

ENHANCE OUR IMPACT

We are the statewide voice advocating for the prevention and elimination of violence through community partnerships.



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Nevada Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence
Annual Report 2022-2023





MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Partnership was the word of the year for NCEDSV in 2022-2023 as our team continued to develop new ways to support the organizations and advocates who provide lifesaving services to those impacted by domestic and sexual violence throughout Nevada. Partnership enabled expanded SANE services in frontier communities so that sexual assault victims no longer have to make appointments days in advance and travel for hours to receive SART exams. Partnership with tribal communities across Nevada strengthened advocacy and gained more public understanding of the heightened victimization of indigenous people through the Weave initiative and participation in Missing and Murdered Indigenous People campaigns. And new and expanded partnership with our policy allies ensured that not only did all three bills NCEDSV directly sponsored get passed but NCEDSV was also directly involved in getting countless other bills across the finish line in the 2023 legislative session.

I am proud to have joined NCEDSV in January of 2023 and have enjoyed getting to know many of our partners in my first year. I look forward to meeting and working with many more as my tenure grows. Whatever your connection to NCEDSV, thank you for joining with us in our mission to END domestic and sexual violence. It takes all of us, working together, sharing ideas, strategies and resources, to make this mission a reality. Let us use the accomplishments of the past year to fuel our energy for future success.

In partnership and promise,



**ELIZABETH
ABDUR-RAHEEM**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NCEDSV

ABOUT NCEDSV



THE NEVADA COALITION TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Our vision is a Nevada in which domestic and sexual violence is eradicated and healthy relationships thrive.

Our purpose is to **advocate** for change, **educate** our communities, and **support** organizations. Our services include but are not limited to, state and national funding advocacy, local political strategy, statewide data collection, community education, lobbying, and network support.



OUR IMPACT IN NEVADA

NCEDSV provided resources for the front-line organizations helping those impacted by sexual and/or domestic violence in the following ways:

TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)

We connect advocates with allied professionals to enhance their current services and to promote further collaboration in supporting victim-survivors and their families. Topics included supporting children experiencing domestic violence in the home, advocate burnout and organizational trauma, teen dating violence, serving survivors with disabilities, and more.

STATEWIDE INTERPRETIVE PHONE SERVICES

Language Line is an interpretive service used by NCEDSV and its member programs. Language Line is an essential tool that ensures the availability and accessibility of services to marginalized and vulnerable populations of victim-survivors, whose primary language is not English and for 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.

THE ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Advocate Certificate Program is a 20-hour, online distance learning program to provide advocates, volunteers, board members, and crisis line & shelter workers the foundation for engaging with victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The Advocate Certificate Program may also be used to supplement other staff and volunteer training offered by the organization.

ADVOCATE LEARNING CIRCLES

Advocate Learning Circles are NCEDSV's monthly webinar series designed to help advocates improve their skill sets. Every month, NCEDSV brings in experts to discuss topics related to advocacy and improving standards of service. Topics during this Fiscal Year included rural sustainability, developing support groups, firearms and domestic violence, living in shelter for trauma survivors, and more.

During the 2023 Fiscal Year, we accomplished the following achievements through our member resources.

1,856

1,856 individuals attended **90 workshops & webinars**.

253

253 victim-survivors were provided **translation in 12 languages**, including InSight video interpretation service for D/deaf or hard-of-hearing accessibility.

44

Provided live testimony on **44 bills** during the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session.

143

143 victim-survivors, including children, received **financial assistance** through grants to establish stability.

125

125 staff and volunteers from NCEDSV program and allied members completed the **Sexual Assault Advocacy Training**.

217

Provided 217 **technical assistance consultations**.

9

9 Weaving Communities Together meetings where advocates for **Indigenous nations** share and support each other in the work and bridge gaps in services.

105

105 staff and volunteers from NCEDSV program and allied members completed the 20-hour **Advocate Certificate Program**.

53

53 one-on-one meeting with **state legislators**.



