

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

"Making something and sending it out into the world and then people not only responding to it but adopting it for their own and making a separate thing for it, that's beautiful. It just shows you how much you can affect other people...the butterfly effect of everything you put out into the world."

-Marketa Irglova

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

38 years and counting...the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) has led the way in advocating for change in policies affecting survivors, educating communities about these complicated issues and supporting lifesaving services provided to survivors by community-based programs around the state. This legacy of accomplishment is as true in 2017 as it has been throughout our history. Our dedicated Board, staff, and volunteers continue to provide an example of how those who care about an issue can and do change the world.



As we continue our transformation and expand our knowledge, skills, and abilities to do both domestic and sexual violence advocacy, education and support we are proud to share with you some of the important work that has been accomplished in the last year. From training and technical assistance to distribution of educational materials to financial support of programs and individual survivors, NCEDSV has been developing and implementing a wide variety of strategies. We are making small and big changes that we hope will be the catalyst for even larger change in our state.

I invite you to review the following pages and give us feedback about what resonates with you. After you have done that, then take another moment to commit yourself to actively participate in these efforts. Give your time, your money and your energy to support efforts to end domestic and sexual violence throughout Nevada...become a part of the change you want to see.

With love & respect,

Sue

Sue Meuschke



# **NCEDSV SOWING CHANGE**

### **Our Mission**

To be a statewide voice advocating for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence through partnering with communities.

### **Our Vision**

A Nevada in which domestic and sexual violence are eradicated, and healthy relationships thrive.

### WE BELIEVE IN DIVERSITY

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence recognizes the importance of and affirms our commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion. We believe that all people should live free of fear, abuse, oppression, and violence. We respect and value all human life, and we welcome the diversity that makes up human kind by sex, gender, race, and religion.

We recognize that our society is immersed in sexism, racism, and classism. Through patriarchy and oppression, many people have been mistreated and marginalized. As a coalition, we challenge the use of derogatory, hateful, and other characterizations in the same way we confront misused power and violence to maintain oppression. We constantly challenge ourselves to ensure that our work addresses the power structure that supports this injustice.

We believe in the access and affordability of services for all survivors of domestic and sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault. We expect member programs to serve survivors without discrimination based on sex, gender, ethnicity, gender identity, ancestry, place of origin, color, citizenship, religion/spirituality, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, employment, age, health status, and ability.

## **OUR CORE VALUES**

**Social Change:** We believe that ending domestic and sexual violence requires eliminating the interconnected forms of oppression that allow violence against women, and all people, to exist. We work to change the societal conditions and systems of oppression that foster violence and the abuse of power between individuals and groups of people.

**Partnering:** We believe in the power of partnerships and collaboration to deliver value to our members and achieve lasting societal change. We work to engage broad segments of our communities to support the work of our members, recognizing that no one organization, entity, or person can put an end to domestic and sexual violence in isolation.

**Dignity:** We value the fundamental dignity of all persons. We welcome diversity and commit ourselves to creating biasfree environments. We honor and uphold the rights and dignity of program participants.

**Prevention:** We believe that domestic and sexual violence are preventable. We know violence is a learned behavior, and as such, it can be unlearned and ultimately prevented. We, therefore, are committed to prevention and changing the conditions that perpetuate violence.

**Respect:** We foster environments of mutual respect, where individuals respect themselves and are respected by others. We recognize that individuals and domestic and sexual violence programs are at varying stages of development, and therefore meet and support them where they are.

**Safety:** We are committed to actions and decisions that foster safe spaces in which people can talk, think, and plan. We work to create communities and a society where domestic and sexual violence survivors can access services and live in safety.

**Empowerment:** We value self-determination and the ability of individuals and programs to make decisions on their own behalf. We work to promote and increase the choices available to individuals and historically dis-empowered communities so that they may reclaim power.

