

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence



NNADV

Advocating change.
Educating our community.
Supporting services.

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

Message from the Executive Director



More than three decades after its founding, the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence continues to help Nevada's communities respond creatively to the needs of survivors of domestic violence and their families. Nevada has changed greatly over those 33 years – a population explosion in the South, a gold rush in the East, and a diversification of population throughout the state. The needs of survivors of domestic violence and the programs that serve them have also experienced great change. We have seen the growth and development of programs, from 5 to 15, and a diversification of services from hotlines and hotel rooms to comprehensive advocacy and shelter services. Unfortunately, as Nevada struggled with the economic downturn, survivors of domestic violence have seen their options shrink and programs have seen their funding dwindle. We are at a tipping point in this state...can we maintain quality services in the face of increasing demand and reduced funding?

It is with this awareness that we present our annual report. Providing training and technical assistance, education and outreach, and developing resources gives programs across the state access to the tools to do more with less. We facilitate regional trainings, providing information about how to better serve underserved communities in our state. We develop and produce webinars designed to build skills of local advocates to provide legal advocacy, teach economic literacy, and address the trauma that violence creates. We participate in multiple workgroups, committees, and task forces addressing the wide range of policy and practice issues that impact survivors of domestic violence. We produce and distribute informational materials to educate and inform our communities about domestic violence. We administer funding for shelters, hotlines, support groups and other direct services. This is all part of what we do as a statewide coalition to address violence in homes across Nevada to respond creatively to the needs of survivors and their families.

I want to personally thank our donors, members and supporters who make this work possible. Just as it takes a village to raise a child—it takes a community to stop the violence. Each of us must do our part to ensure that survivors and their families have real options in their lives. Please take a moment to review this report, think about how you might expand your involvement in this critical movement to end violence and then take action. Volunteer at your local domestic violence program, become an individual member of the Network and/or contact policy makers about the need to support and fund domestic violence initiatives. We need and value your support.

With great respect and gratitude,

Sue Meuschke

For interested parties, the NNADV provides an official audit and IRS Form 990 for public inspection. In addition, our policies and procedures relating to financial management are also available for your review. Call the NNADV office at 775.828.1115 or 1.800.230.1955 statewide during the hours of 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday to make an appointment.

Who We Are

Our Mission

In an effort to promote social change and empower women and all persons affected by domestic violence, NNADV is an inclusive network which supports member programs, communities, and individuals to work on the elimination of domestic violence and the core issues of societal oppression.

Our Philosophy

Domestic and sexual violence have been a socially condoned phenomenon. In light of our present knowledge of the plight and of the myriad needs of battered women, we consider it our duty to work toward an eradication of domestic and sexual violence in our society. We also consider it our duty to help women escape lives dominated by violence and to spread the message that women have the right not to be abused. We intend through coordinated interaction to address these issues on a state-wide level.

Our Purpose

The purpose for which the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was formed is to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons, and the empowerment of women and children. The general objectives of the organization are to provide information to direct and indirect service providers in the fields of domestic and sexual violence, and to provide information, education, and advocacy to the general public concerning the issues of domestic and sexual violence. In addition, the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence generates and disburses funds to direct service programs, and administers said funds in accordance with generally accepted standards of fiscal accountability.



NNADV Highlights

Publications

Written materials are crucial in educating both the general public and professionals on issues surrounding domestic and sexual violence. NNADV develops and distributes, in both English and Spanish, the following resources: topical brochures, victim information cards for law enforcement; screening cards for healthcare professionals; domestic violence handbooks; and a quarterly newsletter entitled the Network News. During fiscal year 2011-2012, 86,562 publications were distributed.

Language Line

The Statewide ESL Access Project was funded by the STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program, awarded by the State of Nevada, Office of the Attorney General to provide resources complementing the ongoing efforts of community-based domestic violence programs to meet the language needs of survivors with limited English proficiency. During FY 2011-2012, STOP grant funding enabled NNADV member programs to make 241 calls to the AT&T Language Line which in turn enabled them to provide life saving services to survivors in 16 foreign languages, including Amharic, Arabic, Cantonese, Farsi, French, Indonesian, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Tibetan, and Russian. Even after the grant funding was expended, NNADV member programs continued having access to the Language Line and made another 350 calls to access the interpretation services.