OUR COMMUNITY FUNDS

JAN EVANS FUND

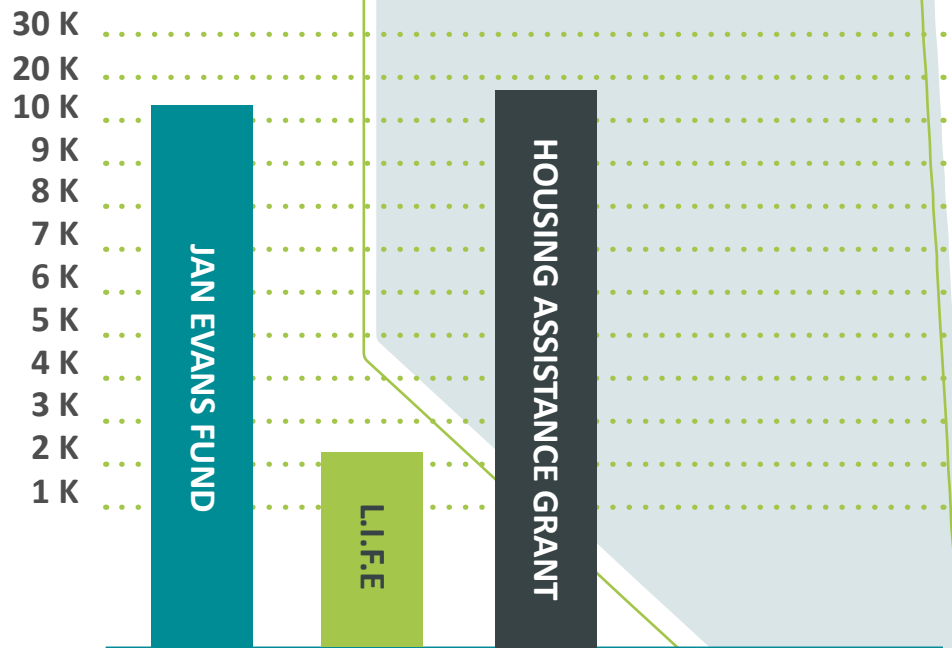
In Fiscal Year 2023, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$15,300.47 in financial assistance grants. 49 victim-survivors and their 94 children were assisted.

L.I.F.E MICROLOAN PROGRAM

LIFE Microloan Program: In Fiscal Year 2023, local domestic and sexual violence programs worked with 3 new clients and one returning client to apply and receive \$2,250 in Microloans. There was 1 existing client and 1 of the Microloans was paid off.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Housing Assistance Grants: In Fiscal Year 2023, local domestic and sexual violence programs received \$15,000 in financial assistance grants. 16 victim-survivors were assisted and able to create new, safe homes for themselves and their children.



MEMBER IMPACT IN NEVADA

We're inspired and grateful for the amazing work of our member agencies.

26,931

TOTAL NUMBER OF
VICTIMS SERVED

67,446

BED NIGHTS
PROVIDED

3,148

TEMPORARY
PROTECTION
ORDERS PREPARED

61,815

REFERRALS
PROVIDED



MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN CONFERENCE

In May 2023, NCEDSV was honored to attend and present at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Conference, coordinated by the women of the Newe Waipaipian group. The Newe Waipaipian group hosted this conference with love, grace, and intention, beginning and ending each day with song and prayer. Approximately 200 people attended the MMIW Conference. A common thread shared through stories of impacted family members and presenters was gaps in resources. NCEDSV plans to continue to support the MMIW movement in Nevada and assist with awareness and action across the state.

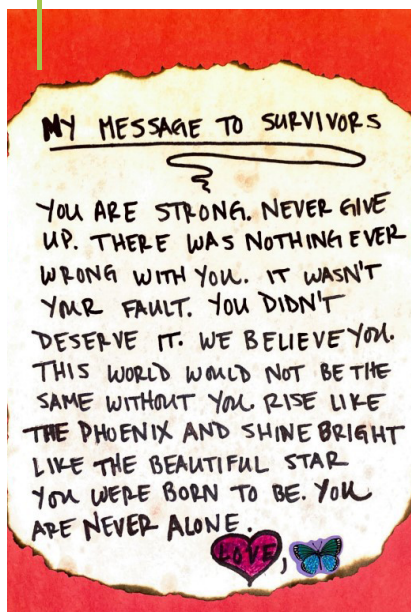
During the conference, an MMIW task force was discussed to ensure families would have access to more resources, accurate information, and a seamless process when loved ones went missing through the following steps:

- Start with a circle process in each community.
- Determine which resources are missing.
- Discuss what the community sees.
- Consider how the community can be better served.

