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**In Honor Of Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Takes Action
To Support Service Providers Through Training**

Reno, Nev., (October 02, 2023) -- In their efforts to eliminate domestic violence in Nevada, a statewide organization, the [Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) (NCEDSV), joins coalitions across the nation to raise awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on safety planning **throughout the month of October.**

Safety planning is a crucial step of advocacy, but what does it really mean? How does safety planning apply to survivors from different communities? The series of classes created by NCEDSV will give a general overview of safety planning, and have a follow-up series of training on how to safety plan for LGBTQIA+ survivors, survivors who use substances, Indigenous survivors, and how to safety plan around technology.

“For victim-survivors, safety planning is essential. Safety plans are the small and large things that victim-survivors map out in order to protect themselves, their children, and other close connections who may be in danger,” said Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, Executive Director of NCEDSV.

Safety plans may include the intricate details of what is needed to leave the home; safe words and codes with support individuals; plans for visiting familiar meeting places like schools and houses of worship; and workplace safety. Advocates can empower victim-survivors with tools and options to create flexible safety plans that are based on their unique situation.

“This safety planning campaign aims to highlight the ways developing a plan of action can reduce the risk of future harm by an abuser,” said Abdur-Raheem. “Having a safety plan can save someone’s life, making it a crucial part of an advocate’s work with victim-survivors. Advocates develop safety plans in partnership with the victim-survivor. Safety plans center each victim-survivor’s life expertise, and always honor their voice and choice.”

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Safety Planning Series:

1. Safety Planning with Victim-Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Assault (September 27, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)
2. Safety Planning for Queer and Trans Survivors (October 04, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)
3. Safety Planning for Survivors who Use Substances (October 11, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)
4. Safety Planning for Indigenous Survivors (October 20, 2023, 09:00 AM - 10:30 AM)
5. Technological Safety Planning: Cyberbullying, Stalking & the Internet of Things (October 26, 2023, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM)

CEUs are complimentary for all member levels. Non-members will be charged a \$35 fee for CEUs. To become a member of NCEDSV and receive complimentary CEUs, visit <https://www.ncedsv.org/membership/#friend>. Please visit [ncedsv.org](https://www.ncedsv.org) to view action details and learn more about domestic violence services provided by NCEDSV.

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About NCEDSV

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (previously The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence), is the statewide coalition of domestic and sexual violence programs. NCEDSV provides statewide advocacy, education, and support to the front-line organizations that help those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. To learn more, visit [ncedsv.org](https://www.ncedsv.org).