



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2020 / 2021**

**NORTHERN NEVADA**  
Reno, NV

**SOUTHERN NEVADA**  
Henderson, NV

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reflecting on Fiscal Year 2021, we have to pay homage to the incredible Sue Meuschke. During her final months as Executive Director, the legislature passed Senate Bill 177 doubling the Marriage License surcharge to provide additional funding for domestic violence services, and for the first time, statewide funding for sexual assault services. While the planning and execution of this took years, Sue was able to retire knowing the domestic and sexual violence service providers would have additional funding for years to come.

While the ongoing pandemic created immense challenges, it has also created unique and positive opportunities. These innovations will last long after this virus stops interfering with the everyday lives of victim-survivors and all those who work to assist them in their journeys. The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) worked with Nevada communities to establish the Weaving Communities Together group.

Our goal was to bring together community domestic and sexual violence programs, Native service agencies and community partners to bridge conditions that limit our abilities to provide services to all domestic and sexual violence survivors. That initial meeting created links for service providers for monthly meetings, resource sharing, training, cross presentation, and supporting partner events; which in turn, have led to initial discussions on potential collaborative funding between programs and NCEDSV.

We have prioritized diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) as we have come to realize the vast inequities that exist in Nevada. One way we have sought to

establish more equity is to ensure service providers are able to provide equitable services to all. We held our first virtual training series in July 2020 called, Alphabet Soup 101- Language, Culture, and Bias: Why it Matters. It was provided over the course of six weeks to over 200 attendees. It was so successful, that it became our first on-demand training available on our website available at no cost.

We have continued to curate expert trainings in order to engage over 500 attendees for our more than three dozen workshops and webinars. These educational opportunities are for those who interact, sometimes daily, with victim-survivors. We know this is a critical need because our Program Members provided 80,738 safe bed nights to victim-survivors and their children.

Our members also used their gained expertise to aid in preparing over 3,000 temporary orders of protection. While it is true that these orders of protection are literally “pieces of paper”, they are also powerful statements made by victim-survivors who are setting boundaries against those who have harmed them, and often their children, for what may be the first time in their lives.

As you review the following pages, it is my hope that you glean a better understanding of the challenges we have faced and the successes we have championed. Our wins are your wins; most importantly, these wins are the reason we exist, to be the statewide voice advocating for the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence through partnering with communities.

**AMANDA BULLARD**  
*Interim Executive Director*

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# WHO WE ARE

## MISSION

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

## VISION

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

## 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 bias-free 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.

# WE BELIEVE IN DIVERSITY

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence recognizes the importance of and affirms our commitment to diversity, equity, 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.

# ALLIED MEMBERS

Anthem Blue Cross

Catholic Charities Of Northern Nevada

City of Fallon

City Of Mesquite

Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc.

Domestic Violence Resource Center

Jean Nidetch CARE's Center UNLV

Lander County CADV

Legal Aid Center Of Southern Nevada

National Council Of Juvenile & Family Court Judges

Planned Parenthood Votes NV

Reno Police Department

Safe Nest

The Shade Tree

Sierra Community House

Signs of Hope

University Of Nevada Cooperative, Extension - Elko County

Volunteer Attorneys For Rural Nevadans

Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Washoe Legal Services

Women's Development Center

# INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Baker-Tingey, Jill  
 Becker, Nancy  
 Bianchi, Estelle  
 Boe, Leah  
 Braam, Brenda  
 Buckley, Barbara  
 Cafferata, Patricia  
 Carey, Karen  
 Cisneros, Jessica  
 Cordova, Jacqueline  
 Cooney, Valerie  
 Cuevas, Amanda  
 Dallas, Nancy  
 Diamond, Renee  
 Dieterich-Hughes, Sandra  
 Duffy, Anna  
 Dye, Anne  
 Dye, Clare  
 Greene, Elynne  
 Greene, Martha  
 Grimes, Michele  
 Hall, Karl  
 Henderson, Judy  
 Humphrey, Judy  
 Jenson, Diane  
 Jones, Gabrielle  
 Kern, Gayle  
 Lantz, Maxine  
 Meuschke, Sue  
 Moessner, Karen  
 Moore, Cinthia  
 Prentice, Kareen  
 Price, Meg  
 Priest, Margaret Peggy  
 Ramos, Suzanne  
 Robinson, Marjorie  
 Robison, Debra  
 Russell, Pam  
 Scott, Annette  
 Shadley, Meri  
 Thomas, April  
 Tolles, Jill  
 Urban, Ruth Pearson  
 Wagner, Sue  
 Warren, Victoria D.  
 Wilma Jeanne Perry-Jones  
 Wilson, Patricia

