NYSCADV NEW YORK STATE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Our Mission:

We work to create and support the social change necessary to prevent and confront all forms of domestic violence.

Our Work:

As a statewide membership organization, we achieve our mission through activism, training, prevention, technical assistance, legislative advocacy, and leadership development. We promote best practices and broad based collaboration, integrating anti-oppression principles in all of our work.

Our Vision:

The collective voices of survivors and advocates, as expressed through the Coalition, will strengthen public and private response and prioritize domestic violence as a human rights issue.

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Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Domestic violence touches every community in New York State.

Our state has a long and storied history as a national leader. However, being Number 1 isn't always something to be proud of. According to the Domestic Violence Counts: National Census of Domestic Violence Services (coordinated by the National Network to End Domestic Violence), New York has the highest demand for domestic violence services in the country, for the second consecutive year.

Data from the 2016 Census indicate that:

On one day alone, **6,868** victims of domestic violence received services in New York.

Of those services, **2,761** victims (including adults and children) received critical non-residential services which include counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

On that same day, **1,390** requests for domestic violence services went unmet because of critical funding and staffing shortages. This represents a **45% increase** over the 2015 Census.

Also in 2016, domestic violence programs reported that 83 staff positions, most of which were direct service advocates, were eliminated. Considering the last two Census reports, **199** advocate positions were eliminated in 2015 and 2016. As a result, there are far fewer advocates across the state to answer calls for help.

We cannot end domestic violence until we also address what causes it.

The staggering demand for domestic violence services in New York shows us that we must do more. This is a call to action, as a meaningful investment in domestic violence services and primary prevention must be a top priority in our state.

The challenge in front of us is to send a clear message that the Legislature and the State have to do more to help protect survivors of domestic violence. And equally important, take significant steps toward working to prevent domestic violence before it occurs in the first place.

It is unacceptable for New York to be the #1 state in the country with the highest demand for domestic violence services.

I look forward to working with you as we raise our voices to create and sustain a strong statewide domestic violence coalition and network of domestic violence services, as well as innovative primary prevention initiatives that can truly serve as a leader.

All the best,

Connie Neal

Executive Director

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Board members pictured with Mary Lauby, NYSCADV Consultant, and Connie Neal, NYSCADV Executive Director

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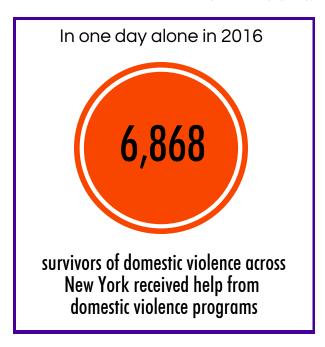


NYSCADV staff pictured with Assemblymember Helene Weinstein

Domestic Violence Services in New York State

In the 2016 and 2015 National Domestic Violence Counts Census, New York State has had the highest demand for domestic violence services in the country.

From NNEDV 2016 Annual Domestic Violence Counts Census





2016 Statewide Domestic Violence Service Delivery Statistics: In One Day In New York State From NNEDV 2016 Annual Domestic Violence Counts Census



In one day alone 1460 hotline calls to local domestic violence programs



In one day alone 1,375 individuals in communities attended 69 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs



In one day alone 4,107 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing



In one day alone 2,761 adults and children received non-residential services and assistance

Dur Members

NYSCADV is the collective voice of domestic violence programs across New York State. Members are the core of NYSCADV. They inform the work that we do. It is though these partnerships that our shared mission to prevent and eliminate domestic violence can be realized. Thank you to each and every one of our members for your ongoing support.

2016 SERVICE PROVIDER MEMBERS

Service Provider Members are private, nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations and programs that have a license by the New York State Office for Children and Family Services or have local New York Department of Social Services contracts to provide domestic violence services, who have paid annual dues, and who adhere to the mission, philosophy and purposes of NYSCADV. The list below only reflects 2016 members that gave their explicit permission to publish their logo in NYSCADV materials.







Allen Women's Resource Center Food First Family Project, Inc.



















Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren & Washington Counties





Cayuga / Seneca Community Action Agency, Inc.





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2016 SERVICE PROVIDER MEMBERS



























Providing Hope. Improving Lives. Strengthening Community.





