# NCEDSV PROGRAM MEMBERS

Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments (A.L.I.V.E), Yerington serving Lyon County Committee Against Domestic Violence/Harbor House, Elko serving Elko, Eureka, and White Pine Counties

Domestic Violence Resource Center, formerly known as Committee to Aid Abused Women in Reno serving Washoe County

Consolidated Agencies of Human Services, Hawthorne serving Mineral County

Domestic Violence Intervention Inc., Fallon serving Churchill County

Domestic Violence Intervention Inc., Lovelock serving Pershing County

No To Abuse, Pahrump serving Nye County

Safe Embrace, Reno serving Washoe County

Stop Abuse in the Family Environment (S.A.F.E.) House, Henderson serving Clark County

Tahoe SAFE Alliance, Incline Village serving Washoe County

Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis (TADC) Safe Nest, Las Vegas serving Clark County

Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, Winnemucca serving Humboldt County

# **NCEDSV MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**

<u>Allied partner membership</u> is open to organizations and businesses that support NCEDSV's mission, vision, and values and are committed to working in partnership to end domestic and sexual violence.

<u>Friend members</u> can join the movement by paying dues to NCEDSV as an individual or partners jointly, as a senior, or a student. Survivors receive a complementary lifetime membership.

Visit www.ncedsv.org for member eligibility and benefits.

# **ALLIED PARTNERS AND FRIENDS MEMBERSHIPS**

### **Allied Partners**

Advocates to End Domestic Violence Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc.

Fallon Police Department Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Jean Nidetch Women's Center

**Lander County CADV** 

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

LRS Systems

National Council of Juvenile & Family

**Court Judges** 

Office of the Nevada Attorney General

Reno City Attorney's Office Reno Police Department

Southern NV Regional Housing Authority

Tahoe SAFE Alliance The Rape Crisis Center

The Shade Tree Tu Casa Latina

Volunteer Attorney's for Rural Nevada Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Washoe Legal Services

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# SERVICES PROVIDED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

During this fiscal year, NCEDSV collected service data from Nevada's domestic violence programs.

Total Number of Victim Contacts	63,561
Bed Nights Provided	59,009
Temporary Protection Orders Prepared	10,423
Law Enforcement Contacts	14,064
Referrals Provided	106,462

### **Language Line Services**

Language Line Services (LLS) is instrumental in reaching marginalized and more vulnerable populations of survivors whose primary language is not English. LLS is an interpretive service that serves as a tool for NCEDSV and our member programs to provide those with limited English proficiency access to agency information and services. NCEDSV provides access to LLS to all member programs as a part of our commitment to develop and secure sustainable language resources to victims throughout Nevada. In fiscal year 2017, 500 victims with limited English proficiency were able to obtain meaningful access to domestic and sexual violence services in Nevada using Language Line Services.

# NNEDV CENSUS DATA - September 13, 2017



All of the 15 identified domestic violence service providers in Nevada participated in this annual survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) on September 13, 2017.

During this 24-hour period, services were provided to 462 victims. Emergency shelter or transitional housing services were provided to 279 victims. 183 clients were offered other types of assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups. Local and state staff answered 75 hotline calls. This translates into an average of seven hotline calls per hour.

As a result of this Census, it became evident that victims in Nevada need more resources: 76 requests for services were unmet with 64 of those unmet requests were for housing. Advocacy providers reported that eleven staff positions were eliminated in the past year. 57 percent of those positions focused on offering direct services, such as sheltering or legal accompaniment.

NCEDSV continues to work with our allied partners to bring more resources to Nevada to aid our member programs and all survivors of domestic and sexual violence. <u>View Nevada's full report.</u>



# TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

During this fiscal year, NCEDSV presented 48 workshops/webinars to 1,125 attendees. Topics included IPV for healthcare providers, bystander intervention, abuse in later life, Hanging Out or Hooking Up for teens, stalking, and traumatic brain injury. Each presentation was designed to bring together advocates and allied professionals throughout Nevada to enhance their current services and to promote further collaboration in supporting survivors and their families.

Technical assistance is also a significant benefit provided to our member programs. During 2017, NCEDSV provided 64 technical assistance consultations and conducted 35 site visits.