# JOINT MEMBERSHIP

Ayoub, Amy  
 Baltazar, Bryan  
 Bobzien, Julie and David  
 Brown, Curtis and Teresa  
 Bullard, Amanda and Del  
 Donald Buchanan and Janet Kofkin  
 Flory-Dominiak, Elizabeth  
 Gilbert, Jan  
 Holt, Charles and Judy  
 Klem, Loretta  
 Merrill, Craig

# STUDENT/ SENIOR

Ainsley, Celeste  
 Alexander, Angelica  
 Aupperle, Barbara  
 Cargill, Spring  
 Cianelli, Jarese  
 Gonnella, Kathleen  
 Henson, Dennis  
 Jacobson, Jennifer  
 Jamshidi, Ali  
 King, Margaret (Peggy)  
 Miller, Christina  
 Neben, Briana  
 Parish, Barbara  
 Peck, Charles  
 Peterson, Tess  
 Roberts, JoAnn  
 Rossotti, Ann  
 Rubeli, Laura  
 Smith, Debbie  
 Weber, Kathleen

# NCEDSV MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

**ALLIED PARTNER MEMBERSHIP** 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.

**FRIEND MEMBERS** can join the movement by paying dues to NCEDSV as an individual, jointly, a senior, or a student. Survivors receive a complimentary lifetime membership.

# NCEDSV PROGRAM MEMBERS

*JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021*

Advocates to End Domestic Violence, Carson City:  
*Serving Carson and Storey Counties*

Committee Against Domestic Violence, Elko:  
*Serving Elko, Eureka, & White Pine Counties*

Consolidated Agencies for Human Services, Hawthorne:  
*Serving Mineral County*

Crisis Support Services of Nevada, Reno:  
*Serving Washoe County*

Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Fallon:  
*Serving Churchill and Lyon Counties*

Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Lovelock:  
*Serving Pershing County*

Domestic Violence Resource Center, Reno:  
*Serving Washoe County*

No to Abuse, Pahrump: *Serving Nye County*

S.A.F.E. House, Henderson: *Serving Clark County*

Safe Embrace, Sparks: *Serving Washoe County*

Sierra Community House, Incline Village:  
*Serving Washoe County*

Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, Winnemucca:  
*Serving Humboldt County*

# TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

During the 2021 fiscal year, NCEDSV presented 43 workshops/webinars to 507 attendees. Topics included working with LGBTQIA+ survivors, economic justice, teen dating violence, digital storytelling, and supporting children experiencing domestic violence in the home. 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. We define technical assistance as immediate help to our program members. During FY 2021, NCEDSV provided 276 technical assistance consultations and conducted 19 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 late 2020, NCEDSV released a companion to the Advocate Certificate Program, the Sexual Assault Advocacy Training. This is an online distance learning program developed to help provide advocates, volunteers, board members, and crisis line and shelter workers with a foundation to provide sexual assault services. Available as a primary benefit to NCEDSV's member programs, and available to allied members for a fee, 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 2021, a total of 44 staff and volunteers from NCEDSV program and allied members completed the 20-hour Advocate Certificate Program, and 21 staff and volunteers from NCEDSV program and allied members completed the Sexual Assault Advocacy Training.

## THIRD THURSDAYS

Third Thursdays are NCEDSV's monthly webinar series designed to help advocates improve their skill set. NCEDSV brings in experts monthly to discuss topics related to advocacy and improving standards of service. In fiscal year 2021, NCEDSV hosted nine monthly webinars to help advocates build their knowledge of anti-oppression and how it affects victim-survivors, as well as building their own self-care skills. Topics during this fiscal year included HIV-Affected Survivors, Legal Advice vs. Legal Advocacy, Tech Abuse, Advocacy for Incarcerated Survivors, and Ethics and Policies in Domestic Violence Shelters.

