace, Spirit of Advocacy, and Corporate Citizenship Awards. There will be an online basket auction and there is still an opportunity to show your support for DCADV by joining as a sponsor or purchasing an ad for the program book. We hope you can all join us for this hour-long celebration of the work of the Coalition and our member programs!

We continue to be so very 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



Purple Ribbon 2021 Award Winners

Vision of Peace

Karyl Thomas Rattay, MD, MS, FAAP

Spirit of Advocacy

Janell L. Stanton, BSW, DVS

Corporate Citizenship

ChristianaCare Office of Health Equity

Bettina Tweardy Riveros, J.D.

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Christopher Moore

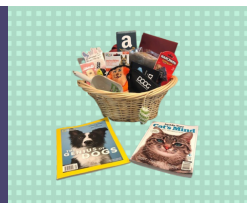
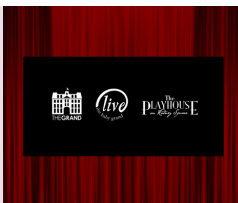
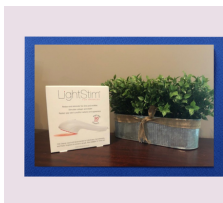
Carla Aponte-Johnson



Check out this year's items!

www.dcadv.org/raffle

the online basket raffle runs from
Sept. 15 - Oct. 15.



32 ITEMS!

Integrating Non-Violent Economic Strategies Throughout Delaware (INVEST DE) is a workgroup designed to mobilize partnerships among Delawareans who share a common mission 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.

Initiated by DCADV, the intent of this strategy is to decrease social factors (financial insecurity and poverty) that contribute to the likelihood that intimate partner and sexual violence will occur. INVEST DE recognizes that moving toward an economically-just Delaware requires a systems-level approach to address these issues.

Our key partners currently include Contact Lifeline, Delaware's Office of Women's Advancement and Advocacy, the University of Delaware's (UD) Center for the Study and Prevention of Gender-Based Violence, UD's Women's Leadership Initiative, and YWCA's Sexual Assault Response Center (SARC). Together, we hope to:

- Increase the availability of data-informed economic justice resources for workplaces.
- Increase workplaces' understanding of economic justice policies and their link to the prevention of intimate partner and sexual violence.
- Increase the number of organizations and workplaces in Delaware adopting new policies or updating existing policies that positively impact economic justice.

Want to learn more? Contact prevention@dcadv.org.

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Training & Outreach Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Virtual Advocates' Retreat and Conference Series! Over the last four months, over 200 advocates and service providers from all over the country have participated in sessions to improve services and collaboration to better serve victims/survivors.

Recordings and resources for all sessions can be found at www.dcadv.org/retreat.



WEAVER Task Force

WEAVER is back! Our survivor task force, Women Empowered Against Violence in Every Relationship, or WEAVER, is active again with many exciting upcoming speaking engagements.

WEAVER members are participating in a healthcare training video in partnership with Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative, speaking with Christiana Care Community Health Workers and YWCA Delaware Sexual Assault Response Center advocates, and getting back into University of Delaware classrooms and centers to talk with students studying women's studies and gender-based violence.

WEAVER is actively recruiting new members to participate in these opportunities and more. If you or someone you know is a survivor and is interested in being a part of WEAVER, email our WEAVER Coordinator at weaveradmin@dcadv.org or fill out an interest form online.

WEAVER
Interest Form



Women Empowered Against Violence in Every Relationship

WEAVER is a task force of domestic violence survivors, created to educate the general public, criminal justice officials, government officials, service providers, advocates, and other professionals about domestic violence from the survivors' perspective.

**Visit www.dcadv.org/weaver
to learn more and join today!**



CHILD, Inc. announces new "Chat" feature for Victims of Domestic Violence

CHILD, Inc. is pleased to announce an enhancement to its domestic violence services with the addition of a "chat" feature through its website (www.childinc.com). The "chat" icon, on the agency's homepage, allows victims of domestic violence and those seeking to help them, to access assistance from CHILD, Inc.'s 24/7 bi-lingual (English/Spanish) hotline counselors without needing to speak by telephone. For victims of domestic violence who are unable to safely place a phone call to the hotline, the chat feature will enable them to request help, including emergency shelter, in a private, confidential chat exchange.

"Often, victims can't place a call to our domestic violence hotline out of fear that their batterer could overhear them on the phone. Victims' cell phone call logs can also be monitored by their abusers," says Diedra Harper, Associate Director of CHILD, Inc.'s shelter and hotline services. "The chat feature provides another option for victims to reach us."

The custom-coded chat feature was designed so that no information about a caller is maintained electronically. The chat feature is monitored by CHILD, Inc.'s hotline call-takers, and all information shared during a chat, as with a hotline call, is confidential.

Funding for the development of the chat application was provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family Violence Protection and Services Act (FVPSA), Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, 2020 [P.L. 116-136], 2001DESDC3 as a pass-through from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV).

"CHILD, Inc. is pleased to be able to offer this new chat option to victims of domestic violence in New Castle County and is grateful to DCADV for their financial support of this initiative," says Lori Sitler, Executive Director of CHILD, Inc. "The pandemic required us to think outside the box about how to creatively serve those clients who may be isolated at home with their batterer and unable to make a call to our hotline."

