



DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



December 2019



Joined by 163 of our closest friends, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary and our founder, Carol Post on Oct. 3rd!



What a wonderful night! Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was a great time and together we raised over \$28,000 for DCADV.



Mark your calendar for **Oct. 1, 2020** for our next Purple Ribbon Event!



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.

See page 4 for information about benefits.

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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...



The Fall is a busy time at the Coalition. In October DCADV celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Purple Ribbon Event, honoring the Coalition's founding Executive Director, Carol Post. Over 160 partners, community members, member program staff, and supporters attended. The Purple Ribbon Event was an acknowledgment of a visionary leader, Carol Post, the history of the Coalition, and our member programs, DV advocates and community partners. It was a memorable evening!

We are already looking forward to next year's Purple Ribbon Event. Mark your calendars now – the PRE will be held on Thursday, October 1st 2020.

In November, the Coalition met with Member Program DV Advocates to hear directly from those who work every day with victims of domestic violence. These quarterly meetings inform the Coalition's work in policy advocacy, training and resource development. Also in November, DCADV participated in a site visit with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Division of Public Health (DPH). The CDC funds projects that are working to prevent intimate partner violence. The Coalition is a recipient of one of these prevention grants and works in partnership with Child Inc. and Peoples Place to engage in prevention efforts that address healthy teen relationships, economic empowerment and coaching boys into men.

In December, the Coalition held its Annual Meeting. This year we gathered in Dover. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to share with our members and community partners the work the Coalition engages in throughout the year. The Coalition provides training, advocates for the rights of DV victims, engages in prevention efforts, and collaborates with partners to develop resources. As we highlight our work at the Annual Meeting, I am reminded of the power of partnership. The Coalition is empowered and inspired to do our work because of our partnership with all of you. Thank you for your continued commitment to end and prevent domestic violence! Thank you for your support!

Wishing you and your families a very joyful and peaceful holiday season!

Sue Ryan, Executive Director



Do you have young people in your circle? If so, please share www.safeandrespectful.org with them!

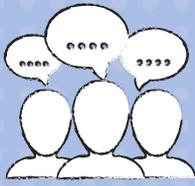
There is great information regarding healthy relationships as well as some updated information and resources specifically related to prevention.

This program is funded in part through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family Violence Prevention and Services Program.



Tickets for New Light Theatre's production of OTHELLO are now on sale!

DCADV is proud to be a nonprofit partner for this production.



Why is ending DOMESTIC VIOLENCE important to you?

(below are responses we received on Facebook)

"Because normalized abuse is so prevalent that people elect officials that mirror their abusive upbringing. Also it's important to me to end the cycle in my generation family wise."

"Domestic Violence is important because we have to change a society that turns a blind eye to child abuse, sexual abuse, physical abuse, and emotional abuse. As long as it is condoned by our legal system, little can change. Perpetrators need to be held accountable."

"Ending domestic violence is very important to the entire world. It is an epidemic that is causing so many deaths and perpetuating future generations of abuse. We need to raise our children differently and be held accountable. We also need more rigorous training of law enforcement and JUDGES. Stopping domestic violence will bring harmony, equality and peace to our world."

"Because it's not just between the individuals! It affects the children and the children's children and..."

"Ending domestic violence is important to me because NO ONE deserves to be abused by ANYONE at ANYTIME for ANY REASON."

"Because it damages the soul 🙄"

"Ending domestic violence is important to me because everyone deserves to live in peace and not fear."

"Ending domestic violence is important to me because I want a world where no one has to fear for their safety in their intimate relationships, ever."

"Ending domestic violence is important to me because everyone deserves to live a life free from the worry that someone they love is going to hurt them."

"So the generational cycle can stop in my family."

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

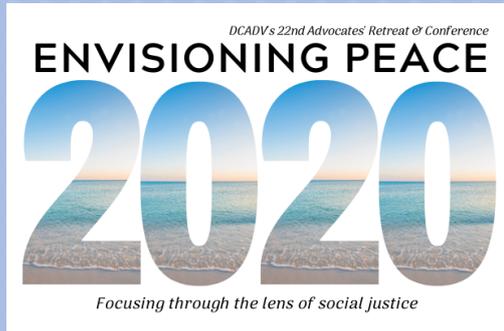
New Castle County: 302-762-6110

Kent & Sussex Counties: 302-422-8058

or en español 302-745-9874

Training & Outreach Update

The next session of DCADV's signature training, **Domestic Violence 101**, will be held **March 4-5, 2020** at Delaware Technical & Community College in Dover. Registration will open January 15, 2020. This two-day training provides an overview of the dynamics and prevalence of domestic violence, and teaches participants effective advocacy skills that support safety and empowerment across systems. For more information, visit www.dcadv.org/DV101.



Save the Date! DCADV's Advocates' Retreat and Conference will be held **May 4-5, 2020** at the Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach, DE. This two-day annual conference features national, regional, and local speakers on topics addressing a wide variety of issues related to domestic violence intervention and prevention. We are currently accepting workshop proposals through January 7, 2020. For more information or to submit a proposal, visit www.dcadv.org/retreat.

Advocacy Update

VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY IS CRUCIAL TO VICTIM SAFETY AND WELLBEING.
IT ENSURES VICTIMS HAVE CLEAR RIGHTS TO CONFIDENTIALITY.

SUPPORT HB 215 IN THE DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HB 215 provides that victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking, or other abuse have a right to confidentiality and creates a legal protection regarding their communications with community-based or college campus victim advocates.

HB 215 creates a privilege and empowers survivors by ensuring that the victim decides whether confidential communications with an advocate should be disclosed to a third party. The victim can refuse to disclose and prevent others from disclosing: (1) confidential communications made by the victim to an advocate; and (2) records kept during the course of providing shelter, advocacy, or crisis services.

HB215 clarifies that this privilege:

- Does not apply when the law requires a mandatory report of suspected abuse of children and vulnerable adults.
- Can yield in criminal proceedings after a judicial in-camera review.
- Can yield when there is clear, imminent risk of serious physical injury or death requiring the disclosure of information.
- Can yield when the services are sought or obtained to enable or aid someone to commit a crime or fraud.

Confidentiality is fundamental to victim services. Studies support local advocates' experience that when victims are assured privacy, they are more likely to engage in services. Service engagement can lead to better safety planning and healing.

Confidential requirements also increase victim well-being by minimizing disclosures which could reveal a victim's safe location or jeopardize their safety plan.

Confidentiality helps reestablish control and empowers the victim as they decide if, how, or when their story will be shared.

DE's Victims' Bill of Rights provides victim confidentiality protections when working with CJ system advocates. HB 215 extends protections to victim shelter, advocacy & crisis services.





Check this out!

Advancing the Movement in Partnership



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Join us as a member of DCADV and help us GROW!

Benefits

- Membership within a statewide coalition working to end domestic violence.
- Early notification and registration for DCADV events.
- Special recognition at DCADV's Purple Ribbon Event.
- Discounted price for DCADV events, trainings, and conferences.
- Invitation to attend the Annual Meeting each year.

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

There is still time to contribute before the end of year!



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Congratulations to Lauren Camphausen as she moves to a new position with the University of Delaware and to Aja White as she takes a position with the New York Housing Authority. We will miss Lauren and Aja but wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors!

We also want to recognize Carol Arnott-Robbins, Joanna Champney, Kirstin Cornell, and Ethel Irwin for their service and commitment to DCADV. Thank you for serving on our board of directors!

Our Member Organizations

