

# ***Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence***

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Domestic Violence Agencies Celebrate Crime Victims' Rights Week "25 years of Rebuilding Lives: Celebrating the Victims of Crime Act"**

**Reno, NV**—April 26<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Nevada's domestic violence agencies are organizing several events across the state to commemorate victims of crime, as well as to celebrate our progress in providing services to these victims over the past 25 years.

This year's theme honors the 1984 landmark act that provided a national commitment to victims of crime. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) created a Crime Victim's Fund that disburses financial aid to victims of crime—these funds are collected not from taxpayers, but from convicted offenders' fines and penalties. The Fund also helps support victim assistance programs, such as domestic violence agencies that assist victims in navigating the criminal justice system.

The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV) will preface the week's events by offering a training on April 24<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas. Educating service providers about the specific needs and strengths of Nevada's diverse communities will help victims of crime access services that are relevant to their situation. *Working with Plural Families in the Context of Domestic Violence* will feature A.J. Hunt of the Utah Domestic Violence Council, who will provide an overview of the various types of plural (polygamous) families. Ms. Hunt will discuss the scope of domestic violence among these families, and present proven strategies for effectively reaching and providing services to plural families experiencing abuse. **For more information, please call NNADV at 775-828-1115.**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, NNADV will co-present the launch event of a collaborative prevention project, the *"Peace Begins at Home"* Girl Scouts Domestic Violence Awareness Patch. This Patch—created by NNADV, in cooperation with the Nevada Attorney General's Office, Girl Scouts of Frontier Council, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, and the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force—will inform girls on how to keep themselves safe and how they can help others dealing with domestic violence. **For more information, please call NNADV at 775-828-1115.**

Local agencies across the state will celebrate Crime Victims' Rights Week with an array of events. The Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. will host a fundraiser at a local restaurant on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and S.A.F.E. House of Henderson is inviting the local community to attend their candlelight vigil at the Wells Park on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Henderson. **For more information on the Winnemucca event, please call the**

**Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. at 775-304-3482; for more information on the Henderson event, please call S.A.F.E. House at 702-451-4203.**

Domestic violence advocates from northern Nevada will be attending the Alliance for Victims' Rights' annual Washoe County Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Mills B. Lane Justice Center in Reno. Advocates from the southern parts of the state will attend the Annual Awards Luncheon—hosted by the Community Coalition for Victims' Rights and the Southern Nevada Domestic Violence Task Force—scheduled for Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas. **For more information about the Washoe Co. Candlelight Vigil, please call the Alliance for Victims' Rights at 775-328-3214; for more information on the Southern Nevada Awards Luncheon, please call Jennifer Razo at 702-633-2100, ext. 2538.**

Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. will close the week's activities with *Party in the Park* celebrating the community effort to end abuse, on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Vesco Park. **For more information, please call the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. at 775-304-3482.**

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**About [NNADV](#):**

The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was founded in 1980 to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons. As Nevada's statewide domestic violence coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network that supports its member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state. Affiliated agencies include: Advocates to End Domestic Violence of Hawthorne, ALIVE of Yerington, Committee Against Domestic Violence of Elko, Committee to Aid Abused Women of Reno, Domestic Violence Intervention of Fallon, Domestic Violence Intervention of Lovelock, Safe Embrace of Reno, S.A.F.E. House of Henderson, Safe Nest of Las Vegas, Tahoe Women's Services of Incline Village, and Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc. Provisional members include: Family Support Council of Minden, and NO TO ABUSE of Pahrump.