## LANGUAGE LINE

Language Line is an interpretive service used by NCEDSV and its member programs. Language Line functions as an essential tool to ensure the availability and accessibility of services to marginalized and more vulnerable populations of survivors, whose primary language is not English and those who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. NCEDSV provides access to this service to all member programs as a part of our commitment to develop and secure sustainable language resources to victim-survivors throughout Nevada.

In fiscal year 2021, five different languages were accessed by 24 victims with LEP. These victims were able to obtain meaningful access to domestic and sexual violence services in Nevada through the use of Language Line Phone Services. No InSight video interpretation services were used to assist D/deaf or Hard-of-Hearing clients in fiscal year 2021.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT CORE ADVOCACY TRAINING

The Sexual Assault Core Advocacy Training is a 36-hour comprehensive basic and intermediate sexual assault training created for advocates who are both new to sexual assault advocacy and those who are seeking to advance their basic empowerment-based skills to ultimately provide enhanced trauma-informed advocacy services. The 10-hour online distance learning program modules are designed to provide basic foundational sexual assault advocacy training on an as needed basis to account for onboarding volunteers, board members, and address staff turnover in crisis line and shelter workers. Completion of online modules is required prior to participation in the intermediate sessions 26 hours intermediate training is delivered as a live virtual or in-person training with sessions presented over several days. Intersectional issues and advanced core subject matter is offered through regularly scheduled monthly training sessions. Additional training to support continued education is also provided funding permitting. The Sexual Assault Core Advocacy training is designed to fulfill Nevada statutory requirements for advocate privilege while teaching advocates to confidently and ethically provide victim centered advocacy in their community.

# PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED

TITLE	
About NCEDSV	0
Allied Partner or Friend Membership	0
Developmental Disabilities: Believe Me	1850
Domestic Violence Handbook (E)	885
Domestic Violence Handbook (S)	315
Emotional Abuse	4050
Emotional Abuse (Spanish)	1300
Intimate Partner Violence and Its Impact on Children	2850
Intimate Partner Violence and Its Impact on Children (Spanish)	1498
Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life	850
Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life (Spanish)	1025
Intimate Partner Violence in LGBT Communities	2700
Intimate Partner Violence in LGBT Communities (Spanish)	1250
No One Deserves to be Abused	1050
No One Deserves to be Abused (Spanish)	1500
Pregnancy and IPV	2675
Pregnancy and IPV (Spanish)	1175
RADAR Cards	530
Reproductive Choices and IPV	2750
Reproductive Choices and IPV (Spanish)	825
Sexual Assault Handbook	290
Sexual Assault Handbook (Spanish)	11
Sexual Assault Information	850
Sexual Assault Information (Spanish)	425
Teen Dating Violence: Know It, Name It, Address It	2600
Teen Dating Violence: Know It, Name It, Address It (Spanish)	1350
Teen Dating Violence: What Parents Need to Know	2800
Teen Dating Violence: What Parents Need to Know (Spanish)	1400
Victim Information Cards: For Law Enforcement	5400
Victim Information Cards: For Law Enforcement (Spanish)	2850
TOTAL	47,056



## SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR PROGRAMS



## WEAVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Weaving Communities Together is a project that started while NCEDSV worked to re-establish domestic violence services in Yerington. At the same time the Yerington Paiute Tribe received a federal grant to establish elder abuse services. Initial meetings between NCEDSV and the tribe showed the degree to which native and non-native program staff regularly worked together on behalf of victims or survivors across barriers. Recognizing an opportunity to enhance our outreach and technical assistance, NCEDSV program staff reached out to native services and non-native community based domestic and sexual violence service providers.

The Outreach Coordinator hosted an initial roundtable. Our goal was to bring together community domestic and sexual violence programs, native services agencies and community partners to bridge conditions that limit all of our abilities to provide services to all domestic and sexual violence survivors. That initial meeting created links for service providers for monthly meetings, resource sharing, training, cross presentation, and supporting partner events; which in turn have led to initial discussions on potential collaborative funding between programs and NCEDSV.

## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES AND RESOURCES

In preparation for the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature, the NCEDSV Policy Team worked with the Public Policy Task Force (PPTF) to finalize our policy agenda and establish our guiding principles.