### **The Advocate Certificate Program**

The Advocate Certificate Program is a 20-hour, online distance learning program that has been developed to help provide advocates, volunteers, board members, and crisis line and shelter workers with a foundation for the work they do day-to-day.

In 2017, the Advocate Certificate Program became available on a new, more interactive host and was upgraded to feature voice recordings of each module for added accessibility. All modules include a 30-60 minute mini-course, relevant supplemental materials, and a short assessment to measure understanding of the material.

Available as a primary benefit to NCEDSV's member programs, the Advocate Certificate Program may be used to supplement other staff and volunteer trainings offered by the organization in order to provide new advocates with a well-rounded introduction to the movement.

In fiscal year 2017, a total of 46-member program staff and volunteers completed the 20-hour Advocate Certificate Program. (Because NCEDSV was not reporting from July 2016-September 2016, this number is from October 2016-June 2017.)

### **Fourth Fridays Webinars**

NCEDSV's Technical Assistance and Training departments produced six Fourth Fridays webinars. These webinars are another service we offer to domestic and sexual violence advocacy programs that are NCEDSV members. Topics during this fiscal year included Federal Civil Rights Obligation, Confidentiality, Providing Voluntary Services Part 1 and 2, Program Accessibility, and Catching Up with the Coalition.

### **Enhanced Technical Assistance in Action:**

**OVW Grant Helps Develop Sexual Assault Services in Rural Communities in Nevada** 

In 2016, NCEDSV received a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women to work with four NCEDSV member programs to develop sexual assault services and provide advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. These programs were Alternatives to Living In Violent Environments (ALIVE) in Lyon County; Consolidated Agencies of Human Services (CAHS) in Mineral County; Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., (DVI-Fallon) in Churchill County; and Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services (WDVS) in Humboldt County over a three year period.

During this first year, programs received basic sexual assault services training via an online program from the West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services, and training from Futures Without Violence to help identify victims of human trafficking in their shelters. During this year of the grant, the programs served 86 victims. Two were victims of sexual assault.

### Allstate Foundation Moving Ahead Curriculum: Economic Justice and L.I.F.E. Program

NCEDSV received a grant from the Allstate Foundation to develop and implement an Economic Justice program in Nevada that also included the development of the Lives Improved by Financial Empowerment (L.I.F.E.) micro loans. NCEDSV partnered with Safe Nest and S.A.F.E. House in Clark County, The Domestic Violence Resource Center formerly known as the Committee to Aid Abused Women (CAAW) and Tahoe Safe Alliance in Washoe County, and WDVS in Humboldt County. In January, NCEDSV provided training on the Allstate Foundation's Moving Ahead curriculum for the programs. Additionally, NCEDSV established a micro-loan program that allows clients of member programs to borrow up to \$500 interest-free.

### **Publications Support Training and Technical Assistance**

To support NCEDSV's training and technical assistance efforts, brochures, handbooks for survivors, their advocates, and other professionals were distributed to increase awareness, educate, and offer resources.

A laminated RADAR card, specifically designed for healthcare professionals serves as a tip sheet to prompt screening for intimate partner violence. Additionally, it denotes how to intervene appropriately, document, and offer survivor/patient referrals to community-based domestic and sexual violence advocacy programs.

To assist law enforcement officers who respond to help victims of domestic and sexual violence, NCEDSV offers wallet-size cards that contain information to help survivors learn more about current statutes, their legal rights, and information about national and community resources.

During this fiscal year, NCEDSV distributed 18,316 publications, 13,459 in English and 4,857 in Spanish. <u>View the entire publications library.</u>

# **NEVADA HOMICIDE REPORT**

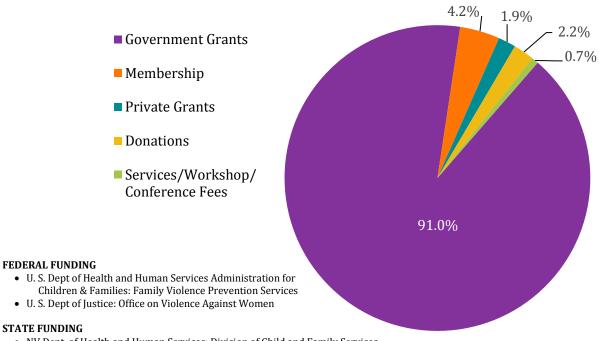
In 2016, NCEDSV identified at least 24 incidents in which a life was lost due to domestic violence.