Site Visits

Ongoing contact through site visits from NNADV staff to member programs is a Network priority. Site visits provide programs with a sense of connectedness to Network staff, as well as an opportunity for staff to provide programs with needed equipment and/or resources. Network staff often provide volunteer/staff training as part of their site visit and strive to make these visits an opportunity to listen to advocates about their needs and priorities in improving services to victims and their families. During this reporting period, NNADV staff completed 44 site visits.

Rural Transitional Housing Project

The Rural Transitional Housing Project (RTHP) is funded by the Recovery Act Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. RTHP provides resources to develop transitional housing programs within five community-based domestic violence organizations in Nevada. The project also builds program capacity through training and technical assistance activities and seeks to sustain programming through the development of local community partnerships. RTHP provided short-term housing assistance and support services for 43 survivors and 75 children in rural Nevada this year.

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Regional Trainings

NNADV continues to offer workshops held in various geographical areas of the state based on the needs shared with us from domestic violence programs. Bringing together advocates and allied professionals offers not only a learning opportunity, but also a time for networking and building a coordinated community response to examine new tools and strategies to help survivors and their children.

In August 2011, NNADV welcomed Eric Anderson, from Break the Cycle, to present *“Coming Together: Crafting a Community Response to Dating Violence”* in Winnemucca. The dynamics of dating violence, including warning signs, obstacles to recognizing abuse and seeking help, and health impacts on young victims was presented. The twenty participants had an opportunity to plan how this information would form a basis for future collaborations with community partners serving youth and their local school districts.

A unique opportunity was created to meet the needs of domestic violence programs in northern Nevada. In October 2011, Paul Kivel, social justice educator, activist and author, was invited to the community of Incline Village to present, *“Working with Men and Engaging Male Allies to Stop Violence and Build Community.”* Fifty-nine people attended this all day session. This workshop was followed by a special evening session, *“Boys Will Be Men: Raising Our Sons for Courage, Caring, and Community”* for parents, teachers, youth workers and violence prevention staff who wanted to help boys become caring and successful members of our community. Twenty-five people attended this special session.

Since partner abuse in LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) communities is a serious public health and community issue, occurring in approximately 23-33 percent of relationships where one or more partners identify as LGBTQ, NNADV welcomed Shakira Cruz Roman, from the Network/La Red, to present, *“Open Minds Open Doors: Transforming Domestic Violence Programs to Include LGBTQ Survivors.”* Thirty-three people attended this workshop held in March 2012 in Las Vegas.

The final training for this fiscal year took place in Lovelock in June 2012 entitled *“Abuse in Later Life: What Is It? How Can I Help?”* Twenty-three people attended this workshop that offered specific strategies to help seniors who are struggling with partner violence. This session was co-presented by Judy Henderson, NNADV and Marie Coe, Elder Rights Specialist, Elder Protective Services in Reno. In addition to educating service providers on the components of relationship violence among this vulnerable population, participants learned how to make referrals to advocacy agencies and report elder abuse.

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Jan Evans Direct Assistance Funds

Jan Evans was one of Nevada's most beloved and accomplished legislators. As the volunteer lobbyist for NNADV, Jan Evans worked to pass landmark marriage license fee legislation in 1981 to increase funding for victims of domestic violence in Nevada. During her seven terms in Assembly, Jan fought to protect this funding and also worked tirelessly as a champion for women's and children's issues, even during her struggle with cancer. To those of us at NNADV who were lucky enough to know her, Jan was a friend, an advocate, and a mentor. To commemorate her compassion, courage, and integrity, NNADV inaugurated the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund (JEDAF) in 2005. The fund provides direct emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to battered women and their children who are fleeing abusive relationships or attempting to reestablish themselves after leaving such situations.

Grant Awards

In 2012, the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund awarded more than \$9,000 in financial assistance grants, which were passed through to local domestic violence programs to directly benefit victims.