To ensure that NCEDSV's policy advocacy is truly guided by the needs of our direct services providers and the real-life experiences of victim-survivors, the PPTF is comprised of participants across the state from diverse backgrounds that intersect with domestic and sexual violence in one way or another.

Before the 2021 Legislative Session, NCEDSV worked with policymakers to secure bills to implement policies to benefit victim-survivors and direct service providers. Through collaborative relationships with policymakers throughout the session, NCEDSV, our program members, and our allies were effective in passing the following legislation:

- Senate Bill 177, carried by Senator Julia Ratti, increased the marriage license fee for the Account for the Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence from \$25 to \$50. This fund historically only funded domestic violence service providers throughout the state, but with the increase, the funds collected in this account were then split 75% for services for victims of domestic violence and 25% for services for victims of sexual assault.

This fee increase created the first-ever state funding for sexual violence services across the state. Originally passed in 1981, the marriage license fee, then only \$5, created the first-ever state funding for our domestic violence programs. Over the years, the fee was raised modestly to assist Nevada's growing number of programs and victim-survivors seeking services. This bill passage of doubling the marriage license fee was monumental in addressing the needs of our programs and their capacity to serve all victim-survivors across the state.

- Assembly Bill 214 carried by Assemblywoman Venicia Considine, removed gendered language replacing it with gender-neutral language from current Nevada Revised Statute definition of sexual assault and changed “herself” or “himself” with “themselves”. The bill also requires the Interim Judiciary Committee to study the current laws surrounding sexual assault and put forward recommendations concerning necessary changes.
- Senate Bill 364, carried by Senator Melanie Scheible, requires that all hospitals or independent centers for emergency medical care provide doses of emergency contraception when requested by a victim-survivor of sexual assault. The bill also requires training on providing appropriate care to victim-survivors for hospital and independent emergency medical center employees who may interact with them. NCEDSV had initially worked to pass this language during the 2019 Legislative Session and worked with Senator Scheible to bring it back and pass it during the 2021 Legislative Session.
- Senate Bill 347, carried by Senator Melanie Scheible, and brought forward by the Everyvoice Coalition, enacts comprehensive measures to combat sexual violence and support victim-survivors and students on all NSHE campuses. While the bill is lengthy and has many unfunded mandates, one of the most critical components is that the Board of Regents must create a Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education to review and provide comments and recommendations on how to address sexual misconduct on NSHE campuses. NCEDSV remains active in following the implementation of this bill and advocating for adoption of all provisions. Find a full summary of the bill [here](#).
- These bills highlight some of the most high priority pieces of legislation that NCEDSV worked on, however, we also uplifted and advocated for many other bills that aligned with our guiding principles and victim-survivors, service providers, or our criminal justice systems. A full legislative summary of the 2021 session can be found on our webpage [here](#).



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNTS REPORT NEVADA SUMMARY

On September 9, 2021, **15** out of **17 (88%)** identified domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in a national count of domestic violence services conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). In 2021, frontline advocates continued to navigate unforeseen challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises. The following figures represent the information shared by the participating programs about the services they provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 369 Victims Served in One Day

**215** adult and child victims of domestic violence found refuge in emergency shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

**154** non-residential adult and child victims received supportive services including counseling, legal advocacy, and support groups.

### 304 Hotline Contacts Received

Domestic violence hotlines are lifelines for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources via phone, chat, text, and email. Hotline staff received **304** contacts, averaging nearly **13** contacts per hour.

### 59 Unmet Requests for Services

Victims made **59** requests for services—including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare, legal representation, and other support needs—that programs could not provide because they lacked the resources. Approximately **81%** of these unmet requests were for housing and emergency shelter.

There is a tremendous need for increased funding to ensure programs can provide comprehensive services to all survivors seeking help while working toward preventing violence in their communities.

Table 1: Services Provided on 9/9/21	% of Programs Providing Services
Emergency Shelter	53%
Transitional or Other Housing (run by DV Program)	40%
Transportation	33%
Children's Support or Advocacy	13%
Court Accompaniment or Legal Advocacy	13%
Support/Advocacy Related to Housing/Landlord	13%
Support/Advocacy to Teen/Young Adult Victims of Dating Abuse	13%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	7%

✂ “One of the hardest things for advocates is finding safe, affordable housing when it’s time for families to leave our shelter. Many victims go back to abusers in order to keep a roof over their children’s heads.”