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Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, VIBS

Creating Futures Free of Violence















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2016 ALLIED ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Allied Organization Members are agencies, programs, or entities in New York that are concerned with domestic violence and intimate partner sexual violence, that have paid annual dues, and that subscribe to the mission, philosophy and purposes of NYSCADV. The list below only reflects 2016 members that gave their explicit permission to publish their logo in NYSCADV materials.

CENTER ON VIOLENCE AND RECOVERY

















Women's Motivational Services, Inc.



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COALITION BUILDING

NYSCADV facilitates coalition building, networking, and collaboration on local, regional, state, and national levels through a variety of mechanisms. To ensure broad-based statewide participation in the Coalition, the NYSCADV Board of Directors includes Regional Representatives who are elected by their peers. The Regional Representatives convene regional meetings to foster increased involvement of local domestic violence service providers in the Coalition and to stimulate the exchange of ideas and information.

NYSCADV participates in relevant statewide and national advisory committees, task forces, and workgroups, ensuring that the voices of survivors as conveyed to us by our membership, are heard. NYSCADV is an active member of the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), which provides us with the opportunity to be part of the national dialogue occurring among all state domestic violence coalitions.



NYSCADV provides opportunities for dialogue, networking and support with others involved in the movement to end domestic violence. We convene meetings to promote communication and collaboration on the local, regional, state, and national levels and communicate with our membership to offer timely notification of information and issues critical to their work.

ADVOCACY

Advocacy occurs through a variety of mechanisms, including training, technical assistance, community outreach, and collaboration with system partners and allied organizations. We continually assess trends through these modes of information gathering and, in turn, NYSCADV staff routinely meets with our statewide partners to identify ways to address the concerns of the community. NYSCADV also conducts advocacy efforts through community outreach and development to promote public awareness about domestic violence.



This includes our website and social media pages which provide information for not only our membership but for the general public; special projects, events, and campaigns; and resources that describe best practices. Additionally, NYSCADV coordinates and implements specialized projects that address emerging trends. Overall, our work emphasizes the links between all forms of oppression and violence by promoting peace and justice for all individuals. We advocate for the availability and accessibility of high quality, culturally competent services for everyone, and work diligently to increase access for all communities.

Dur Work

PRIMARY PREVENTION

NYSCADV works to create and support the social change necessary to prevent and confront all forms of domestic violence. Consistent with this mission and vision for our work, NYSCADV emphasizes efforts to prevent domestic violence. This approach, known as primary prevention, focuses on stopping violence before it occurs.

Primary prevention requires changing conditions in the culture of our society that support and condone intimate partner violence. This is an ongoing process, requiring a commitment to social change efforts that compliment intervention strategies. One NYSCADV's core operating assumptions is that meaningful and lasting change happens at the community level. As such, efforts focus on supporting communities to find effective and locally relevant methods for organizing and mobilizing. This work is at the heart of our coalition building efforts.





Dur Work

PUBLIC POLICY



Protect Rights. Promote Justice. Prevent Domestic Violence.

NYSCADV provides statewide leadership on public policy issues by promoting legislation, systems, and regulatory change in order to improve institutional responses to domestic violence. The goal of NYSCADV's public policy work is the passage of state and federal budgets that adequately support the work of local domestic violence advocacy programs; the passage of legislation that will enhance the prevention of and response to domestic violence; and, when necessary, raise concerns about legislation that would negatively impact victims of domestic violence and the provision of services to them. NYSCADV provides assistance to programs to do the same on the local level. NYSCADV connects with member programs on a variety of legislative initiatives and provides updates on state and national developments.

NYSCADV's public policy work is informed by membership and allies via the NYSCADV Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee is a key conduit of information and input between member programs, allies, other experts, and NYSCADV staff. Historically, the Legislative Committee has provided vision and guidance, as well as time and talent, toward the implementation of NYSCADV's annual legislative agenda and strategy. Central to the work of public policy initiatives are the NYSCADV principles for practice and core mission.



NEW YORK STATE HAS THE <u>HIGHEST DEMAND</u> FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY

In The State of New York On Just One Day In 2015....

