West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
2018 Annual Report

WVCADV

The mission of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WVCADV) is to end personal and institutional violence in the lives of people of all genders and ages.

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.

WVCADV is founded on the vision and belief that every person has the right to be safe, empowered, and free from violence and the fear of violence. Central to this belief, WVCADV seeks to eliminate domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence and human trafficking. Additionally, the agency aims to reduce related social problems, such as child abuse, substance abuse, sexism, racism, and other forms of oppression.

2018 Highlights

Public Awareness
WVCADV participated in numerous public events such as:
• Annual Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Day at the Legislature,
• Domestic Violence Awareness Month,
• Annual Purple Gala event,
• Women’s and Girls Day at the Legislature, and
• Charleston Pride Parade and Picnic.

WVCADV’s public awareness efforts reached over 40,000 people.

Public Policy

WVCADV’s Public Policy efforts included:
• Maintaining funding for Domestic Violence Program Grants and Legal Services;
• Passing updated procedural rules on the on scene law enforcement response to DV. Updates included assessment for highly dangerous/potentially lethal behaviors of offenders and on scene response to children exposed to DV; and
• Establishing the crime of cyberbullying.

WVCADV Staff

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Training
WVCADV provided statewide and community-based training to help advocates and allied professionals strengthen their supportive services to survivors. WVCADV provided over 80 trainings and workshop events that engaged 3,210 participants throughout West Virginia.

Technical Assistance
WVCADV provided over 20,000 hours in specialized technical assistance to domestic violence programs and allied organizations.

Community Organizing
Rainbow Justice League
The Rainbow Justice League participated in quarterly meetings, conference calls and webinars, organized statewide participation in the Annual Pride Parade and Festival activities, and educated the community about culturally specific issues and policy initiatives pertaining to the LGBT+ communities.

Advocacy of Color Network (ACN)
The Advocacy of Color Network participated in quarterly meetings, worked with the Women of Color Network (WOCN) on national initiatives, and coordinated a Stand Against Racism statewide event.

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