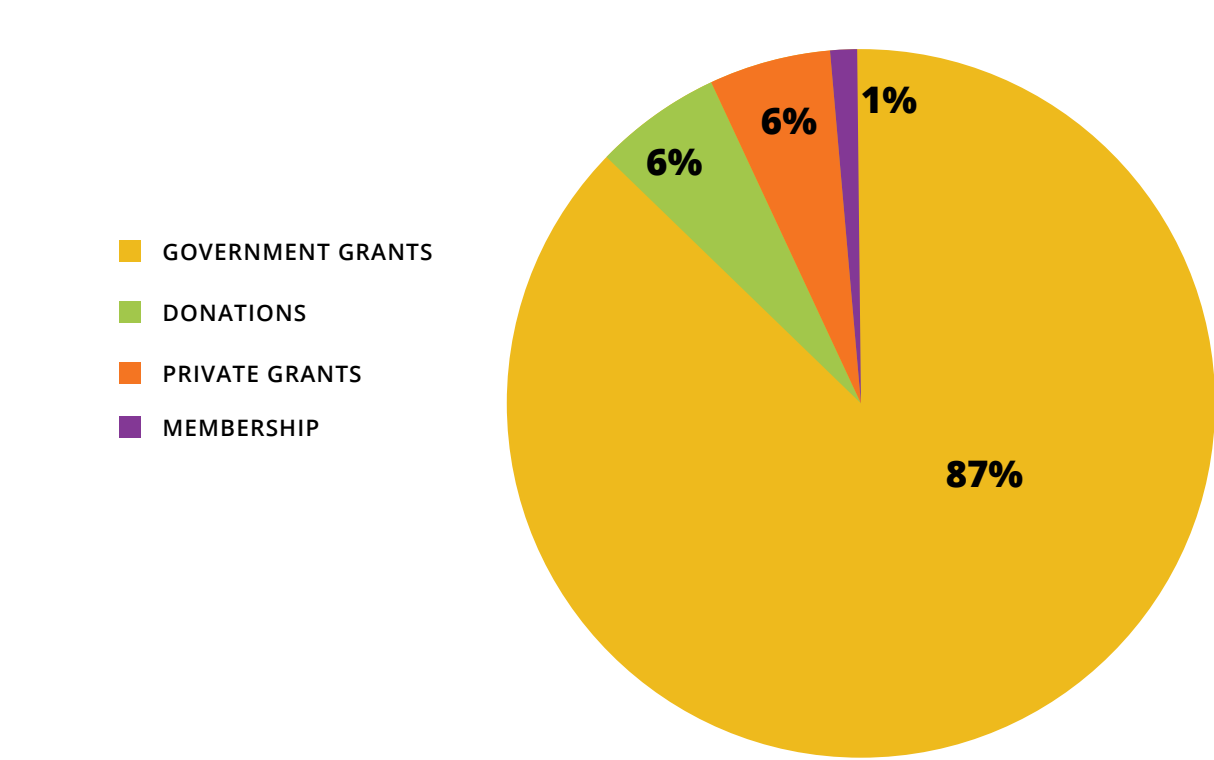
Learn more about domestic violence in Nevada: [NCEDSV.org](https://www.ncedsv.org)

# INCOME REVENUE, PUBLIC SUPPORT, GRANTS & DONATIONS

INCOME	
Victims of Crime (VOCA)	30,071
Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)	310,771
Violence Against Women Act (STOP)	70,019
Abuse in Later Life	8,404
State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions (VAWA)	196,466
Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement	233,967
Preventative Health and Health Services	61,145
Rape Prevention Education	43,414
Gifts, Donations, Fundraising, Special Events, Contributed	63,228
Private Grants	61,802
Program Membership, Membership Fees	9,890
Fee for Service, Workshop / Conference Fees	4,264
TOTAL	1,093,441

EXPENSES	
Education, Outreach and Training	245,671
Assistance to Member Organizations	763,329
General and Administrative	266,707
Fundraising and Grant Procurement	23,763
TOTAL	1,299,470

# INCOME REVENUE BROKEN DOWN BY CATEGORY



- FEDERAL FUNDING**
- U. S. Dept of Health and Human Services Administration for Children & Families: Family Violence Prevention Services
  - U. S. Dept of Justice: Office on Violence Against Women

- STATE FUNDING**
- 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
  - Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield



## ARTICLE FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Written by Judy Henderson

This past year in training highlighted an experience gained from training child protective services social workers, case managers, and their supervisors and trainers. I expected to address issues that were forming barriers between their profession and community-based advocates. I was on a hunt to identify the similarities in our work that were not clearly evident until I dove into an extensive literature review. This training is titled, "Supporting Children Experiencing Domestic Violence in the Home: Protecting the Safety and Wellbeing of the Family Unit for Better Outcomes."