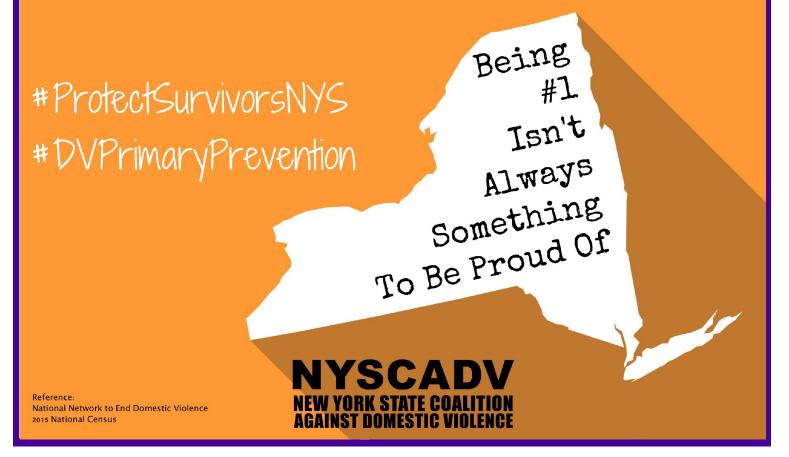
6,950 Survivors Of Domestic Violence Were Served

956 Requests For Domestic Violence Services Went Unmet, Largely Due To Funding Cuts

And In The Course Of The Year...

115 Advocate Positions Were Reduced Or Eliminated

148 Domestic Violence Services Were Reduced Or Eliminated



Special Projects

ACCESS & INCLUSION

Increasing accessibility to domestic violence programs continues to be a primary focus of the work that we do. In these ongoing efforts, NYSCADV has gathered feedback from member programs and other stakeholders requesting more targeted, issue specific approaches to the range of issues regarding improving accessibility. Feedback from stakeholders across the state indicates that domestic violence services are, at times, very limited for too many victims. Lack of access to services endangers people even further, and causes retraumatization. The ultimate goal of this project is to work with programs to increase their ability to provide services to all who are eligible and to ensure that those services are offered in a manner that is not limited or retraumatizing in any way. Through this project, we conduct ongoing analysis of practices that have shifted away from their original intent and may have resulted in decreasing the accessibility of domestic violence services, and work to remedy them through technical assistance, capacity building, peer support and training.

EXPERT WITNESS PROJECT

Domestic violence advocates can provide pertinent and compelling information during court proceedings that describe the prevalence and magnitude of domestic violence, explain the nature and dynamics of domestic violence, and shed light on the social and cultural context of abuse. Advocates can also paint a compelling picture of the consequences and effects of abuse on people who have been victimized, their children, and the family system as a whole. Advocates are skilled at explaining the commonly misunderstood survival strategies that victims and survivors employ to increase their safety and that of their children.

As such, the NYSCADV Expert Witness Project has been working to grow and cultivate a network of advocates to serve as experts in domestic violence court proceedings across the state. NYSCADV will continue to support this burgeoning community of practice with ongoing training and technical assistance, and compile research and talking points to use in the provision of expert witness testimony and the preparation of reports.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE

The Disaster Preparedness & Response Project grew out of a collaborative effort between NYSCADV and the New York State Office of Child and Family Services and was designed to increase the capacity of domestic violence programs and first responders to prepare for and respond to survivors' needs in the midst of a disaster. The project, funded through FVPSA, was developed in response to recovery efforts in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. Disasters like Superstorm Sandy expose the underlying social disparities among vulnerable populations, including victims of intimate partner violence. Domestic violence programs also face challenges to sustain the well-being and resilience of staff both during and after a disaster strikes. Disaster preparedness is important, and practices focused on response, recovery and mitigation are equally important. This project, which also addresses the after-effects of domestic violence homicide and other traumatic events that affect advocates includes: facilitating trainings and discussions with key staff at domestic violence programs across the state and local first responders; maintaining a clearinghouse of resources which includes a searchable database for sheltering pets; and providing support and assistance to programs impacted by natural or human-made disasters through a Critical Incident Stress Management framework. For more information visit the website: www.domesticviolenceanddisaster.org

Capacity Building Spotlight

NYSCADV supports a network of more than 100 domestic violence service providers across New York State, offering in-depth comprehensive capacity building to help them best address the needs of survivors.

TRAUMA INFORMED SERVICES

- -Shelter Rights & Responsibilities
- -Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- -Working With Families
- -Reflective Supervision

ORGANIZATIONAL TRAUMA

- -Nature of the Work
- -Identifying Patterns
- -Challenging Assumptions
- -Organizational Self Care

PRIMARY PREVENTION

- -Promising Practices
- -Fyidence Based Initiative
- -Social Norms Campaigns

TECHNOLOGY SAFETY

- -Balancing Risk Management
- -Staying Survivor Centered
- -Abuse of Technology / Safety Planning

Public Policy Spotlight

2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS SUCCESSFULLY ENACTED

2016's New York State Legislative Session had a number of noteworthy wins for survivors of domestic violence and the programs that work to support them.

