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The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence Announces New Website

More Resources for Survivors, Service Providers, Media, and the General Public

Reno NV The Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV) announces its newly designed <u>website</u> that is user-friendly and offers a broad spectrum of resources for survivors, service providers, media, and the general public who wish to learn more about relationship abuse.

"We are pleased to offer our website to all who wish to learn more about domestic violence," says Sue Meuschke, executive director, NNADV. "We hope each visitor will find what they are looking for to increase their knowledge about this issue and get involved by taking action to help survivors and their children live a life free from violence."

Some of the features include:

- Survivors: Under <u>Get Help</u>, the survivor will see a list of all the <u>domestic violence organizations</u> in the state by geographic region. They can call a program near them to speak with a trained advocate who can provide crisis intervention, emergency shelter, support groups and other assistance. The site also includes the <u>Nevada statute</u> that defines domestic violence, a section on <u>safety planning</u>, and links to <u>national hotlines/helplines</u> as well as national organizations that offer general help and education. The NNADV website has a safety feature for survivors who are looking for information and resources about an abusive relationship. If a survivor is searching for information via the Internet and the abuser enters the room, this feature allows them to quickly escape away from the NNADV site to a generic browser. Survivors may click on the "Escape Site" icon in red located in the top right corner of the NNADV home webpage. For more information about Internet safety, visit <u>http://nnedv.org/internetsafety.html</u>.
- Service Providers: The <u>Resource</u> section lists materials available in our free lending library and NNADV publications including educational brochures, handbooks, manuals, and toolkits. To request any of these materials, complete the <u>Resource Request Form</u>. <u>Presentations and trainings</u> sponsored by NNADV are listed as well as community-based education opportunities being offered to the general public.

- Media: This section is in the early stages of development. Currently there are national and state statistics posted and a list of domestic violence community-based advocacy programs in Nevada. On the NNADV homepage, reporters will see a posting of NNADV press releases under Featured News. If reporters on working on a story please contact NNADV for more information related to the impact of domestic violence on a statewide level. Coming soon - A Domestic Violence Guide for Media Professionals.
- **General Public**: NNADV works with our member programs and organizations, community and state leaders, and advocates on a variety of <u>initiatives</u> to help Nevadans respond effectively to domestic violence. These initiatives can be anything from legislative reform to marketing campaigns to building public awareness on topics such as statutory rape and elder abuse. The general public is also encouraged to <u>Get Involved</u> in the domestic violence movement by volunteering for NNADV or a local domestic violence advocacy program in their community, serving on a committee working on NNADV initiatives, making a donation, listening to a survivor, speaking up, talking to your legislator, and learning more about domestic violence. Since we work so closely with our members, we welcome everyone to become a <u>member</u> of the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence. If you are a member of NNADV, you will have access to additional resources including postings of national educational opportunities.

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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 coalition, NNADV is an inclusive network which both supports our member programs, and educates the public at large. Our agency is based in Reno, but our member programs span the entire state.

Advocating change. Educating our community. Supporting services.