I knew this six-hour training had to be based on best practices examining the intersections of domestic and sexual violence and child welfare. My work started with "Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice" NCJFCJ 1999 with principal authors Jeffrey L. Edelson and Susan Schechter. This research formed the foundation for this work. Add new research, articles written by professionals in both fields along with their experience, and numerous toolkits and handbooks created across the U.S. resulted in a strong basis for sharing a trauma-informed, client-centered approach that not only focused on the needs of the child, but the non-offending parent (victim-survivor) and included tips for working with people who use violence to establish and maintain power and control in a relationship.

I discovered that both professions have common philosophies that can really work together if there is a deeper understanding of strict guidelines meant to protect the families with whom we work. Some of these include confidentiality, safety planning and a deeper understanding how our actions meant to support the child and victim-survivor can actually escalate the violence, such as leaving the offender, getting a job, going back to school, filing for a Protection Order, testifying in criminal court or any other action that may mean independence from the abuser. Other areas of discussion included the impact of trauma on all involved and the pressure experienced by Child Protective Services caseworkers to resolve the issues within a tight timeline. As advocates, we know the healing process does not operate on a timeline and the path is created by the victim-survivor with safety always as a priority. Discussions centered around

mandatory reporting, case management, documentation, empowering the victim-survivor to understand their own trauma, learning new coping skills and defining healing, ending victim-blaming, written releases of information, MOUs and working with the criminal justice system.

Changing social norms and ending violence takes more than a training. Training opens up a conversation, offers tools to support the work, and asks questions of what needs to change in policy and protocols that further emphasize safety. My undying gratitude goes to the supervisors and the staff working with families experiencing violence in the home. They have taken more than just a few steps in the right direction. Over ninety-five percent of the 100+ attendees felt they had enhanced their skills and gained relevant and valuable knowledge about domestic violence. Working on reviewing current policy and modifying protocols is next on their agenda. Based on best practices, these new protocols will give their clients stability and an opportunity to live violence-free.

Participants sharing their thoughts about the training: As a result, I will "continue to do what we try to do which is if at all possible keep the child with the adult victim. Continue to work with them and provide resources even if it has been an ongoing issue but taking into consideration why they have not left. Do all we can do to help them work with an advocate."

"What I enjoyed was the specific examples of how to frame questions and reconsider issues with parents when they are coerced and manipulated, preventing them from completing simple tasks. I also enjoyed the personal story of the trainer to put a professional face on the violence in hopes that field staff are more understanding and nurturing instead of victim-blaming towards those who are trying to break free. For that, the training was like no other."

NOTE: During the next reporting period, three more trainings are being hosted by NCEDSV for CPS. If you are currently serving as an advocate and you are interested in learning more about CPS operations and how to break down existing barriers, please contact Judy Henderson at [judyh@ncedsv.org](mailto:judyh@ncedsv.org).

## ECONOMIC JUSTICE WORK



### 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 2021, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$4502.04 in financial assistance grants. 13 victim-survivors and their 10 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. Donate today at <https://www.ncedsv.org/donate/>.

NCEDSV provided an emergency grant to a victim-survivor to assist with their safe transportation back home following a sexual assault. After moving to Reno, this victim-survivor was abducted and taken to a motel where she was sexually assaulted. Thankfully, this victim survivor was able to escape and get in contact with a local program, where with their advocacy and financial assistance from NCEDSV, the client was able to safely travel back home to California where they were reunited with their family and support system.