**Cause of Death:** National studies show that when there is a handgun present in a household where domestic violence is occurring, the chances of someone being killed increases 500%. These statistics continue to hold true in Nevada. Eighty-five percent of the alleged perpetrators who killed themselves used firearms. In addition, NCEDSV identified two of the alleged perpetrators who used a firearm to commit the murder, as someone federally prohibited from possessing a firearm. <u>View full report along with citations</u>.

# **INCOME REVENUE, PUBLIC SUPPORT, GRANTS & DONATIONS**

## **Income**

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$837,259
Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)	\$879,721
Violence Against Women Act (STOP)	\$195,775
Abuse in Later Life	\$13,276
State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions (VAWA)	\$65,721
Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement	\$104,819
Transitional Housing for Victims	\$102,729
Preventative Health & Health Services	\$33,405
Rape Prevention Education	\$30,839
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies (GEAP)	\$251,888
Gifts, Donations, Fundraising, Special Events,	
Contributed Materials and Services	\$53,586
Private Grants	\$45,000
Program Membership, Membership Fees	\$101,913
Fees for Service and Workshop/Conference Fees	\$17,089
TOTAL:	2,733,020



- NV Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Child and Family Services
- NV Dept. of Health and Human Services: Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- Nevada Office of the Attorney General

### PRIVATE FUNDING

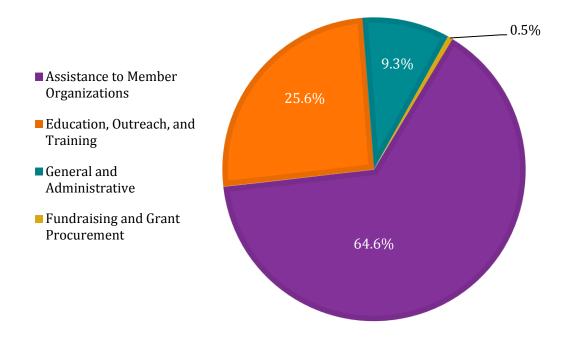
- Allstate Foundation
- Jacksons Corporation



# **EXPENSES**

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Assistance to Member Organizations Education, Outreach, and Training General and Administrative Fundraising and Grant Procurement **TOTAL:**  \$1,743,848 \$691,021 \$250,844 \$14,679 **\$2,700,392** 





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# JAN EVANS DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUND



Through the generosity of numerous private donors, the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund offers emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to survivors of domestic violence and their children who are fleeing abusive relationships or attempting to re-establish themselves after leaving such situations. These grants cover expenses such as transportation costs, relocation expenses, personal supplies, and any other type of emergency need directly related to leaving an abusive relationship. Named after Jan Evans, NCEDSV's first volunteer lobbyist, the grants ease the financial burdens domestic violence victims face when they decide to leave abusive relationships.

**Grant Awards:** In fiscal year 2017, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$7,451.36 in financial assistance grants. Eighteen victims of domestic violence and their ten children were assisted.

**Contributions are Welcome:** Please consider donating to the Jan Evans Fund. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. 100% of money

donated goes directly to meet the needs of victim survivors. <u>Donate today.</u>

NCEDSV provided an emergency grant to a survivor to pay for bus tickets. They were escaping an abusive relationship and were trying to get to their family in Dallas, TX. With assistance from NCEDSV and the local domestic and sexual violence program, the client and child were able to reach their family and begin their new life.

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With gratitude, we acknowledge your commitment and passion to end domestic and sexual violence.

We are co-creators in a butterfly effect, catalysts for an upward flight pattern for survivors, advocates, and allies.

