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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.

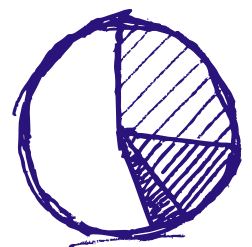
Our Work:

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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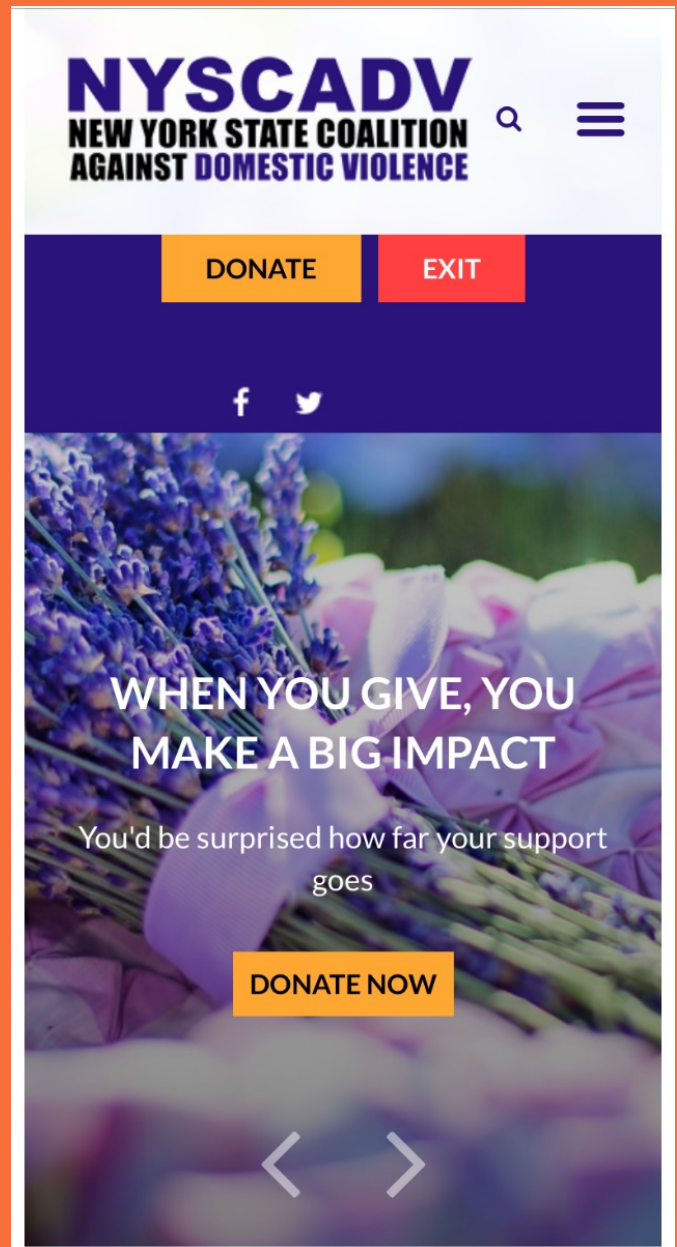


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Letter From The Executive Director

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