A47-A PAULIN / S3484-A LANZA - FACILITATING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Provides a person is guilty of facilitating female genitalia mutilation (Class A misdemeanor) when such person intentionally aids or attempts to aid a person circumcising, excising or infibulating female genitalia of a person under 18 years of age. Effective September 6, 2016.

A7253 WEINSTEIN / S5189 BONACIC - RELATES TO PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS FOR COLLECTION OF SPOUSAL OR CHILD SUPPORT

This measure would amend D.R.L. § 245 to eliminate the requirement that other enforcement remedies be exhausted before contempt can be sought against a person who fails to pay child support, spousal support or combined child and spousal support pursuant to a court order in a matrimonial proceeding. This is one in a series of measures introduced at the request of the Chief Administrative Judge upon the recommendation of his Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee. Effective immediately.

A8650-B PAULIN / S6835-B LANZA - IDENTIFICATION & ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Requires every hospital, public health center, diagnostic center, to provide identification, assessment, and appropriate treatment or referral of persons suspected as human trafficking victims; requires notification of social services where person is under the age of 18. Effective November 4, 2016.

A9143-A CYMBROWITZ / S6923 SERINO - AUTHORIZES A PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON ELDER ABUSE

Allows the Office on Aging to conduct a public education campaign relating to elder abuse to increase awareness and reporting. Effective November 28, 2016.

A9163 PERRY / S6695 MONTGOMERY – RESTRAINT OF PREGNANT PRISONERS DURING CHILDBIRTH

Restricts restraints on a female in labor being transported to the hospital for delivery, in case of immediate risk of serious injury to herself or others to wrist restraints in front of the body, only if other reasonable restraints have been attempted first. It amends chapter 570 of the laws of 2015 to clarify the exception to the rule against shackling women in labor and to expand the anti-shackling law to include any pregnant woman or woman during a postpartum period of 8 weeks. Effective March 21, 2016.

A9166 FAHY / S6384 AMEDORE - RELATES TO THE STATEWIDE CENTRAL REGISTER OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT; REPEALER

Defines Criminal Justice Agency with respect to the SCR. Repeals administrative process that required OCFS to approve the transfer of records to criminal justice agencies. Effective January 19, 2016.

A9167 ROSENTHAL / S6386-A CARLUCCI - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND SERVICE ANIMALS

Authorizes therapy dogs to accompany victims of domestic violence at residential programs whenever such accompaniment is reasonable under the circumstances. This law amends Chapter 584 of the Laws of 2015. Effective March 11, 2016.

Public Policy Spotlight

2016 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS SUCCESSFULLY ENACTED

A9178 LUPARDO / S6389A FELDER - RELATES TO PARTICIPATION BY CHILDREN IN PERMANENCY HEARINGS

Clarifies that a local social service district shall serve the child, ten and older, notice of the permanency hearing no later than fourteen days prior by regular mail. Establishes a new subsection that outlines the process for children participating in their permanency hearing. Effective March 21, 2016.

A9239 ENGLEBRIGHT / S7252 ORTT - REQUIRES CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION TO POLICE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF NOTIFICATION

Directs the division of criminal justice services to notify the appropriate agencies, within 2 business days, of the receipt of a change of address, or of enrollment, attendance, employment or residence at an institution of higher education by a sex offender. Effective January 28, 2017.

A9648-A CRESPO / S8077 KLEIN – WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN) RECEIPIENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE FOOD AND SPECIALTY FORMULA FROM ANY VENDOR APPROVED PROGRAM

Allows every WIC vendor to sell any product covered by the WIC program and directs the Commissioner of Health to promulgate rules and regulations in a consistent manner that does not restrict access to specialty infant formula. Effective June 30, 2017, but allows the commissioner to take action immediately.

A9686 BRONSON / S7351 BONACIC – EXTENTION OF COURT AUTHORITY

Extends for two years chapter 363 of the laws of 2010 the chief administrator of the courts' authority to allow referees to determine applications to a family court for an order of protection during hours family court is in session. Also extends for two years Chapter 219 of the Laws of 2002 which concerns a judicial hearing officer pilot program in family court and related authority to issue orders of protection. Effective June 1, 2016.

