

DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

September 2019



We are looking forward to our Purple Ribbon Event this year! What an exciting night it will be.

Not only is it our **25th Anniversary** but we are also honoring our founder, Carol Post.

We hope you will join us on Oct. 3rd. Purchase your tickets at www.dcadv.org/PRE by Sept. 26th.

This year's event features a seated dinner, basket raffle, and a nice evening to be had by all!

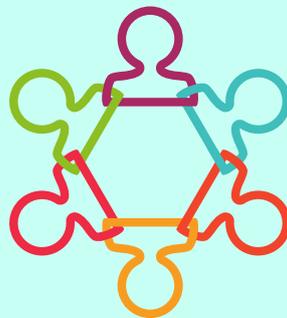
Our Mission Statement

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a statewide, nonprofit organization and coalition of organizations, groups and individuals that strive to promote conditions that prevent and eliminate domestic violence by educating its members and community partners; providing informational resources to the community; and advocating as a strong, unified voice for victims/survivors of domestic violence, children who are affected, domestic violence programs and victim service providers.



JOIN US AS A MEMBER

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



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Join us at the Purple Ribbon event to volunteer. It's a great event and wonderful way to show your support while lending a hand!



STAY IN CONTACT

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

A Note from Sue...



September, October and November are busy months at the DV Coalition!

In September, Courtney Winkler, DCADV's Training Coordinator and the training team will be presenting DV101, a two-day conference on the dynamics of DV. The DV101 training is an opportunity for new advocates, therapists, first responders, medical personnel and social workers to learn more about intimate partner violence, including trauma-informed responses and available statewide resources. During the training the participants have an opportunity to meet face-to-face with domestic violence service providers from across the state to learn more about programs and supports. This component of the training brings "faces to the work" and encourages networking and community connections.

In October, DCADV will be celebrating the organization's 25th anniversary! This year's Purple Ribbon Event (PRE) will be held on October 3rd and it will be an acknowledgement of the agency's history and ongoing commitment to end and prevent domestic violence. We will be recognizing DCADV's founding Executive Director Carol Post. Carol retired just a few years ago, but her legacy lives on. We are thrilled to come together: supporting members, community partners, advocates and friends – to celebrate Carol, the anniversary and our shared commitment.

In November, DCADV will host a Member Program meeting. These meetings are an opportunity to dialogue with our member organizations and to learn about training, resource and advocacy priorities. The meetings are also a wonderful opportunity to network and acknowledge are work together.

The Fall months are filled with training, advocacy, prevention efforts and collaboration – just a normal few months for all of us here at DCADV! Many thanks to all of our Board members, member programs, system partners and supportive members – it is because of your partnership that we are able to engage in this work!

Sue Ryan
Executive Director

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

For more information, visit the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence at DCADV.org.
This program is funded through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime.

DCADV is engaging in an Outreach Campaign to advertise the DV Hotline Numbers. DCADV is grateful to the Criminal Justice Council for the VOCA funding to create this campaign. This is a sample graphic that will be displayed in movie theaters and buses.



Eagles Tickets RAFFLE!

Sec. 104

Row 2



Seats
17 & 18



EXCELLENT
SEATS!

EAGLES
SIDE!



Monday, December 9 @ 8:15 p.m.
Lincoln Financial Field

Don't you want to be there? This rivalry dates back to 1933!
Enter for a chance to win 2 tickets to this exciting game!

★ (\$800 value!) ★

\$50 per chance, ONLY 100 chances will be sold!
Visit www.dcadv.org/PRE before they are all gone!
Drawing will be held on **November 15th.**

All proceeds benefit the important work of DCADV.



IT'S RAFFLE TIME!

Check out the items for this year's
Purple Ribbon Raffle at
www.dcadv.org/PRE.

Purchase raffles tickets and pick your
prizes for a chance to win! Tickets will be
available through our website
until **September 29**,
payable by credit card only.

Tickets will also be sold at the Purple
Ribbon Event on October 3rd, payable by
credit card, cash or check.

Winners do not need to be present to win
so share the info. with your friends and
family! DCADV will contact winners who
are not present.

GOOD LUCK!



Policy Update

The DCADV Policy Team regularly participated in advocacy this past spring and was able to share information on what victims' need and want, about evidence based best practices and lessons learned, and also to raise awareness on the current limitations of Delaware's domestic violence response systems. The 150th General Assembly's welcomed 17 new members which gave DCADV the opportunity to educate our elected officials and talk with them about the many issues survivors and their families face. In addition, the session saw a very active legislative agenda including equal rights and privacy rights, criminal justice reform, and prevention.

Along with member programs, DCADV advocated with the Governor's Office and key members of the General Assembly to secure funding increases in the 2019-20 state budget and Grant in Aid bill. We were excited to receive these increases which will allow service programs to address gaps created by years of state funding cuts. The reality though is that many of our programs remain underfunded leaving survivors in search of needed support either financially, with safe and affordable housing, or legal advocacy beyond the crisis. Securing adequate funding remains a priority for the coming year.

The Coalition also weighed in on efforts to reform Delaware's justice system. Our Coalition believes in the importance of addressing the negative impact that crime and the justice system have on people living in poverty and people of color, but we are equally committed to raising victims' voices for the need for safety and offender accountability. We continue to work with leaders and community partners to identify policies where change can occur without jeopardizing victim and community safety.

A top policy priority of the Coalition is establishing victim confidentiality and advocate privilege within Delaware law. Although federal statutes require advocates to maintain victim confidentiality, Delaware's code is silent which creates a loophole regarding privacy rights. HB 215 seeks to close that loophole and provides victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, caregiver abuse, human trafficking, or stalking with a clear right to confidentiality and creates a legal protection regarding their communications with community based or college campus victim advocates. We anticipate this bill being worked early next year. If you are interested in learning more about this piece of legislation or would like to get more involved with advocacy, please contact mkenville-moore@dcadv.org.

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