

## Join Us for the 2025 Pathways to Prevention Conference!



Mark your calendars! NCEDSV's annual Conference is back, bringing together advocates, service providers, survivors, and community leaders from across Nevada to explore innovative strategies to prevent domestic and sexual violence before it happens.

This year's Pathways to Prevention conference will feature dynamic speakers, skill-building workshops, and opportunities to connect across systems and communities. Whether you're new to prevention work or a seasoned advocate, you'll leave inspired, informed, and ready to take action.

Don't miss this chance to be part of Nevada's growing movement for change.

Register today and help us build a future free from violence.

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## A Message From Our Executive Director

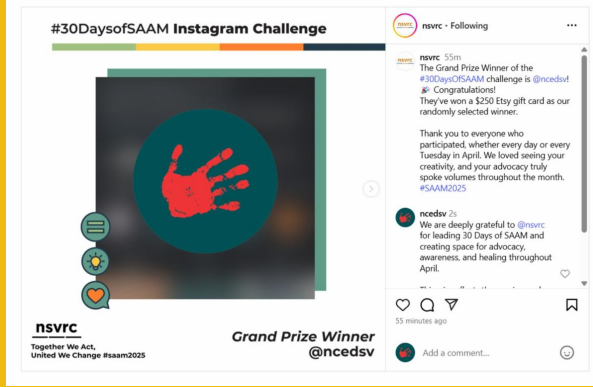
Our Executive Director, Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, reflects on the momentum we've built this spring, the partnerships that continue to strengthen our mission, and the meaningful work we are carrying into the second half of the year. From legislative advocacy to community training, here's what we've accomplished, and where we're headed.

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## 30 Days of SAAM

## Nevada Participates in National Domestic Violence Counts Day

Each year, Nevada joins a national effort to document the impact of domestic violence and the essential services survivors rely on. The Domestic Violence Counts report offers a powerful look at what advocates accomplish in just one day, and



## We Won 30 Days of SAAM!

We're thrilled to share that NCEDSV was selected as the winner of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) 30 Days of SAAM campaign! This national recognition highlights the strength of our messaging, the power of our partnerships, and the impact of our advocacy throughout Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Winning this award is more than an honor, it's a testament to the survivors who inspire our work, the communities that stand with us, and the coalition members who help carry this message forward every day. It affirms that when we raise our voices together, people listen. Together, we are creating safer, more informed, and more empowered communities across Nevada.

*Thank you for being part of this movement!*



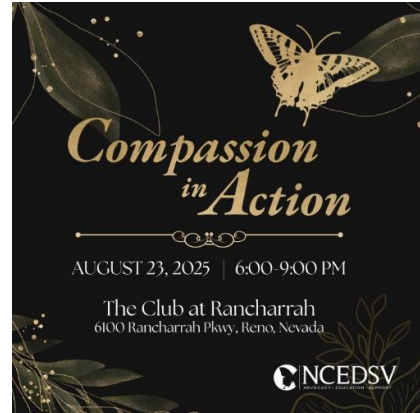
In June, NCEDSV Executive Director Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem and Policy Specialist Ryley Svendsen visited Washington, D.C. for national advocacy days. They met with Nevada's lawmakers to share how federal funding supports local domestic and sexual violence programs and to strengthen partnerships that help sustain these vital services.

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the challenges they continue to face.

We extend our deepest thanks to all of our program members who participated in this year's count. Your dedication, accuracy, and commitment helped to ensure that every survivor's experience is reflected in the data we use to drive change.

## Nevada DV Counts



## Compassion in Action: Support Survivors, Strengthen Communities

Join us for Compassion in Action, NCEDSV's annual fundraiser dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence across Nevada. This event is more than a fundraiser, it's a call to community.

Your contributions help fund lifesaving programs, prevention education, and advocacy efforts that make lasting change. Whether you attend, donate, or help spread the word, you're taking action rooted in compassion and solidarity.

Together, we can build a safer, more just Nevada.

[Donate/Buy Tickets](#)

On June 5th, NCEDSV joined advocates nationwide for the National Day of Action to demand policies that protect and support survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Together, we urged lawmakers to increase funding for victim services, strengthen legal protections, and invest in prevention. This day reminded us that real change starts with action.

## 2025 PLENARIES

## *Nevada Speaks Out: Denim Day Unites Communities Against Sexual Violence*

### **Denim Day Sparks Statewide Action and Awareness**

Every April, communities across the country observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and one of the most powerful days within that month is Denim Day. This annual event serves as a visible symbol of solidarity with survivors and a bold stance against victim-blaming.

On April 30, 2025, the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) joined advocates, allies, and community members throughout the state in recognizing Denim Day. Wearing denim on this day is much more than a fashion choice, it's a statement. It honors survivors and challenges harmful



*A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to bring attention to sexual violence and raise public awareness in order to educate communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define sexual violence as sexual activity when consent is not obtained or freely given; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations across Nevada are taking a stand against sexual assault and are dedicated to sexual assault prevention and education efforts to change societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault is not confined to any one group of people, but crosses all economic, racial, and societal barriers and requires all Nevadans to take action to reduce harm; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence and as employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to support survivors, increase education and prevention efforts, and take a stand against sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Sexual Assault Awareness Month national theme, "Together We Act, United We Change", highlights the importance of working together to address and prevent sexual abuse, assault, and harassment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOE LOMBARDO, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA**



*The Honorable Joseph Lombardo, Governor of Nevada*  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

By the Governor:  
*Joe Lombardo*  
Secretary of State

myths that excuse sexual violence.

The origins of Denim Day go back to a 1990s court case in Italy, where a rape conviction was overturned because the victim was wearing tight jeans. The court argued that she must have helped remove them, implying consent. In response, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans in protest, sparking a movement that now spans across countries and generations.

