The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV) is seeking workshop proposals for our 23rd Advocates’ Retreat and Conference! This year, we look to welcome up to 125 survivors, advocates, and victim service providers to connect, share information, and engage in critical thinking analysis about efforts needed to address and prevent intimate partner violence, family violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.

This year’s theme is Anchors of Advocacy: Renewing Our Power & Strength. We hope that conference attendees have the opportunity to build/strengthen their advocacy and service skills, but also tend to their own wellbeing.

We're looking for workshop proposals that include (but are not limited to) these topics:

- Advocate wellness/sustainability
- Racial justice and its relationship to victim advocacy and prevention
- Strategies to strengthen economic supports and promote economic justice
- Best practices/core skills for hotline service providers
- Innovative approaches to policy, systems, and/or environmental change
- Delaware-specific services/programs
- Advanced DV intervention/service skills
- Increasing access, services, and support for culturally-specific/underserved populations
- Innovative approaches to address organizational trauma and/or secondary traumatic stress
- Strategies for working at the intersection of domestic violence, mental health, and substance use disorders

We recognize that the roots of domestic violence and trauma are grounded in issues of power and privilege, and encourage workshops that use an intersectional, anti-oppression framework, and address issues like racial or gender equity.
Preference will be given to workshops that:

- Enhance the skills of participants in building and/or strengthening collaborations and improving advocacy, practices, policies, programming and services;
- Are interactive, learner-centered, and incorporate adult learning principles;
- Center the experiences of marginalized groups and how to provide more inclusive services;
- Align with the identified topics or conference theme

The goal of all sessions is to leave attendees excited and equipped with new and useful information and new skills that can be applied practically and with confidence in their work.

Submissions that advertise a product, service for profit, book or other effort meant to make money during your presentation will not be considered.

In your proposal, please include:

- Title of proposed workshop (12 words or less)
- Presenters’ name(s) and contact information (organization, title, address, email, phone)
- Biography of presenter(s) (150 words maximum)
- Workshop abstract (75-100 words to be used in conference materials if selected)
- Description of your presentation that discusses the content, main points to be covered, relevance to conference attendees, and how the session is unique from others that might address the same topic (300-500 words)
- Measurable session learning objectives (minimum of three)
- Level of workshop (introductory; intermediate; advanced)

Submit your proposal by January 16, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. via [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DERETREAT24](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DERETREAT24)

Submissions will also be accepted via email to training@dcadv.org.

For more details on the conference or the proposal process, visit [www.dcadv.org/retreat](http://www.dcadv.org/retreat).

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