## L.I.F.E. Microloan Program

In 2017, NCEDSV received a grant from the Allstate Foundation to develop the Lives Improved by Financial Empowerment (L.I.F.E.) Microloans. L.I.F.E. Microloans are designed to assist survivors of domestic or sexual violence with a loan of no more than \$500. The client can use this loan for anything needed to help develop self-sufficiency; this may include and is not limited to car repair, past utilities, tuition, housing deposits, and re-location costs. NCEDSV is now an established credit reporting agency through Credit Builders Alliance. NCEDSV will report payments to the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion), so it is critical that survivors make payments on time and that the loans are paid off. A good credit score is important for many reasons and helps individuals have access to credit, remove possible housing and employment barriers, and save money over the long term.

**LOANS:** In Fiscal year 2021, local domestic and sexual violence programs worked with two new clients to apply and receive \$949.00 in Microloans. There were four existing clients and three of the Microloans were paid off.

## Housing Assistance Program

The NCEDSV Housing Assistance Program has been funded through the Victims of Crime Administrators (VOCA) Grant. The Housing Assistance Program provides financial assistance grants to victim-survivors who are obtaining their own safe and stable housing after exiting shelter or leaving their abusive home. These grants can be utilized to cover move-in expenses such as security deposits, application fees, and first and last month's rent.

### GRANT AWARDS

In Fiscal year 2021, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$21, 250.00 in financial assistance grants. 16 victim-survivors were assisted and able to create new, safe homes for themselves and their children.

**NCEDSV provided a survivor with a housing assistance grant to assist with a security deposit and first and last month's rent. The survivor was fleeing physical and emotional abuse and was in an unsafe living situation and was forced to live out of their car to maintain their safety. With assistance from NCEDSV and the local domestic and sexual violence program, the survivor was able to obtain their own apartment and have a safe and comfortable living space of their own.**



## AB 176 TRAINING OF TRAINERS SEXUAL VIOLENCE ADVOCACY

# IMPACT STATEMENT

# PROJECT STATEMENT

Working with survivors of sexual violence is a serious undertaking. Thus, it’s important to invest in building a comprehensive program that includes a broad training program to successfully orient staff and volunteers to the organization, to the survivors and to the roles they’ll be performing.



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The focus of our training efforts were in rural communities as they are the least served in terms of sexual violence.

Rural Programs frequently struggle with recruiting, training and retaining staff volunteers given limited staffing and the priority given to service delivery.

### NCEDSV created Sexual Assault Advocacy Training to include:

- » Core on-line training modules
- » Virtual advanced information training sessions (nine four-hour sessions)
- » A Volunteer Toolkit and Resource Handbook to guide community-based domestic and sexual violence advocacy programs to create and improve their own volunteer programs.
- » On-going technical assistance.

# PARTICIPANTS

### Nine Advocates from the following programs:

- » Nevada Outreach Training Organization, Pahrump: Serving Nye County – *Three participants*
- » Domestic Violence Intervention, Fallon: Serving Churchill and Lyon Counties – *Three participants*
- » DVI Pershing County, Lovelock: Serving Pershing County – *One participant*
- » Consolidated Agencies for Human Services, Hawthorne: Serving Mineral County – *One participant*

- » Committee Against Domestic Violence: Harbor House, Elko: Serving Elko, Eureka, and White Pine Counties – *One participant*

### In addition:

- » Five Department of Corrections support staff from the facilities of Ely State Prison, Lovelock Correctional Center, and Florence McClure Women’s Correctional Center were included in the pilot training staff to accommodate their training requirement under PREA.

## IMPACT

AB 176 funding has created a training program that will be available well beyond the FY 20 & 21 funding years.

Overall feedback from participant evaluation forms included the following responses:

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>01</b><br>Objectives being met - YES  | <b>02</b><br>Zoom platform conducive to learning - YES   | <b>03</b><br>Did the pace of the training fit the time frame allowed? - YES                             |
| <b>04</b><br>Enhanced my advocacy skills to support - YES                              | <b>05</b><br>I have gained relevant & valuable knowledge, skills, and/or abilities - YES           | <b>06</b><br>Please rate the value of the subject matter presented - EXCELLENT, GOOD                    |
| <b>07</b><br>The handouts are helpful and self-explanatory - EXCELLENT, GOOD           | <b>08</b><br>The presenter(s) effectively delivered material (enthusiasm, voice) - EXCELLENT, GOOD | <b>09</b><br>The presenter(s) were prepared & demonstrated subject knowledge - EXCELLENT, WELL-PREPARED |
| <b>10</b><br>The presenter(s) encouraged participation and questions - EXCELLENT, GOOD | <b>11</b><br>The presenter(s) listened effectively to the participants - EXCELLENT, GOOD           |   |