A9696 DENDEKKER / S7224 MURPHY – RELATES TO STATEMENTS MADE TO STATE BOARD OF PAROLE BY A CRIME VICTIM

Clarifies all current and prior statements made to the state board of parole by the victim of a crime to be considered when determining whether to grant a discretionary release on parole. Effective October 19, 2016.

A9759 BUCHWALD / S6859 AVELLA - RELATES TO CONTACT BY SIBLINGS IN CHILD PROTECTIVE, PERMANENCY AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDINGS

Relates to the importance of maintaining and fostering contact by siblings in child protective, permanency and termination of parental rights proceedings. This is one in a series of measures that was introduced at the request of the Chief Administrative Judge upon the recommendation of his Family Court and Rules Advisory Committee. Effective November 16, 2016.

A9762 PEOPLES-STOKES / S7191 GALLIVAN - RELATES TO AWARDS FOR BURIAL EXPENSES OF CRIME VICTIMS

This law adds businesses represented by a person who has paid for or incurred the burial expenses of a crime victim as a party eligible for reimbursement from the Office of Victim Services (OVS). Effective August 18, 2016.

A10724 GOTTFRIED / S8129 HANNON - HIV RELATED TESTING AND SCREENINGS FOR CERTAIN DISEASES

This requires a physician to provide a seven-day starter packet of HIV post-exposure prophylaxis. Also requires advising an individual before an HIV-related test is performed. Effective November 28, 2016.

Training & Technical Assistance Spotlight

NYSCADV delivers training and technical assistance in a variety of ways including:

- events, round tables, training forums, and webinars
- contact with local programs and allied organizations seeking guidance regarding state and national laws, rules and regulations, and information about best practices
- responding to requests from survivors seeking assistance

Our training and technical assistance work provides us with vital information about the needs of survivors of domestic violence across New York State.

We continually assess trends through these modes of information gathering and in turn, routinely meet with our statewide partners to identify ways to address the concerns from the community.

Coaching Boys Into Men

Creating and Sustaining Healthy Organizations

Critical Incident Stress Management: Psychological First Aid & Group Crisis Intervention

Domestic Violence and Traumatic Brain Injury

Directors' Summit

2016 Training Topics Included:

Expert Witness Testimony

High Risk Case Management

Legislative Advocacy Day

New York State Domestic Violence Regulations Forum

Office of Children and Family Services Administrative Directive Webinar

Prevention Summit

Safe Dwellings & the Administrative Directive Webinar

Strategic Use of Media in Times of Crisis

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Offender Accountability

Orders of Protection

Policy Advocacy

Prevention Summit

Primary Prevention

Probation & Parole Responses

Public Policy

Risk Assessment

Safe Dwellings & the Administrative

Directive Webinar

Strategic Use of Media in Times of Crisis

Safety & Accountability Audits

School Nurse Engagement

School Base Dating Violence

Prevention Policy

Shelter Payments & Funding

Shelter Regulations

Shelter Animals

Stalking

Strategic Use of Media

Substance Abuse

Survivor-Defendants

Systems Advocacy on Confidentiality

Technology Safety

Trauma Informed Services

Technology Safety

Teen Dating Violence Prevention

Trauma-Informed Services

Tribal Response to Domestic Violence

VAWA Self-Petitioning

Victim Defined Advocacy

Workplace Violence

In 2016, NYSCADV conducted **33** training and events, reaching approximately **1,287** advocates and victim service providers from around the state and nation.

Thank You!

In 2016, Members and Supporters helped us:

strengthen the capacity of domestic violence programs to provide trauma informed survivor centered services across the state

promote primary prevention strategies that encourage social and cultural change

conduct advocacy through community outreach and resource development

provide statewide leadership on public policy, systems, and regulatory change

Thank you for helping us work to **END** domestic violence!

Friends Of NYSCADV

Friends of NYSCADV are a committed group of philanthropic leaders that publicly support the mission, vision and work of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. They are dedicated to helping ensure that all survivors of domestic violence have access to the supports and services they need, and are actively committed to creating the social change necessary to prevent domestic violence.

Friends of NYSCADV donate a minimum of \$100 annually.



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Change Agent \$1,000



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