



Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Mission

In an effort to promote social change and empower women and all persons affected by domestic violence, NNADV is an inclusive network which supports member programs, communities, and individuals to work on the elimination of domestic violence and the core issues of societal oppression.

PHILOSOPHY & PURPOSE

“Domestic and sexual violence has been a socially condoned phenomenon. In light of our present knowledge of the plight and of the myriad needs of battered women, we consider it our duty to work toward an eradication of domestic and sexual violence in our society. We also consider it our duty to help women escape lives dominated by violence and to spread the message that women have the right not to be abused. We intend through coordinated interaction to address these issues on a statewide level.”

–Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

The purpose for which the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was formed is to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons, and the empowerment of women and children. The general objectives of the organization are to provide information to direct and indirect service providers in the field of domestic and sexual violence, and to provide information, education, and advocacy to the general public concerning the issues of domestic and sexual violence. In addition, the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence generates and disburses funds to direct service programs, and administers said funds in accordance with generally accepted standards of fiscal accountability.

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Tahoe Women's Services
Incline Village, NV—Serving: Washoe County

Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis/Safe Nest
Las Vegas, NV—Serving: Clark County

Provisional Member:

Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
Winnemucca, NV—Serving: Humboldt County

Federal:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Administration for Children & Families—Family Violence Prevention
& Services—Grants to Coalitions

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women—Rural
Domestic Violence & Child Victimization Enforcement Grant

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women—Grants to
State Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Coalition Programs (VAWA)

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women—
Education and Training to End Violence and Abuse of Women with
Disabilities Grant (ETAG)

State:

State of Nevada Department of Human Resources
Division of Child & Family Services—Annual Statewide Domestic
Violence Conference

State of Nevada Department of Human Resources
Division of Child & Family Services—Family Violence Prevention &
Services (FVPS) Grant

State of Nevada Department of Human Resources
Division of Child & Family Services—Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
Grant

State (cont'd.):

State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General—STOP Grant

State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General—Grants to Encourage
Arrest Policies

State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General—Rural Domestic Violence
& Child Victimization Enforcement Grant

Private:

Altria Group, Inc.—Doors of Hope
DV Coalitions Grant

Community Foundation of Western Nevada

GRANTS & DONATIONS

Federal & Governmental Support:

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$396,940
Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS)	\$939,679
Violence Against Women (VAWA, ETAG, STOP)	\$170,955
Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement	\$355,069
Teen Dating Violence	\$2,625
Private Grants	\$39,480
Contributions, Gifts & Donations	\$22,459
Contributed Materials & Services	\$7,765

Other Income:

Program Membership	\$104,562
Membership Fees	\$10,385
Conference & Workshop Fees	\$12,910
Interest Income	\$59
Fee for Services	\$26,366
Miscellaneous	\$2,094

Total Public & Governmental Support: \$2,091,348

Program Services:

Assistance to Member Organizations	\$1,333,085
Education, Outreach, and Training	\$566,210
<i>Total Program Services</i>	<i>\$1,899,295</i>

Supporting Services:

General & Administrative	\$207,186
Fund Raising & Grant Procurement	\$26,751
<i>Total Supporting Services</i>	<i>\$233,937</i>

Total Expenses (Program & Supporting Services):	\$2,133,232
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Presentations/Outreach/Networking

Publications

Written materials are crucial in educating both the general public and professionals on issues surrounding domestic/sexual violence. NNADV develops and distributes, in both English and Spanish, the following resources: topical brochures; victim information cards for law enforcement; screening cards for health care professionals; domestic violence handbooks; posters; and a quarterly newsletter, *Network News*.

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Total Publications Distribution: 57,027

Trainings/Workshops Presented

NNADV provides statewide trainings/workshops for program advocates and volunteers, and non-domestic violence disciplines—including welfare and healthcare—on a variety of issues related to domestic violence.