About CHILD, Inc.

Since 1963, CHILD, Inc. has been helping the children and families of Delaware. CHILD, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that offers prevention, treatment, emergency shelter and advocacy services. Call the Domestic Violence Hotline at 302-762-6110 or chat via the website www.childinc.com.



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Meet DCADV's Board Members!

April has been in nursing practice for more than 25 years working with vulnerable populations in the areas of maternal and child health, community mental health, corrections, and managed care. Ms. Lyons holds a Master of Science degree in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University with a specialty area in Community Systems Administration as well as a Master's in Public Administration from Delaware State University. She has extensive experience with developing, implementing, and managing population health initiatives for families across the lifespan.

April holds the distinction of being selected to the inaugural class of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and has been awarded the Outstanding Leadership Scholarship Award from the Delta Rho Chapter. She is a presidential member of Sigma Alpha Pi National Society of Leadership and Success, Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration as well as a member of the International Golden Key Honor Society.

April is also a member of both the American and Delaware Nurses Association. She is passionate about advocating for underserved communities addressing health disparities and inequities while promoting social justice. April is currently contracted as a Women, Infants, and Families Nurse Consultant with Delaware Healthy Mother Infant Consortium.

Fun Fact!

April is a trivia enthusiast and is the proud winner of 3 coveted golden ship-on-a-stick trophies from trivia competitions on Carnival Cruise Lines!

Why is it important to you to serve on the DCADV Board?

I believe in the vision of DCADV. It aligns with my core values. It is an invaluable opportunity to make a significant contribution to the lives of women, men, children, and families in Delaware who are or have been victims of DV.



**April L. Lyons-Alls,
RN, MSN, MPA**

Dr. Jennifer Naccarelli is an Associate Professor and the Associate Chair of Women and Gender Studies and the co-director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Gender-Based Violence at the University of Delaware.

Since 2011, she has served as the Director of UD's Domestic Violence Prevention and Services Program and implemented the first of its kind undergraduate advocacy training program. In this capacity she teaches, researches, publishes, and designs curriculums and field experiences in the field of gender-based violence. Her work explores the intersection of feminist theory and practice through the integration of experiential learning within undergraduate coursework.



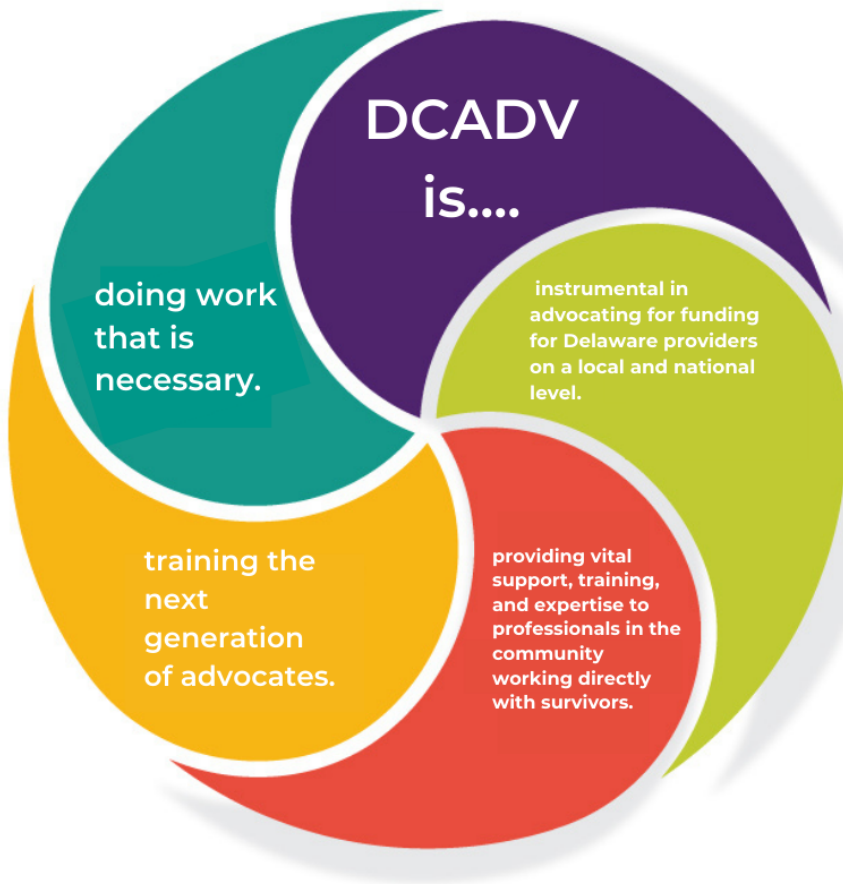
Dr. Jennifer Naccarelli

An advocate of community-engaged scholarship and education, she builds and sustains partnerships with local and national agencies to support the professional development of students and support the mission and needs of partner agencies.

Why is it important to you to serve on the DCADV Board?

It is important for me to serve on the DCADV Board so that I can intimately understand the wide scope of DCADV activities and support their mission to the best of my ability. Through service on the board, I build relationships with some of the most committed experts and advocates that I have ever had the privilege to work with. Together we support the critical mission of the DCADV.

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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