



DELAWARE COALITION  
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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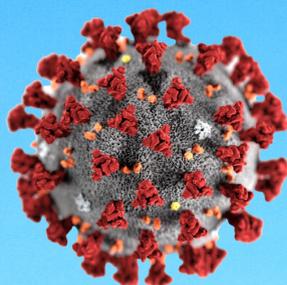
YOU

We just want to say thank you to our member agencies, family courts, local and state police, firefighters, paramedics, and correctional officers. During this unprecedented time **ALL of YOU** have been doing all you can to get the work done!

We also want to thank DE Attorney General Kathy Jennings for working with us to obtain a donation of 100 cell phones with prepaid calls, texts, and data. These phones were made available to Delaware domestic violence survivors as the result of a public-private-nonprofit collaboration between the Delaware Department of Justice, the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and industry donors. We can do so much more when we work together!



If staying home during COVID-19 isn't safe for you due to child abuse or domestic violence, help is available 24/7.



***DCADV***  
***Covid-19 Resource Page***

## A NOTE from Sue



During the past few months we have often heard the term “new normal” to describe how we are engaging with each other now and, very likely in the future. This new normal arises from the public health crisis and the need to be safe, beginning with ourselves, by washing hands, wearing protective face masks, maintaining social distancing. These new societal behaviors reduce the risks of spreading the virus and foster protections for keeping us free from harm. Our efforts are anchored in our desire to keep ourselves and others safe.

During this pandemic, victims of domestic violence experience heightened risks because of the dangers of sheltering in place with an abuser. The need for services and supports are especially critical and the DV services community responded: DV resources, shelter, and victim services remain open. First responders and advocates continue to provide help and support, no matter the challenge and concerns raised by this pandemic. We are so grateful for their courage and commitment.

Like a pandemic, domestic violence is also a public health crisis, affecting families at a staggering rate. The domestic violence public health crisis has devastated individuals and scarred our community for a long time, so long that many consider it just a normal violence. But, violence is not normal.

As with the pandemic, the crisis of intimate partner violence calls us to create a new normal. We are called to engage in societal behaviors that can reduce the risk factors of intimate partner violence and foster protective factors for keeping us safe. We can challenge gender-bias and engage in efforts that support equality and equity such as equal pay. We can support efforts that build and strengthen community connectedness and cohesion.

The strategies for preventing domestic violence and creating a new normal may sound complex – a little harder than washing our hands – but with commitment, they become just as easy. All that is needed is a commitment to change fueled by our desire to keep ourselves and others safe. We take it step by step, ever mindful of those at risk, and we never give up, and eventually, preventing domestic violence is no longer a new normal, it’s just normal.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue Ryan'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sue Ryan  
Executive Director  
DCADV

[DCADV's statement in response to the murder of George Floyd and the call for justice](#)

# PURPLE RIBBON EVENT

## Nominations

Nominate an individual or business for their commitment to 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 a part of DCADV's Purple Ribbon Celebration.

Spirit of  
Advocacy

Vision of  
Peace

Corporate  
Citizenship

Nominations are due by June 22, 2020. For more information and to submit a nomination click below!



Spirit of Advocacy Past Honorees:

Janine Howard-O'Rangers- 2018  
Erica Davis- 2017  
Carmen Méndez- 2016  
Mone't Jackson- 2015  
Juan Rodriguez- 2013  
Stephanie Hamilton- 2012  
Mona Bayard- 2011  
Geri Lewis-Loper- 2010  
Maria Picazo- 2009

Corporate Citizenship Past Honorees:

Allstate Insurance Company - 2018  
Del-One Federal Credit Union - 2015  
BlackRock Investment Management Company - 2013  
Verizon Telecommunications Company - 2012

Vision of Peace Past Honorees:

Pat Kwetkauskie- 2018  
Representative Deborah Hudson- 2017  
Senator Karen Peterson - 2016  
Dr. Vicky Kelly- 2015  
Paulette Sullivan Moore- 2013  
U.S. Senator Chris Coons- 2012  
Jessica Schiffman, Associate Director of Women's Studies, UD- 2011  
Governor Jack Markell- 2010  
State Senator Liane Sorenson- 2009  
William Allan- President, Verizon Delaware- 2008  
State Senator Patricia Blevins- 2007  
Christine Baron -Tri State Region President, Verizon Wireless -2004  
Senator Joseph Biden- 2000

## Training & Outreach Update

### Making the Shift: Training in the Digital Age

The last few months have tested our resiliency, practices, and creativity as we navigate new challenges in our work. DCADV remains committed to the development of Delaware's workforce, and continues to provide training to meet the needs of our community. Whether through Zoom, GoTo Webinar, or one of the many other virtual learning platforms available, we will forge ahead to ensure relevant and engaging training opportunities are available.

Click below to learn more about our webinars and online training opportunities!



## Advocacy & Policy Update

Our Federal and State partners continue to advocate for necessary funding and support of programs. Thankfully, despite cuts, program are receiving much needed resources. To stay up to date, sign up to receive DCADV legislative alerts.



# JOIN US AS A MEMBER

Financial support from people like you helps us continue our good work!



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 and who want to help create a less violent world by becoming a supporting member through a tax-deductible contribution.

Visit [www.dcadv.org](http://www.dcadv.org) to join us now!

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## Membership Benefits

Membership within a statewide coalition working to end domestic violence

Early notification and registration for DCADV events

Discounted price for DCADV events, trainings, and conferences

Invitation to our Annual Meeting which is held in December of each year and name recognition in annual report.

Membership fee is 100% tax deductible and 100% of the fee directly supports the work of DCADV

# STAY IN CONTACT

Want to know what the Coalition is up to? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest and greatest!



## You are not alone.



If you or someone you know is in a dangerous or unhealthy relationship, local domestic violence advocates are available to help **24/7** by phone.

## We're here to help.

**Domestic Violence Hotlines**  
New Castle County: 302-762-6110  
Kent & Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058  
or en español 302-745-9874

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