Here in Nevada, NCEDSV led statewide awareness efforts through digital campaigns, community engagement, and local rallies. Across the state, advocates and survivors stood proudly in denim, on courthouse steps, in schools, and at work; amplifying the message that no one ever asks to be assaulted, no matter what they're wearing.

Denim Day reminds us that ending sexual violence takes all of us. From prevention education to survivor support services, NCEDSV continues to work year-round to change cultural norms, strengthen response systems, and advocate for survivor-centered policies. Together, we wear denim to show survivors they are believed, supported, and never alone.



*"Wear jeans with a purpose, support survivors, and educate yourself and others about sexual assault."*



## 2025 Legislative Session



### The Impact of the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session

The 83rd Nevada Legislative Session convened on Monday, February 3rd, and adjourned in the early morning hours of June 3rd.

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## Leadership in Action

**May 5, 2025**  
**NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES (MMIR)**

Our Executive Director, Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, wearing red to amplify the voices of survivors across Nevada. Her leadership reminds us that bold action and compassion go hand in hand.



**NCEDSV**  
Nevada Council on Elder Disability and Social Inclusion

Our Executive Director Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem proudly wore red to stand in



solidarity with survivors and to spotlight the ongoing work of NCEDSV. Whether advocating on Capitol Hill or leading statewide initiatives, Elizabeth continues to represent the strength and vision behind our mission. Her dedication inspires our team, and our state to move forward with purpose.



NCEDSV Program Director Misty Stewart recently attended the EVAWI 2025 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Forging New Pathways. With over 2,000 professionals in attendance and more than 60 sessions covering topics such as intimate partner violence, elder abuse, stalking, and human trafficking, Misty returned with valuable insights and strategies to enhance our work in Nevada. Her participation reflects our coalition's commitment to staying informed, connected, and proactive in advancing survivor-centered practices across the state.

SUMMER 2025

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

JULY 20	TEENS WITH DISABILITIES	SEPT 09	PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION CONFERENCE
JULY 20	WEAVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER - PART I	SEPT 10	PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION CONFERENCE
JULY 23	SELF-CARE HEALING CIRCLE	SEPT 11	PATHWAYS TO PREVENTION CONFERENCE
JULY 27	WEAVING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER - PART 2		

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[Visit our Website](http://www.ncedsv.org)

NCEDSV is proud to offer several upcoming trainings designed to strengthen the work of advocates, service providers, and community partners. From culturally grounded service models to trauma-informed care, these sessions provide valuable tools to better support victim-survivors across Nevada.

Be sure to check our website and follow us on social media for registration details and training announcements.

# UPCOMING AWARENESS DAYS, WEEKS & MONTHS

- July: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Awareness Day**
- July is National Minority Mental Health Month**
- August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**
- August 26: Women's Equality Day**  **CLOSED**
- Sept 5-11: National Suicide Prevention Week**
- September 10: World Suicide Prevention Day**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Compassion in Action**  
AUGUST 23, 2025 6:00-9:00 PM  
The Club at Rancharrah  
6800 Rancharrah Pkwy, Reno, Nevada

**Pathways to Prevention**  
NCEDSV 2025 Annual Conference  
September 9-11, 2025

Celebrating **45** Years **NCEDSV**  
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## VICTIM ASSISTANCE PRE-ACADEMY: INCREASE YOUR ADVOCACY SKILLS WITH OUR 6-PART SERIES!

**August**

5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

10AM -  
11:30AM

This pre-academy will be focused around community and systems advocates working with survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

- ✓ Build confidence in your role as an advocate
- ✓ Understand the systems survivors interact with
- ✓ Improve your trauma-informed response



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## OUR MISSION

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

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# WEBSITE UPDATED



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Survivors shouldn't face barriers when seeking help. The Recite Me accessibility toolbar on our website empowers visitors to change font size, colors, language, and even have content read aloud, making it easier to navigate resources safely and with dignity.

TRY THE TOOLBAR TODAY, YOUR EXPERIENCE MATTERS.

VISIT NOW

NCEDSV is proud to announce that our website now features Recite Me, an accessibility tool that helps all visitors engage with our content in the way that works best for them.

## Celebrating 45 Years of Impact

This year marks NCEDSV's 45th anniversary, nearly half a century of advocating for victim-survivors, advancing policy, and supporting programs across Nevada. As we reflect on our progress and look ahead, we invite you to be part of our mission.

Join the movement, become a member of NCEDSV today and help us continue building safer, more equitable communities.

**Join the coalition today!**



## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

## ***Thank you, Anthem!***

*We extend our heartfelt thanks to Anthem for being a steadfast, year-round sponsor of NCEDSV. Your generous and consistent partnership empowers our coalition to educate and advocate, while also allowing us to expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and support survivors across Nevada every day. Your unwavering support reflects a true commitment to community health, safety, and healing. Thank you for being more than a sponsor, you are a valued ally in building a safer, more compassionate Nevada.*



*We are deeply grateful to Vela for standing beside us in our mission to end domestic and sexual violence in Nevada. Your support empowers us to strengthen services, raise awareness, and promote safety and justice across our state. Your commitment to creating brighter futures for survivors is evident in every step we take together, thank you for walking this path with us.*



*With sincere gratitude, we thank Renown Health for being a dedicated champion of health, healing, and community well-being. Your partnership not only uplifts survivors but also reinforces the message that safety and dignity are a part of whole-person care. We are truly grateful for your generosity and dedication to making a difference.*



*It is with great appreciation, that we thank the Allstate Foundation for your steadfast support and shared belief in building safer communities. Your generosity helps us expand prevention efforts and support programs that uplift survivors across Nevada. As a partner, you are helping drive meaningful change, thank you for investing in a future free from violence.*



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