



# DECEMBER 2020

Newsletter



## 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.

Your holiday shopping just got **easier!**

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/membership](http://www.dcadv.org/membership) to give the gift of membership!

"You should join DCADV because they provide vital support, training, and expertise to professionals in the community working directly with survivors."

# A Note from Sue



Dear Friends:

Here we are at the end of an historical year. As we wrap up 2020, we know that we will continue to carry forward challenges and yet, we do so with a little more hope.

The COVID pandemic has been unprecedented. It has challenged each of us in unique ways and called forth the need to work together to keep each other safe. DCADV has been inspired by the courage and commitment of domestic violence advocates, first responders, the family court and legal advocates, as well as all of our system and community partners as they relentlessly offer assistance and support. DCADV is honored to work collaboratively with our member programs and the community as we continue to respond and manage this ongoing crisis.

As we look back at 2020, we are also painfully aware of those we lost, especially those who are victims to an unjust system. Going forward, DCADV has re-committed itself to genuinely challenge our coalition to work for racial and economic justice which are essential for preventing intimate partner violence. We humbly acknowledge that we have much to learn and more importantly, much to do and we are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with our member programs and community partners in this effort.

As we look forward to the challenges on the horizon of 2021, we can do so with more hope. For the first time in America's history there is a woman Vice-President, Kamala Harris, a woman of color, a woman of strength, a woman who cares deeply about this country and all of its citizens. Delaware's own President-elect Joe Biden served as Vice-President to America's first Black President and now serves as President with America's first Black woman Vice-President. Truly, this is cause for celebration. Through all the turmoil and noise, America spoke up with conviction: we want change.

The days ahead will continue to be challenging, but we go forward with strength, as a community, as a coalition. Our work is anchored in our belief that no one deserves to be abused, not by a person and not by a system, and that everyone deserves a safe, healthy, equitable relationship in families and in communities.

We remain deeply grateful to our member programs for all the work they do every day to keep victims of domestic violence safe. We so appreciate you, our members and supporters, for your generosity of spirit and your shared commitment to end and prevent domestic violence.

May your holiday season be peaceful and may the New Year bring you joy.

Peace,

Sue Ryan

# Prevention & Economic Justice Update



DCADV in collaboration with The Biden Institute and University of Delaware's Center for the Study of Prevention and Gender Based Violence hosted a 3 part webinar series titled, "Economic Justice through Social Responsibility". The 3 part series took place across the month of October and highlighted local and national speakers that were able to speak to the intersection of financial stability and gender based violence, specifically domestic and sexual violence. This project was funded by the Rape Prevention Education grant, Rape Prevention and Education: Using the Best Available Evidence for Sexual Violence Prevention.

DCADV's RPE program will continue efforts to provide education and training around economic stability and prevention policy initiatives.

Stay tuned for more ways to be informed and engaged in 2021!

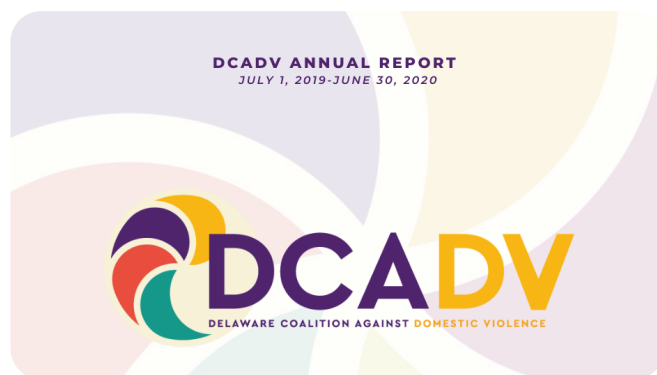
# Training & Outreach Update



DCADV's Advocates' Retreat & Conference is going virtual for 2021, and we're looking for your input! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DVTraining2020> and tell us about your training needs and preferences. The survey is very short (only 4 questions) and will help us plan this year's event. This survey will be open until 12/14/2020. Questions? Email us at [training@dcadv.org](mailto:training@dcadv.org).

**DCADV's  
FY2020 Annual Report  
is available.**

[Read it here](#)



# Housing Update

Improving survivors' access to safe, stable, and affordable housing has continued to be a significant priority and focus of our work. Towards this, DCADV went live recently with a newly created housing section on our website. We are proud to be able to host the extensive work of the Domestic Violence Task Force's Housing Subcommittee's efforts to create clear and consistent resource materials for survivors and their advocates to access. There is specific information about Delaware's housing resources, details about housing rights and protections available, as well as national guidance about best practices. There are also recorded mini-webinars embedded in the website material for quick access and learning. Check out the Housing Section of the DCADV's website here: <https://dcadv.org/what-we-do/advocacy-policy-work/housing/housing-home.html>



## Nanticoke Project Update

Significant progress has been made with 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). The Resource Guide Project is 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. To date, ten tribal members are actively engaged in learning and community organizing through virtual sessions with staff from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

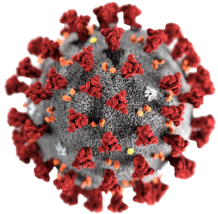


The Nanticoke Resources Guides extensive training is being offered via zoom due to the safety precautions needed with the pandemic. Despite the challenges that Covid presents, this group has been active and committed to the project. Training topics have included healthy relationships, understanding dynamics of abuse, how to empower and support survivors, as well as how to access safety and extensive community services. Guest from community agencies have joined the zoom sessions to share information with the Resource Guides. Resource Guides are paid a stipend through a State of Delaware grant that recognizes the value of their time and efforts.

In the coming months, the Resource Guides will learn more about community resources, including how to access local substance abuse treatment. They will also be developing resource materials that are specific for the Nanticoke community. Efforts are underway to assure that the project continues beyond the initial training, including developing a way to add new participants, assure resource information is up to date, and to connect with national indigenous organizations that are doing similar work.

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