

Quarterly News & Updates

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Momentum & Mobilization: Advancing Prevention, Amplifying Voices

Child Abuse Prevention: Protecting Children Starts with Supporting Survivors

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a vital time to reflect on our shared responsibility to ensure every child grows up in a safe and nurturing home. In households where domestic violence occurs, there is a **30% to 60% chance** that child abuse is also happening. These issues are deeply intertwined; supporting survivors of domestic violence is one of the most effective ways to keep children safe and stable.

This April, we are highlighting the link between intimate partner violence and child well-being. By strengthening protective factors like stable housing, access to mental health care, and strong support systems, we aren't just preventing immediate harm; we're helping to break the cycle of intergenerational violence. Let's use this month to bolster our collaborative, inclusive, and trauma-informed efforts to ensure these prevention strategies protect the next generation and help families truly thrive.

The Numbers:

30% to 60%: The estimated rate of co-occurrence. In families where either domestic violence or child abuse is identified, there is a 30% to 60% chance the other is also happening. (Source: www.childwelfare.gov)

3x More Likely: Children who witness intimate partner violence (IPV) are roughly three times more likely to be



Letter from our Executive Director: Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem

As we move into a season of awareness and action, we invite you to pause, reflect, and lean into what comes next. This message challenges us to move beyond recognition and into real, collective action, because awareness alone is not enough. Take a moment to read and consider how you can help turn motivation into mobilization in your community.

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victims of physical child abuse themselves compared to children in non-violent homes. (Source: www.unh.edu)

1 in 4 Children: Approximately 25% of children will experience caregiver IPV (witnessing or direct exposure) at some point in their lifetime. (Source: www.doi.org)

Behind every statistic is a child with a name, a voice, and a future that deserves to be protected. These numbers represent lived experiences, moments of fear, resilience, and the urgent need for safety and stability. When we shift our perspective from data points to human impact, it reinforces why prevention, survivor support, and early intervention are not optional, they are essential to ensuring every child has the opportunity to grow, heal, and thrive.

Visionary Voice
AWARD RECIPIENT



JESSICA SHANLEY
Director of Programs and Client Care, The Shade Tree

Jessica Shanley is a powerful force in the movement to end sexual violence, combining survivor-centered advocacy, strategic leadership, and systems-level change. From her early research on trafficking in Las Vegas to her current role as Director of Programs and Client Care at The Shade Tree, she has advanced compassionate, trauma-informed services that prioritize survivor dignity, safety, and long-term stability. Through her leadership and collaboration with the Southern Nevada Human Trafficking Task Force, Jessica continues to build stronger, more responsive systems for survivors across our community.



Visionary Voice Award Winner:
Jessica Shanley

Homicide Report

Our 2025 Homicide Report sheds light on the realities of domestic violence-related fatalities and the urgent need for coordinated, prevention-focused action. Read the full report to better understand the data and be part of the movement to create safer communities.



April is Financial Literacy Month, we're highlighting how financial literacy goes beyond budgeting, it's a critical tool for preventing financial abuse and supporting survivor safety and long-term stability. Financial abuse and coerced debt can quietly trap victim-survivors in cycles of control, impacting everything from housing to employment and financial independence. Learn how increasing financial knowledge can empower survivors, reduce risk, and support pathways to safety and recovery.

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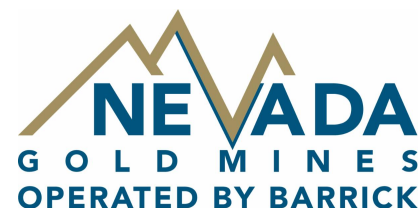
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Preventing violence begins with ensuring people have access to safe and stable housing. Through ongoing collaboration with partners across Nevada, NCEDSV is helping to shape a future where housing justice is central to prevention efforts. Continue reading to learn more about our recent work and what's ahead.

Learn More

In Their Shoes > > > > > > > > > > > > > >

In Their Shoes is an interactive activity for youth to understand the experiences of a teen experiencing dating violence. Participants make decisions as if they were that person, in order to understand why someone may make the choices that they do, what it is like to experience systems that are meant to help survivors, and develop empathy and understanding for those who are experiencing dating violence.

Our Training Director, Lindsay Yates hosted students from the University of Utah for this immersive learning experience.

The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) is grateful to Nevada Gold Mines for a generous **\$35,000** donation to support the Victim's Advocate Academy of Nevada (VAAN). This investment will help expand advocate training across rural Nevada, allowing NCEDSV to offer two VAAN cohorts each year, increase participation from rural communities, and provide additional resources and in-person learning opportunities for advocates serving survivors of violent crime.