23 survivors of domestic violence and their 37 children were assisted:

- 4% requested assistance with transportation costs
- 22% requested assistance with relocation costs
- 74% requested assistance with other types of emergencies

Community Populations

Across Nevada, local domestic violence programs sought Jan Evans Fund grants for survivors:

- 22% of grants went to Clark County
- 74% of grants went to Rural Nevada
- 4% of grants went to Washoe County

This year, thanks to our generous donors, none of the requests for financial assistance were denied due to lack of resources.

"NNADV provided an emergency grant to a survivor who needed help providing shelter for her dog before she could enter the local domestic violence shelter. She was afraid to leave this pet behind because it also had been abused by her partner. With the assistance from NNADV and her local domestic violence program, this woman was able to find safe accommodation for her beloved dog. The shelter advocate who worked most closely with her reported, "It gave this woman tremendous peace of mind to know that her pet was well cared for while she resided in the shelter". According to the advocate, "NNADV's emergency grants have assisted many women who would otherwise have faced severe roadblocks at the shelter."

- Nevada DV Advocate

Domestic Violence Counts 2012

Through a partnership with the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), all coalitions across the nation contacted their local programs in their respective states and asked if they would be willing to participate in this year's national census. On September 12, 2012, 13 out of 15, or 87 percent of identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2012 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. NNADV tabulated all the data and prepared a report highlighting all of the services that were provided during this 24-hour period.

For Nevada:

- 474 victims of domestic violence and their children received life-saving services from local domestic violence service providers;
- 293 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs;
- 181 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups;
- 204 emergency hotline calls were answered. Hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

According to the 13 out of 15 participating domestic violence programs in Nevada, 23 requests for services were unmet due to a critical shortage of funding and staff to assist victims in need of services such as emergency shelter, housing, transportation, translation, accessible equipment and legal representation. Of these unmet requests, 87 percent were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.

“Domestic violence seems to be increasing and not decreasing. Our county has only two domestic violence programs, and our shelter is consistently full. More funding will expand our life-saving services and we can help more survivors of domestic violence.”

- Nevada DV Advocate



Statistics

During fiscal year 2012, the total number of adults and children served was 40,695. Among them, 2,700 survivors received shelter or emergency housing services, and spent 59,374 bed nights. Our member programs offered services such as Temporary Protection Orders (TPO), counseling, and collaboration with other community resources.

Number of TPOs prepared: 12,756

Number of law enforcement contacts: 14,637

Number of referrals provided to clients: 144,470 (including counseling, legal services, and assistance in accessing other community resources)

These statistics were compiled from reports submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada.

Grantors

Federal

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children & Families,
 Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS)
Grants to State Domestic Violence Coalitions

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Program

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
Grants to State Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Coalition Programs

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
*Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence,
 Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program*
 Office on Women's Health
Prevention of Violence and Trauma of Women and Girls Grant Program

State

State of Nevada Department of Human Resources, Division
 of Child & Family Services
Family Violence Prevention & Services (FVPS) Grant

State of Nevada Department of Human Resources, Division
 of Child & Family Services
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant

State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General
STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program

Nevada State Health Division Bureau of Child, Family, and
 Community Wellness
Rape Prevention & Education Program

Private

Verizon Wireless
West Area HopeLine Grant
 State Bar of Nevada
LRIS Public Service Grant Program

Other

National Network to End Domestic Violence
*Violence Recovery Act Technical Assistance
 Project*