The MMIW conference coordinator, Thalia Marin, has also joined NCEDSV's Weaving Communities Together for Healing's monthly meetings to share MMIW updates with the group.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH 2023



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2022



DENIM DAY



TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

In March 2023, NCEDSV expanded their leadership to include a **Training Department** by advertising a position for a Training Director to oversee the efforts of this department, and hiring two Training Coordinators. This department is responsible for developing, coordinating, and executing virtual and in-person trainings, leading all current NCEDSV training efforts, including:

- Advocate Learning Circle webinars.
- Self-paced Advocate Certificate Program.
- Sexual Violence Advocacy Training.
- Domestic and Sexual Violence Core Advocacy Academy Webinars.
- the NCEDSV Annual Conference and Topical Trainings.



Moving forward, the training department will focus on developing a combination of trainings focusing on the key aspects of an advocate's role, such as safety planning, hotline calls, and trauma-informed services, and new and innovative practices in the field, including safety using technology, services for culturally specific communities, and promoting balance and harmony in our work.

ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE

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 2023, staff and volunteers from NCEDSV program and allied members completed:

105

20-HOUR ADVOCATE
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

125

SEXUAL ASSAULT
ADVOCACY TRAININGS

ADVOCATE LEARNING CIRCLE

Advocate Learning Circle is 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 2023, NCEDSV hosted 9 monthly webinars to help advocates build their knowledge of mobile advocacy, motivational interviewing, financial literacy, fighting commercial sexual exploitation, addressing sexual abuse in later life, and more.

119
ATTENDEES



VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY OF NEVADA

NCEDSV facilitated **two cohorts of the Victim Assistance Academy of Nevada (VAAN)**, held consecutively from April 2023 to August 2023. VAAN is a statewide, coordinated, comprehensive, academically-based training to build and strengthen victim service agencies. This is 40-hour, virtual, and self-paced training covers topics that include victims' rights, ethics, boundaries, cultural considerations, sexual and domestic violence, human trafficking, child abuse, abuse of older adults, LGBTQI+, immigration, suicide intervention, trauma informed care, and more. Participants had six weeks to complete all modules of the training (24 total modules). This training is focused on educating victim advocates and is offered free of charge.

FIRST COHORT | APRIL 24, 2023 - JUNE 2, 2023

33 GRADUATES

SECOND COHORT | JUNE 19, 2023 - AUGUST 4, 2023

25 GRADUATES

At the conclusion of the course and successful completion of all modules, participants were invited to an in-person, full day **Affinity Day**, that was offered regionally. The purpose of each Affinity Day was to debrief the training in person, offer additional learning activities to reinforce some key points of the training, and to allow the opportunity for advocates to network with one another in their own community.

Affinity Days	06/08/2023 6 participants.
Henderson	08/29/2023 4 participants.

Affinity Days	06/13/2023 13 participants.
Reno	08/30/2023 6 participants.

Affinity Day	08/31/2023 3 participants.
Elko	(only one was held in Elko based on the number of participants)

Although the training was offered virtually, the participants were engaged and motivated. The final evaluations indicated overwhelming satisfaction. Those who participated in the Affinity Days provided positive feedback as well. Overall, both cohorts of VAAN 2023 were a success.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

62

WORKSHOPS
WEBINARS

1,043

ATTENDEES

Topics included protecting victims and children from abuser's firearm access, promoting sexual assault healing services to men, cultural humility, teen relationship abuse amongst trans and non-binary youth, violence amongst indigenous communities, mobile advocacy, developing conflict and trust management strategies, and more. 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. Two of the major training series hosted by NCEDSV were during Human Trafficking Awareness Month and LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

In January, NCEDSV hosted a series of **5 webinars**, bringing in national and local experts to educate communities on how to identify survivors of trafficking, and providing and referring to services. The series had a total of **145 attendees**.

In June, NCEDSV hosted a series of **4 webinars** on serving LGBTQIA+ survivors of violence, including survivors living with HIV. Trainers provided information on terminology and community oversight, using gender neutral language, busting myths around HIV/AIDS, and serving survivors living with HIV. This series had a total of **131 attendees**.

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 2023, NCEDSV provided **204 technical assistance consultations** and conducted **63 site visits**.

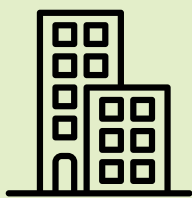
4,503
PUBLICATIONS
DISTRIBUTED



PUBLIC POLICY

Fiscal Year 23 was engaging and rewarding for the NCEDSV Policy Department. During July – January of FY23, the Policy Department prepared for the upcoming Legislative Session and spent this critical time engaging collaborators, policymakers, and the Public Policy Task Force (PPTF) to finalize our policy agenda and guiding principles. As NCEDSV's policy advocacy is driven by the needs of our direct service providers and the real-life experiences of victim-survivors, the PPTF exists to provide the policy team with recommendations and guidance.

