

West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2015 Annual Report

Mission

The mission of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence is to end personal and institutional violence in the lives of women, children and men.

The WVCADV works to transform social, cultural, and political attitudes through public awareness, policy development, community organizing, education and advocacy in ways that promote values of respect, mutuality, accountability and non-violence in local, statewide, national and global communities.

2015 Highlights

Public Awareness

WVCADV has continued to strengthen our efforts in the area of public awareness by educating the public as we work to change the attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate violence.

- In partnership with WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services, WVCADV held its annual Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day at the Legislature. Advocates, board members, allies, and survivors met with their state legislators to talk about the importance of domestic and sexual violence services.
- WVCADV celebrated Domestic Violence Awareness Month by hosting the Annual Purple Gala event at the WV State Culture Center.
- WVCADV provided educational displays at public events. Events included: Children and Families Day at the Legislature, Stand for WV Women Day at the Legislature, Crime Victims Day at the Legislature, National Association of Social Workers Conference, Sacred Aging Conference, Unity Day at the Legislature, Fairness Day at the Legislature, and Women and Girls Day at the Legislature.

Public Policy

WVCADV worked collaboratively with allied service providers and criminal justice professionals to educate legislators on gaps in protections and prosecutions of crimes of human trafficking and strangulation. While legislators passed legislation on both issues, the bills were vetoed by the Governor. Public policy efforts were more complete in maintaining state funding for domestic violence grant programs, domestic violence legal services and sexual assault services. All funding sources were cut in the Governor's budget, but fully restored by legislators. Thank you to our legislators and allied service providers for coming out to the capitol in large numbers to speak out for maintaining effective services for children and families!



Community Organizing

- The Rainbow Justice League (RJL) is committed to enhancing the human and civil rights needs of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community. The RJL fosters collaborations and strengthens statewide network of allied individuals, organizations and agencies committed to providing meaningful, respectful and safe services for victims who identify as LGBT. Members of the RJL participated in quarterly meetings, LGBT Cultural Competency Workshop and national webinars, and developed public awareness materials to encourage statewide participation in the Annual Pride Parade and Festival.
- The Advocacy of Color Network (ACN) is committed to enhancing the quality of services provided to women and men of color who are victims of domestic violence. The ACN held quarterly meetings, leadership trainings, webinars, teleconferences, and provided assistance, resources and culturally specific educational materials to member programs. The ACN provided recommendations and guidance to the Coalition to improve the quality of culturally specific services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. The WVCADV commitment to cultural accountability continued with on-going collaboration with the Women of Color Network (WOCN). WVCADV participated in WOCN's Training and Technical Assistance Project that focused on expanding leadership opportunities, enhancing outreach in marginalized communities and encouraging aspiring allies to support culturally meaningful and respectful services.

Training

WVCADV provided statewide and community-based training to help advocates and allied professionals strengthen their supportive services to survivors.

WVCADV offered 24 free separate training events that engaged 3,530 participants throughout West Virginia. Training topics included: Abuse In Later Life, Anti-Oppression, Intersections of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Understanding Victim Behavior & Reactions to Domestic Violence through Expert Testimony, Investigating and Managing Dangerousness and Lethality, Home Visitation, Legal Assistance to Victims of Sexual Assault, Prosecutors School, and Trauma-Informed Model to Address Domestic Violence.

Financial Overview

Expenditures

Contracts	\$ 237,481
Travel/Training	\$ 178,442
Programmatic Salaries/Benefits	\$ 298,558
Administrative Salaries/Benefits	\$ 81,458
Public Awareness	\$ 23,668
Occupancy Costs	\$ 167,406
Assistance to Victims/Miscellaneous	\$ 4,342
Total Expenses	\$ 991,347

Income

Federal Grants	\$ 734,319
State Grants	\$ 149,304
Private Foundations	\$ 51,837
Contributions	\$ 15,045
Other Income	\$ 37,037
Total Income	\$ 987,542

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