



COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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CHERYLE CLARKE NAMED TO WOMEN OF COLOR NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE

National Group Develops Culturally Relevant Approaches to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

(DENVER, CO – MARCH 30, 2004) Cheryle Clarke, development director for the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV), was appointed to the Women of Color Network (WOCN) Steering Committee. The WOCN is sponsored by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The steering committee promotes national discussion, dialogue and leadership development on behalf of women of color related to domestic violence and sexual assault.

“This prestigious appointment is a well deserved honor and represents Cheryle’s outstanding work on behalf of women of color in Colorado,” said CCADV executive director Trish Thibodo.

The committee identifies issues that impact women of color and their children and develops culturally relevant approaches to domestic violence and sexual assault. Members help to create new leadership and community activists among women of color, and to build a national network of resources and support. They serve a two-year term, and are appointed on the recommendation of representatives from domestic violence and sexual assault programs and communities of color leadership.

Research indicates that violence is often the result of community-based cultural factors. Women of color often under report violence due to fear of the police, economic concerns, or fear of immigration issues. Deeply-entrenched systems and beliefs within their own communities can create barriers that challenge women of color advocates.

Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) - www.ccadv.org - is a 25-year old statewide, grassroots, nonprofit organization providing resources, education, and training, and serving as a voice to more than 80 members and 60 programs serving some 40,000 battered women and children in Colorado each year.