



DCADV



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Happy
Holidays

As 2023 comes to a close, we invite you to be a catalyst for change by making a year-end donation today. Your contribution, whether large or small, is instrumental in sustaining our efforts and bringing about the goal of ending and preventing domestic violence.

Making a donation is easy – simply click [here](#) to make your gift.

Interested in joining us a member? Learn more [here](#).

A Note from Sue



Dear Friends and Advocates,

This past year has been a busy year and the efforts of the Coalition have been enhanced by our collaboration with member programs and community partners. We are so grateful for this partnership!

The work of the Coalition could be summed up by the **ABC's**:

Awareness and Advocacy: DCADV raises awareness of domestic violence through public education campaigns. We support the work of DV services providers by offering comprehensive training throughout the year on trauma-informed responses. We advocate at the state and federal level for more funding for DV services. DCADV anchors all its work in prioritizing the needs of DV survivors, listening to their voices, and advocating for policies and practices that enhance safety.

Building and Strengthening Primary Prevention Strategies: DCADV understands that in order to prevent intimate partner violence, we must address the root causes by looking at racial inequities, sexism, harmful gender norms, and economic insecurity. The Coalition partners with member programs to engage in primary prevention strategies that address the risk factors of intimate partner violence. DCADV continues to advocate for economic justice policies that strengthen families and free DV survivors from financial abuse and insecurity.

Community Collaboration: As a Coalition, we work in partnership with member programs and system partners to coordinate efforts to respond to the needs of DV survivors. We work collaboratively with member programs and community partners to provide resources to assist DV survivors. DCADV works in partnership with DV service providers and the healthcare community to provide DV-Community Health Advocates, mobile advocates, who can meet with victims in safe locations to address health and safety needs.

All the work that we do as a Coalition is possible because of the dedication and commitment of the Staff and the Board and our partnership with the Member Programs!

DCADV is also inspired by DV survivors, especially the courageous women within the Women Empowered Against Violence in Every Relationship (WEAVER) task force and by the leadership and commitment of the Women of Color task force (WOCTF)!

Many, many thanks to all the individual donors, organizations and funders for their generosity and support! **Thank you for your shared commitment to end and prevent domestic violence.**

Peace,

Sue Ryan

Training Update

**SEEKING
WORKSHOP
PROPOSALS**

DCADV is seeking workshop proposals for our 2024 Advocates' Retreat and Conference!

[Learn more at www.dcadv.org/retreat](http://www.dcadv.org/retreat)



**2024 Advocates' Retreat and
Conference
May 6-7, 2024**

DCADV Update



**DCADV's 2023
annual report is
available**

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

DCADV is committed to building and strengthening our community partnerships and collaborations in order to inform and prioritize our racial equity work.

[Read the full commitment here](#)



DV-Community Health Advocate Update

DV-Community Health Advocates are now available in all counties in Delaware!

EVERYONE deserves a safe and healthy relationship. If you or someone you know is in a dangerous or abusive relationship, local Community Health Advocates are available to help.



Community Health Advocates will meet with you in a place where YOU feel SAFE & COMFORTABLE.

Would you like to talk to a Community Health Advocate?
New Castle County 302-757-2137
Kent/Sussex Counties 302-422-8058



RPE Update



Paid Family Medical Leave & Your Workplace

We hope you'll join us for breakfast & panel discussion about paid family & medical leave. Learn more about the opt-in process & how it can benefit both employers and employees!

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024

9am - Noon

CHEER Community Center
Georgetown, DE 19947

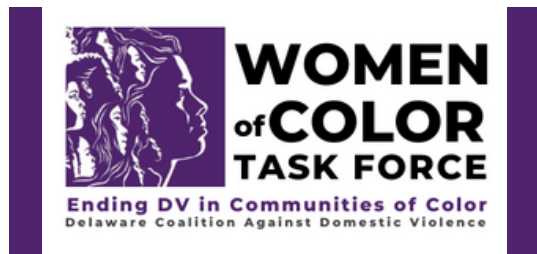
www.bit.ly/PFMLevent2024

Please register by 12/28/2023



This event is funded through the DE Division of Public Health Rape Prevention and Education Services Grant.

Task Forces



» [Learn more about the task forces and sign up!](#)

WEAVER was at the E-Racing the Blues Walk at Glasgow Park on September 30 to distribute information about the WEAVER task force, DCADV, as well as information about DV community resources.

A WEAVER member joined Joe Myers, DCADV's Prevention Director, at Bank of America for their ANNUAL domestic violence awareness and training seminar. She shared her personal story with the group and fielded questions.

In October, a WEAVER member joined Omar Rashad's Facebook live and talked about her experiences with domestic violence. She shared resources that she utilized when she was leaving her situation and shared with the viewers what resources are currently available through DCADV and their partner organizations.



October was a busy month for the Women of Color Task Force!

WOCTF staffed a resource table at Victory Christian Fellowship Church. They also staffed a resource table at DCADV's Purple Ribbon celebration and donated a gift basket to the auction.

WOCTF presented its first webinar since COVID, "Financial Wisdom for DV Survivors... & You," which offered 1 free CEU.

Meet the new DCADV staff members!

Elaine Ansah began her new role at DCADV as the Policy Coordinator on October 16th. Prior to joining the team, Elaine spent the last 10 months completing a Fulbright teaching grant in Kenya, and spent the previous year working as a Legislative Correspondent in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As DCADV's Policy Coordinator, Elaine will identify emerging policy issues and represent the Coalition at meetings to collaborate with partners on task forces, work groups, and committees to improve the access of services for DV victims and promote prevention efforts.

Elaine is passionate about community outreach and support services, in addition to promoting legislation that champions social services, education, and equity. She has worked as an advocate, at home in Delaware and abroad, and is eager to serve her community in Delaware once again.



Shaina Collins, Administrative Coordinator, joined the DCADV team on October 30th. Shaina comes to us from Progressive Life Center, a non-profit private Foster Care Agency located in Newark Delaware where she was the Administrative Assistant, Recruitment, Training and Licensing Specialist, FAMCare Liaison and managed Out of State ASSIST clients. Shaina has many years of experience working in the social services, she is passionate about advocacy and improving the lives of people in our community.

As Administrative Coordinator, Shaina will be working closely with the Director of Finance and Operations. Shaina is eager to get started and happy to be a part of such a great team.

Member Agency News



Looking for an opportunity to provide direct services? DCADV's member organizations work directly with people impacted by domestic violence through hotlines, shelters, legal services, community-based advocacy, and more.

These links are posted for informational purposes. If you have questions about positions at one of these member agencies, please contact them directly.



The Combined Campaign for Justice (CCJ) is a fundraising effort between Delaware's three non-profit civil legal aid agencies: Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI); Delaware Volunteer Legal Services (DVLS); and Legal Services Corporation of Delaware (LSCD). CCJ not just a partnership; it's a movement dedicated to ensuring that all Delawareans have equal access to justice and legal support, regardless of their circumstances. Our mission is to improve the lives of those facing challenging legal situations, and we believe that this holiday season is the perfect time to extend our hands and hearts to those who need it most.

Through the support of justice-minded individuals like you, we can empower families to rebuild their lives, protect the rights of the vulnerable, and level the playing field. Your contribution to CCJ will have a transformative impact on our community, helping us provide crucial legal assistance and support to those who might otherwise be left in the margins. To learn more about CCJ or make a contribution, visit: <https://delawareccj.org/>

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