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Total Trainings/Workshops Presented: 24

Total Attendees At Trainings/Workshops: 511

Silent Witness Initiative

The Nevada Silent Witness Initiative is a traveling memorial honoring the 19 Nevada women who were murdered by their intimate male partners in Nevada during 1995. A 20th silhouette was added by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to honor Native women in Nevada who have lost their lives due to domestic violence. A 21st witness represents uncounted women whose deaths were unreported or unacknowledged. The exhibit includes life-size wooden silhouettes (“witnesses”) that are painted red and bear the name and story of a murdered woman.

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Total Exhibits: 3

Highlights

Advocate Certificate of Achievement Program

A distance education/independent study program, this course has been designed to provide core domestic and sexual violence advocacy knowledge to its participants. Participants are required to submit written responses to articles, books, and videos, and are credited for classroom hours, as well as “practical” hours spent observing victim services. The Advocate Certificate of Achievement Program is open to all interested parties.

Statewide Legal Advocacy Project

The Statewide Legal Advocacy Project (SWLAP) is funded by the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Program, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. SWLAP provides resources to initiate new or to support ongoing legal advocacy projects within nine collaborating community-based domestic violence programs in Nevada. The project also provides resources to develop and implement a court monitoring project in each community, and to support the continuation of a fledgling statewide legal advocacy network. Since its inception, SWLAP has provided legal advocacy services to more than 13,000 victims of domestic violence in Nevada.

Economic Justice Advocacy Project

The Economic Justice Advocacy Project was designed to develop a more coordinated approach to issues that are significant to battered women’s economic independence and safety. This project is guided by a five-year strategic plan, developed with the assistance of a Statewide Economic Justice Task Force, which identifies the following goals and strategies: address the crisis-oriented economic needs of survivors when they first seek services; advocate for survivors who are involved in systems-based remedies for their economic transition and relief; support survivors in understanding their financial circumstances and help them build skills around short- and long-term financial planning and management; and, work with survivors to help them achieve or

Highlights (cont'd.)

enhance financial autonomy. During the upcoming year, we plan to disseminate financial literacy curricula to interested local member programs.

Annual Conference

The Network hosted our 14th Annual Statewide Domestic Violence Conference in September of 2007 in Reno, Nevada. “Focus on Tomorrow” was attended by almost 200 advocacy, social work, and counseling professionals. The three-day conference was organized around general morning sessions and concurrent late-morning and afternoon workshop sessions. Training topics ranged from introductory issues for new advocates, to specific challenges for Nevada communities, to advocacy for victims seeking assistance from traditionally unresponsive systems.

Violence and Disability Assessment, Coordination and Training Project (V-DACT)

The primary focus of the Violence and Disability Assessment, Coordination and Training Project (V-DACT Project) is to increase safety and accessibility for women with disabilities who are experiencing intimate partner, caretaker, or stranger violence through ensuring that violence against women service providers and disability service organizations are able to provide appropriate assistance. NNADV partnered with the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence (NCASV), Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living (NNCIL) and Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL); project outcomes include tools that domestic violence, sexual violence, and disability organizations can use to assess their ability to serve women with disabilities who are experiencing violence.

Member Program Peer Reviews and Site Visits

Peer Review Program

NNADV's Peer Review Program, a member program evaluation process, was developed to ensure consistent and quality service to victims of domestic/sexual violence. The Network contracts with consultants to review member programs on a bi-annual basis. Member program practices are reviewed in the areas of program operation, services, shelter operation, program facilities, training of service providers, volunteer management, and program development and management. Staff use summary reports to offer specialized technical assistance to member programs and to guide training and technical assistance agendas at a statewide level.

Site Visits

On-going contact with member programs through site visits from NNADV staff is a Network priority. Site visits provide programs with a sense of "connectedness" to Network staff, as well as an opportunity for staff to provide programs with needed equipment and/or resources. NNADV staff often provide volunteer/staff training as part of their site visit, and strive to make these visits an opportunity to listen to advocates about their needs and priorities in improving services to victims and their families.

Total Member Program Peer Reviews/Site Visits: 29

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