# VIRTUAL TRAINING COMPONENTS

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

NCEDSV acknowledges the work of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) in developing a core curriculum for sexual assault advocates. WCSAP gave NCEDSV permission to ‘borrow’ liberally from their work, adapting materials for use in Nevada and expanding content areas. We acknowledge the work of the Office for Victims of Crime using The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit.

NCEDSV also wants to acknowledge the work of consultants from Advocates to End Domestic Violence (Traci Trenoweth), Crisis Support Services of Nevada/Sexual Assault Support Services (Loralee Rae) and Washoe County Child Advocacy Center (Deb Robison, SANE) for their work on reviewing and editing materials for this project.

They provided core content expertise in the development and implementation of this training program. NCEDSV staff Amber Batchelor, Program Director; Lisa Lynn Chapman, Technical Assistance Coordinator; Judy Henderson, Training Coordinator, and Misty Stewart, Program Specialist - were the engine driving the development of this project. Each session consisted of four hours with a 15-minute break taken at the discretion of the facilitator.

Each session has instructor notes and training PowerPoints along with handouts.

## VIRTUAL MODULES: TITLE & OBJECTIVES

After completing these Virtual Modules, participants will be able to:

- » *Explore the Foundations of Sexual Violence: Oppression and Rape Culture Basics*
- » *Defining the Advocate Role: Crisis Intervention & Active Listening*
- » *Sexual Assault Forensic Exams in Nevada*
- » *Overview of Sexual Violence and Supporting Survivors from At-Risk Populations*
- » *Court Advocacy Day One & Day Two: Understanding & Providing Ethical Support for Victim-Survivors*
- » *Multidimensional Issues Associated with Sexual Violence*
- » *Basic Mental Health and Suicide Prevention*
- » *Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care*

# ONLINE MODULES

At the conclusion of each online module, the participant completes a short assessment. Participants must score a least a 70 to move to the next module.

## TITLE & OBJECTIVES

After completing the Online Modules, participants will be able to:

- » *Introduction to Sexual Violence*
- » *History of the Sexual Violence Movement*
- » *The Application of Ethics in Advocacy*
- » *Privacy, Confidentiality and Privilege*
- » *Child Sexual Abuse and Its Adult Survivors*
- » *Sexual Assault Forensic Exams in Nevada*
- » *Sexual Assault Survivor Advocacy*
- » *Intimate Partner Sexual Violence*
- » *Victim’s Rights in Nevada*





## COMMENTS FROM TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

*I am extremely satisfied with the content. The video with the Gardner's tale was phenomenal.*

*Very informational! There were so many things I learned that I did not know before, especially about SAFE exams.*

*This training has given me more insight into some challenges that might arise within the correctional setting when dealing with sexual assault.*

## BARRIERS

The COVID-19 pandemic prevented NCEDSV from conducting live training thus training was provided as a "virtual live." Technology equipment malfunctions and lack of connectivity impacted some programs.

## IN ADDITION

During the last three months of the grant period, we received supplementary funding to support ongoing training/outreach efforts. Additional activities accomplished with this funding included:

- » Underwriting 22 advocates (not limited to rural) attendance at the following advanced virtual trainings
- » Equipment purchased to enhance virtual training access
- » Development/Revision/Translation and distribution of outreach materials



## SUMMARY

### Sexual Assault Advocate Core Training Implementation

- » Online modules remain
- » Pilot program virtual sessions modified to 24-hours two days a week for four weeks.
- » 16 advocates participated in the current cohort which ended August 18, 2021.
- » Advocates represented the following programs: Community Chest in Storey County, Nevada Outreach Training Organization in Nye County, Advocates to End Domestic Violence in Carson City, Winnemucca Committee Against Domestic Violence in Humboldt County and Domestic Violence Intervention in Churchill County.

Upcoming statewide sexual violence services funding (through SB177) will result in increased demand for training. The next live or live virtual training has been scheduled for *March 2022*.

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