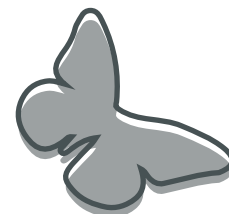
February of 2023 kicked off the start of the 82nd Nevada Legislative Session. During the session, the NCEDSV Policy Team actively advocated for inclusive, trauma-informed, victim-centered policies that address the prevention and intervention of violence in our communities. NCEDSV worked with Legislators to peruse and carry three bills on our behalf. With community support, targeted advocacy, and education, NCEDSV successfully passed all three of our priority bills.



ASSEMBLY BILL 163

Summary: Expands existing employee protections for victim-survivors of domestic violence to include victim-survivors of sexual violence.

Primary Bill Sponsor: Assemblywoman Gonzalez, Assemblywoman Considine, Assemblywoman Thomas, Senator Spearman, Senator Neal, Senator Harris.



ASSEMBLY BILL 245

Summary: Establishes student resources and prevention efforts to address power-based violence on K-12 and higher education campuses. Including establishing the Committee on Responses to Power-Based Violence in Schools through the Department of Education. Requiring K-12 school districts to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with community-based advocacy agencies. Requiring schools to post and distribute information regarding victim-survivor resource.

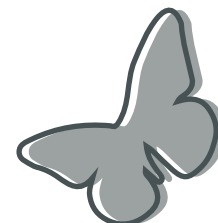
Primary Bill Sponsor: Assemblywoman Selena Torres, Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola, Assemblywoman Cecelia Gonzalez, Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama, Senator Lisa Krasner.



SENATE BILL 382

Summary: Removes the provision that in cases of protection orders involving minors, the adverse party is granted automatic council during hearings ensuring an equal balance of power among applicants and adverse parties.

Primary Bill Sponsor: Senate Committee on Judiciary.





In addition to our priority bills, NCEDSV actively advocated for and worked on numerous bills that intersect with domestic and sexual violence.

This summary highlights just a portion of our policy advocacy efforts throughout the Legislative Session. Through an intersectional lens and with guidance from the PPTF and community partners, we supported and elevated many other critical pieces of legislation.

ASSEMBLY BILL 51

Increases the timeframe for arrest for domestic violence from 24 hours to seven days.

ASSEMBLY BILL 257

Requires forensic medical examinations to include strangulation exams.

SENATE BILL 129

Abolishes the statute of limitations for when a victim-survivor of sexual assault can pursue civil actions against their perpetrator.

ASSEMBLY BILL 276

Allows for forensic medical exams to be conducted via telehealth by an appropriately trained medical provider at an originating site.

SENATE BILL 321

Prohibits law enforcement agencies or forensic laboratories from using the DNA of a victim-survivor for any other purpose besides solving the sexual assault case.

AB 125

In 2023, NCEDSV testified for AB 125. This bill aims to increase communication between tribal and nontribal law enforcement agencies. Allowing all law enforcement agencies to accept reports of missing or murdered indigenous peoples and to submit the information to both the National Crime Center and the National Missing and Unidentified Person System will help increase the chances of solving these cases.

This bill requires that all peace officers receive training in taking reports and case handling relating to missing indigenous persons, racial profiling, and mental health. AB 125 includes training in crisis

intervention, the well-being of officers, implicit bias recognition, de-escalation, human trafficking, and firearms.

Before this bill, each state agency that regularly communicates with indigenous tribes would designate a tribal liaison whose duties include maintaining ongoing communication between the state agency and affected indigenous tribes. The Training Commission had not adopted specific regulations for the training of peace officers related to missing and murdered indigenous persons.





FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME BREAKDOWN

■ \$1,097,843 FEDERAL GRANTS

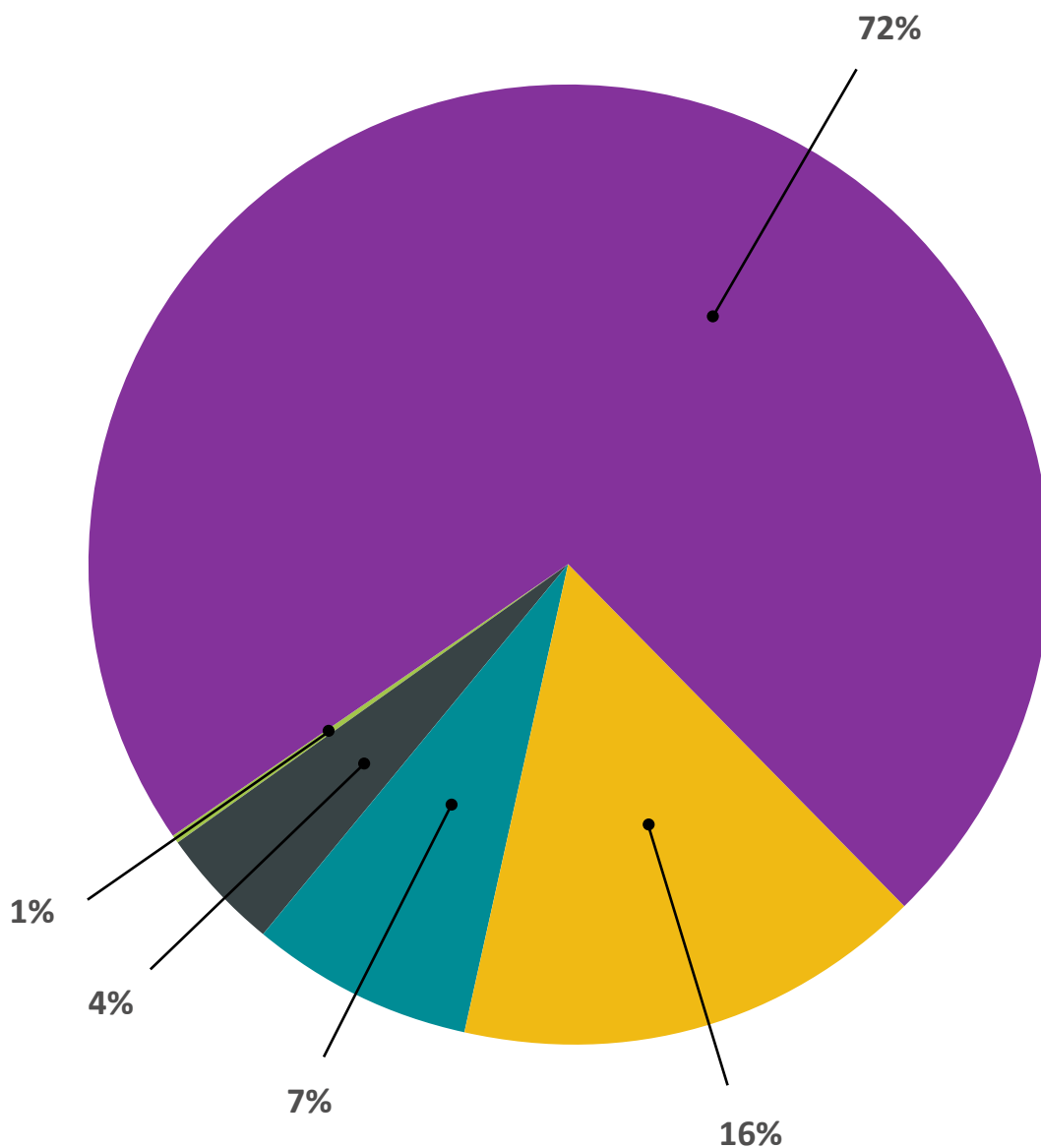
■ \$240,904 STATE GRANTS

■ \$112,292 MEMBERSHIP DUES

■ \$61,640 DONATIONS

■ \$3,669 CONFERENCE REVENUE

TOTAL: \$1,516,348



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Program At-Large



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Community At-Large



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Serving Carson and Storey Counties

Committee Against Domestic Violence

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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

