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. 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.

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.

- WVCADV held its annual Domestic 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 Clay Center.
- WVCADV provided educational displays at public events. Events included: Women’s and Girls Day at the Legislature, Charleston Pride Parade, Kids and Family Day at the Legislature, ALL Access Community Event, Verizon Press Conference, and Fairness Day at the Legislature.

Public Policy
A new felony crime of strangulation completed legislation and went into effect June 2016. Funding for domestic violence grants and legal services and sexual assault services were maintained.

2016 Highlights

Survivors receiving services had an average of 14 needs per person.

- **93% of shelter residents found that the shelter was helpful or very helpful**
- **99% of survivors felt support and advocacy services were respectful and supportive**
- **98% of survivors felt that support groups were respectful and supportive**
- **96% of survivors found that counseling was helpful or very helpful**

Documenting Our Work
WVCADV conducted a study that sampled the experiences of 943 domestic violence survivors receiving services from 13 licensed domestic violence programs in 2015.
**Training**

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


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**Community Organizing**

**Rainbow Justice League**
The Rainbow Justice League (RJL), a statewide collaboration of domestic violence advocates, activists and community members, continued to collaborate to address domestic violence within the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Community.

The RJL activities included:
- Participation in quarterly meetings, conference calls and webinars.
- Organization of statewide participation in the Annual Pride Parade and Festival activities.
- Education and awareness on culturally specific issues and policy initiatives pertaining to the LGBT communities.

**Advocacy of Color Network (ACN)**
The Advocacy of Color Network (ACN), a statewide network comprised of activists and advocates who identify as a person of color, continued to provide guidance to the Coalition to enhance the quality of culturally specific services to survivors and victims.

The ACN’s mission is to empower people of color and to dismantle racism and other forms of oppression.

ACN participated in the following activities:
- Quarterly meetings
- Women of Color Network (WOCN) Call To Action conference calls and webinars.
- Stand Against Racism statewide event.

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**Financial Overview**

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