



NEVADA ECONOMIC JUSTICE WORKGROUP

In 2021, over a dozen statewide and regional agencies formed the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) Statewide Economic Justice Workgroup to address economic justice inequities and challenges to prevent violence. This extraordinary consortium works every day under extreme conditions to help Nevadans who are struggling with unemployment, low wages, a scarcity of accessible housing, inadequate mental health services, and an extraordinarily high prevalence of violence.

Knowing that working in silos leads to failure,

this workgroup leans into organizational strengths to highlight the intersections of our individual work and to collaboratively address violence caused through economic inequity. We have identified five policy areas Nevadans should focus efforts on to increase economic opportunities as tools for violence prevention.



As we draw near to the 2023 Legislative Session, the Nevada Economic Justice Workgroup will share our insights with state policymakers and leaders, communities, and partners on the importance of connecting economic equity with violence prevention.

Our focus areas are:



Access to affordable and available mental health providers



Increase state revenue to raise public benefit levels and supports



Comprehensive, medically accurate sex and health education



Access to safe and affordable housing



Increasing workplace equity and supports



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ECONOMIC JUSTICE AS VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN NEVADA



The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advises that strengthening economic supports for women and families is an effective means of prevention of sexual and domestic violence.

Intimate partner violence is power based.

Therefore, decreasing power imbalances within relationships by increasing access to economic opportunity, can prevent violence. “To enhance prevention initiatives, policies and programs that improve economic security and stability, and provide socio-economically challenged individuals with opportunities to strengthen their education, employment, and income outcomes through microloans, can reduce the power imbalances across multiple levels of the socioecological model, which will ultimately decrease the likelihood that violence will occur.” [2]

For low-income individuals and those living close to the margins, lack of economic resources hinders their ability to alter their environment or to live self-reliantly, keeping them dependent on others for survival, which places them at risk for power-based violence.

Workgroup Participants

- Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Nevada NOW
- Vote Nevada
- The Cupcake Girls
- Children’s Advocacy Alliance
- Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN)
- Advocates to End Domestic Violence
- State Innovation Exchange
- Make It Work Nevada

“Provisions of these types of support to ensure women can remain in and contribute substantially to the workforce not only improves their economic conditions and promotes family stability, but also decreases gender inequality, which has been linked to risk for sexual violence. [1]

- Silver State Equality
- Nevada Housing Coalition
- S.A.F.E. House
- Nevada Women’s Lobby
- Tu Casa Latina
- Planned Parenthood Votes Nevada
- Nevada Institute for Children’s Research Policy
- Nevada Minority Health and Equity Coalition
- Prevent Child Abuse Nevada

[1] Basile PhD, Kathleen C. et al. 2016. STOP SV: A Technical Package to Prevent Sexual Violence. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from: STOP SV: A Technical Package to Prevent Sexual Violence (cdc.gov)

[2] Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence. August 7, 2020. How Economic Justice Efforts Lead to the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence? VAWnet News Blog. Retrieved from: <https://vawnet.org/news/how-can-economic-justice-efforts-lead-prevention-sexual-and-domestic-violence>