Safe Embrace

RENO

Serving Washoe County

S.A.F.E. House

HENDERSON

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The Shade Tree

LAS VEGAS

Serving Clark County

Sierra Community House

INCLINE VILLAGE

Serving Washoe County

Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services

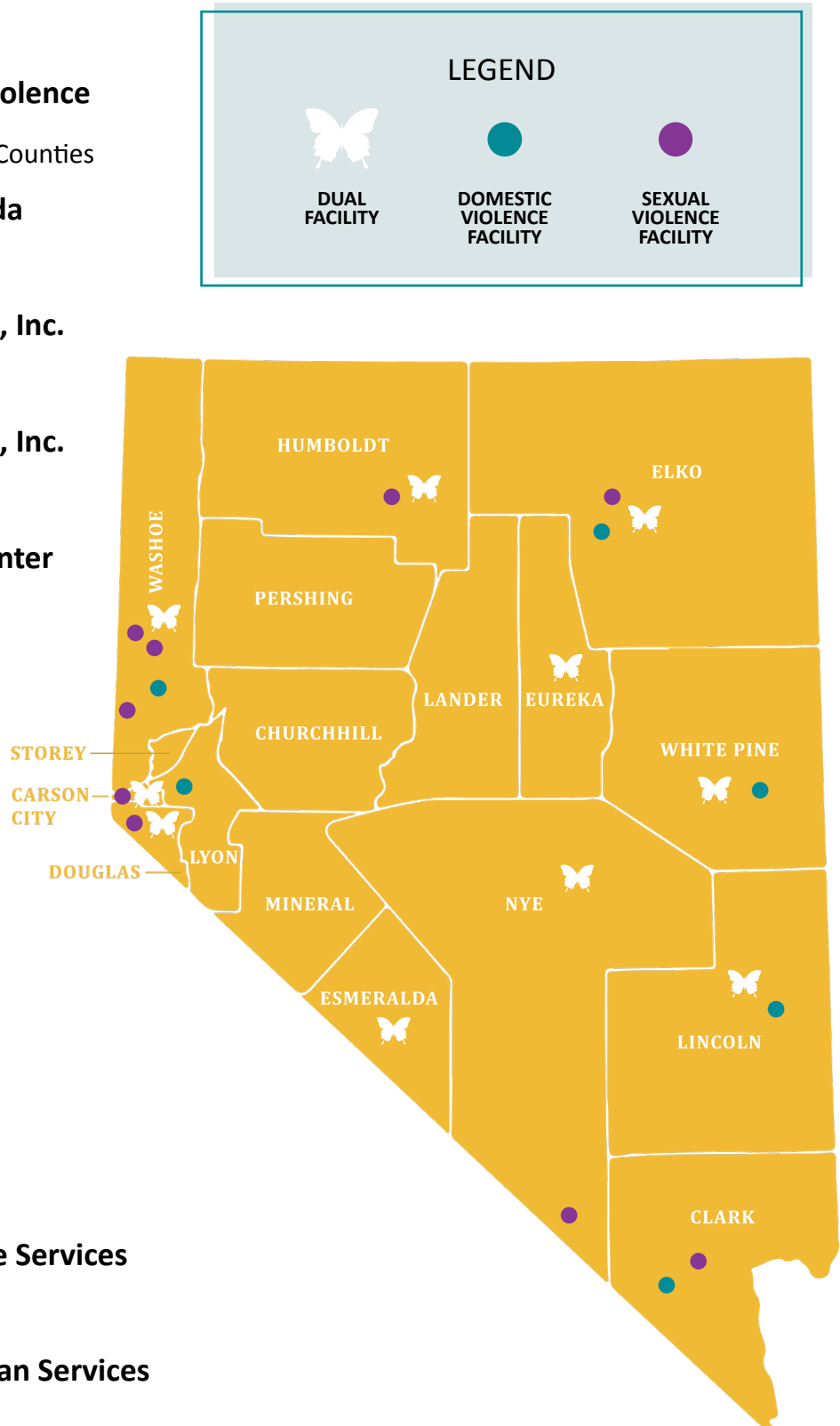
WINNEMUCCA

Serving Humboldt County

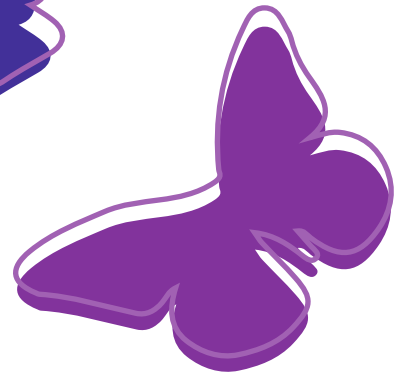
Consolidated Agencies for Human Services

HAWTHORNE

Serving Mineral County



THANK YOU!



NCEDSV would like to give our sincere thanks to all supporters of our mission, including member-programs, donors, sponsors, conference attendees, and advocates across Nevada. Whether you have been following our progress since our creation in 1980, are new to the mission, or became involved somewhere in between, we are grateful for your support. Together, we have facilitated the growth and development of domestic and sexual violence programs throughout Nevada.

Thank you for showing up for victim-survivors and taking a stand against violence.

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