Grants & Donations

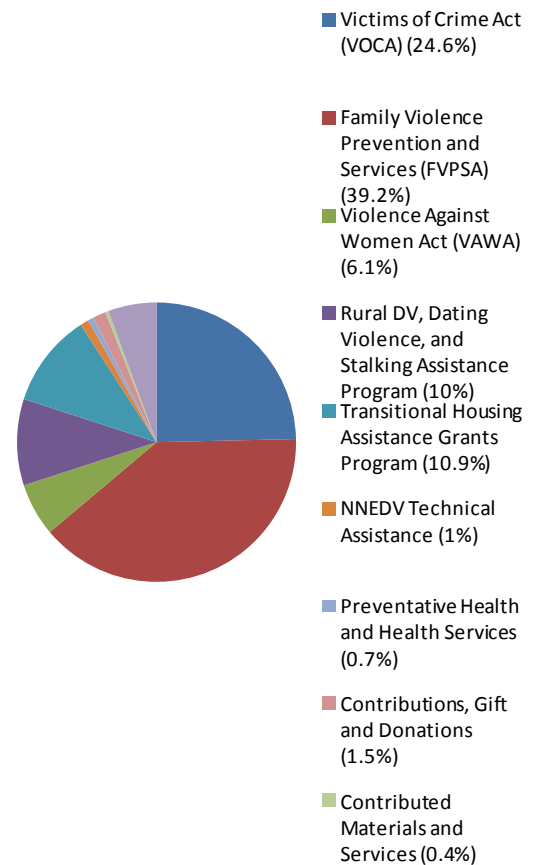
Federal & Government Support:

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$517,603
Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)	\$823,400
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	\$129,027
Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program	\$209,952
Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program	\$228,181
NNEDV Technical Assistance	\$ 21,018
Preventative Health and Health Services	\$ 13,666
Contributions, Gift and Donations	\$ 31,676
Contributed Materials and Services	\$ 7,691

Other Income:

Program membership	\$ 93,901
Membership fees	\$ 6,935
Conference and workshop fees	\$ 3,881
Fee for service	\$ 10,496
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,534

Total Public & Governmental Support **\$2,099,961**



Expenses

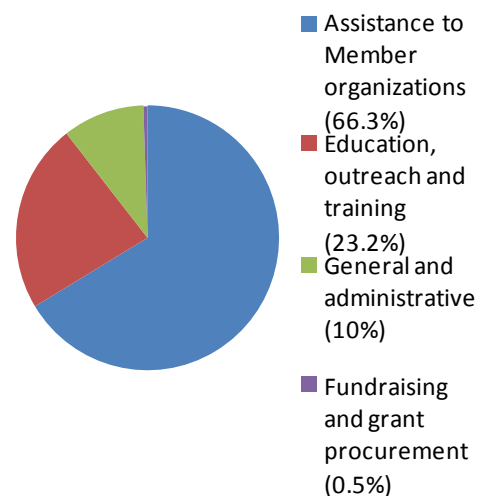
Program Services:

Assistance to Member Organizations	\$1,405,561
Education, Outreach, and Training	\$ 491,868

Administration/Supporting Services:

General & Administrative	\$ 212,376
Fundraising & Grant Procurement	\$ 10,537

Total Expenses (Program and Supporting Services) **\$2,120,342**



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January—December 2012

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Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada
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Nevada Attorney General's Office
Reno Police Department
Scrap Domestic Violence
Volunteer Attorneys for Rural Nevadans
Washoe County District Attorney
Washoe Legal Services
Westcare Arizona
Women's Development Center

Member Programs

Alternatives to Living in Violent Environments (A.L.I.V.E), Yerington NV—Serving: Lyon County
Committee Against Domestic Violence/Harbor House, Elko NV—Serving: Elko, Eureka, and White Pine Counties
Committee to Aid Abused Women, Reno NV—Serving: Washoe County
Consolidated Agencies of Human Services (Provisional member), Hawthorne NV—Serving: Mineral County
Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Fallon NV—Serving: Churchill County
Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Lovelock NV—Serving: Pershing County
Safe Embrace, Reno NV—Serving: Washoe County
S.A.F.E House (Stop Abuse in the Family Environment), Henderson NV—Serving: Clark County
Tahoe Safe Alliance, Incline Village NV—Serving: Washoe County
Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis/Safe Nest, Las Vegas NV—Serving: Clark County
Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, Winnemucca NV—Serving: Humboldt County

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*"No act of kindness, no matter
 how small, is ever wasted"*

-Aesop

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National Domestic Violence Hotline

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www.ndvh.org

National Dating Abuse Helpline

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