The next VAAN cohort will take place later this year, with registration opening at the end of June. Individuals interested in participating are encouraged to visit <https://www.ncedsv.org> for updates and additional information.





Empowering Our Workforce: Corporate Training for a Safer Nevada

At the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV), we know that safety, dignity, and well-being must extend into every space, including the workplace. That's why we're proud to launch our Corporate Training Initiative, created to support Nevada businesses in building informed, responsive, and safer work environments.

Domestic and sexual violence don't stay behind closed doors, they impact employees' safety, productivity, and overall well-being. Our training equips leaders and staff with practical, trauma-informed tools to:

- Recognize early warning signs of abuse
- Respond in ways that support impacted employees
- Foster workplace cultures rooted in safety, accountability, and prevention

Through customized workshops, HR-focused trainings, and executive briefings, we partner with corporations to meet their unique needs while advancing a shared commitment to ending violence across our state.

Together, we can create workplaces; and communities, where everyone feels safe and supported.

Upcoming/Ongoing Awareness



Awareness Months

March (Women's History Month):

- Honoring Women Who Lead, Advocate, and Inspire Change

April (Sexual Assault Awareness Month – SAAM):

- 30 Days of SAAM: Join the Movement to Raise Awareness & Drive Prevention
- Centering Survivors: Awareness, Action, and Accountability This SAAM

April (Crime Victims' Rights Week):

Check out our
'Did You Know?' Video Series

Watch on YouTube!



- Elevating Victims' Rights: Awareness, Access, and Advocacy

April (Financial Literacy Awareness Month):

- Empowering Financial Independence to Prevent Abuse and Build Lasting Stability

April (Child Abuse Prevention Month):

- Strengthening Families and Communities to Protect Children and Prevent Harm

May (Mental Health Awareness Month):

- Healing Matters: Supporting Survivor Mental Health and Wellbeing

Have your event added to our calendar!



Bryan is a bilingual victim advocate with over 12 years of experience in domestic and sexual violence, spanning both professional



Mrs. Frazier, a native of Virginia, is an advocate, leader, and domestic violence survivor with over 12 years of experience

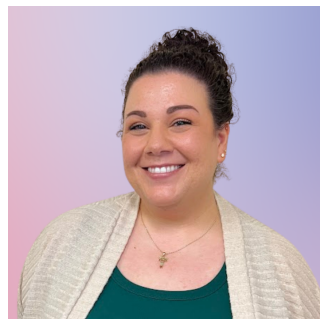
and volunteer roles. With a background in political science and work across local government and crisis intervention organizations throughout Southern and Northern Nevada, he operates at the intersection of policy and direct service. His work focuses on prevention, survivor advocacy, and reshaping how communities understand and engage with healthy relationships.

serving domestic violence and sexual assault service agencies. She actively served on the Speakers' Bureau and Regional Hospital Accompaniment Response Team (RHART) for the YWCA of Richmond. She also served as a Public Policy Committee member on Immigration with the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, and as a Board Member with the Sergeant Carol Adams Foundation and Dress for Success Central Virginia. Mrs. Frazier, a native of Virginia, is an advocate, leader, and domestic violence survivor with over 12 years of experience serving domestic violence and sexual assault service agencies.

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Kessa Lee is passionate about youth in Northern Nevada. As the Community Engagement Director of Eddy House, she works to bring partners in the community together to support unhoused and at-risk youth as well as helping youth to find their own voices in advocacy. She began with a degree in secondary education from the University of Nevada Reno, and for the last 10 years has been working with youth in Washoe County through the school district and various nonprofit organizations. She is excited to have the opportunity to be part of the solution to help youth in our community thrive.



Ashlee L. Sampson was born and raised in Las Vegas, NV but moved to Reno, NV in 2006 to pursue higher education. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Nevada, Reno, and earned her Master's in Social Work from Walden University in 2019. She became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in 2021 and is also a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional. Her professional background includes a wide range of roles such as PSR/BST Worker, Family Advocate, Psychiatric Caseworker, Lead Clinician for a Residential Program, and Director of Outpatient Services. She has extensive experience working with diverse populations including children, older adults, individuals with serious mental illness (SMI), unhoused and foster youth. After four years in a hospital setting, she joined Eddy House as the Clinical Director, where she oversees Case Management, Therapist, and Youth Advocates.



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