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NEWSLETTER OF THE COLORADO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: WHY DOES IT HAPPEN?

By *Zori Rodriguez, LPC*

“Why do women stay?” is one of the most frequent questions posed to me. An easy answer is not readily available, as the lives of domestic violence victims are complex. Domestic violence is not a one-time outburst. It is a pattern of intimate abuse and control that occurs over time.

Diane told me it started with her husband, Pete, regularly asking her to change outfits or to check in with him numerous times during the day. When we start to gain an understanding of the power and control a person has enforced over their partner’s life, we begin to understand how difficult it is to leave an abusive relationship. He insisted she not go out with the girls after work, or spend time with her family. This form of isolation is typical in abusive relationships. Pete had slowly convinced her that she would never get custody of the children should she leave him.

He also restricted her financial resources, including the money she earned. Pete angrily demanded that Diane get his “dinner on the table” immediately, and while Diane, holding their newborn daughter, heated dinner, Pete punched Diane’s stomach twice and slapped her face because she was “being a bad wife.” Diane’s religious beliefs made the possibility of divorce almost impossible to consider, and the ongoing fear of ever increasing violence became a constant worry. Women who finally leave their partners run a 75% higher risk of being killed.

Many people cannot comprehend the desperation victims feel in their lives. These relationships are not between two equals where both parties have the opportunity to make independent choices. Have you worked for an employer who was verbally or psychologically abusive, and yet you stayed longer than you should have even though something was terribly wrong? That feeling is intensified for victims of domestic violence since they are *intimately* attached to their partners.

Victims need to know that there are safe houses where they and their children can start on their journey to a violence-free life. Legal advocacy, including court accompaniment and assistance in obtaining restraining orders, is also available. Other services include, assistance in obtaining housing, financial resources, vocational skills, childcare, therapy, parenting classes, etc.

People can assist their battered loved one by developing a safety plan with them. Safety plans include a predetermined safe location for the members of the household to meet should a violent eruption be looming, as well as a code word that is understood by family and friends indicating a possible volatile situation and the need for safety. Gathering extra clothing for each family member, necessary documents, (birth certificates, social security cards, etc.) and money can enhance the safety of a fleeing family. Diane was finally able to leave Pete and start her new life with assistance from domestic violence agencies.

We must offer batterers the means to change their attitudes and behaviors, and still hold them



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CHANGING THE FACE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN TAIWAN

By: Robert McBride

As a nationwide response to violence in the family, the Taiwan government under the Minister of Interior is developing a containment, intervention, and treatment program. The Taiwan government has spent over a year and a half on the creation and implementation of a legal and administrative process that will culminate in an intervention program. Through this creative program it is envisioned that each of the twenty-two Taiwanese districts will have locally managed intervention programs.



Taiwan's efforts to learn more about other programs, led to my being invited by the Taiwanese government to assist in the development of their new intervention program. This past August, I traveled to Taiwan to help train 500 people, including government officials, judges, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and probation officers. Two separate trainings were conducted one in Taipei and the other in Kaohsiung, with participants eagerly gathering every bit of information that I had on containment, intervention and treatment.

Historically Taiwan has not treated violence in the family as a criminal matter. The development of this new system will support the country's belief that to eliminate family violence, resources must be made available to protect and support victims, while providing consequences and treatment for perpetrators. Over the past year and a half, work on the new system has included creating a system, which orders the perpetrators into treatment. This has strengthened the criminal justice responses through police, prosecutors, judges and probation officers. Additionally, legislation regarding violence in the family has successfully been established.

In Taipei and Kaohsiung, crisis centers and shelters are now available to the victims. The crisis center in Kaohsiung located on half of a floor of the Women and Children's Hospital, could be an example for the world. The crisis center accommodates not only a medical care facility but includes a police response unit in which social workers, and volunteers receive crisis calls, process information, and coordinate victim resources. Psychologists and social workers are also available to provide counseling for victims and their children. The crisis center responds to victims in their homes, in emergency rooms and in local clinics. A sixty-page booklet for victims is being distributed throughout Taiwan.

Although they have a long way to go, the National Council on the Prevention of Domestic Violence and others are diligently working to develop a national program of containment, intervention, and treatment to eliminate violence in Taiwanese families. Thus becoming the model for all of Asia.

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THE CRITICAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

By Julie Ireland, M.S.

Often times people feel like that cannot give financially to non-profit agencies; however, one way we can all give is to donate *time*. Sometimes the volunteer jobs may not seem to be "rewarding" because you may not be working directly with people. Sadly, these volunteer jobs are the most difficult to fill. For example, at the CCADV offices in Capitol Hill, we are struggling to find volunteers who can answer the phones and oversee the library. These two positions are critical in the success of our mission to eliminate domestic violence. Please call Julie at 303 831-9632 x15, if you can give just a few hours once a week to provide well-needed office assistance.

IN MEMORANDUM...

THE CHAIR PROJECT

By Julie Ireland, M.S.



At the Capitol, Oct 2, 2000, people from around the state participated in the Chair Project. Each Chair was decorated to tell the story of an individual killed in Colorado during the past 100 years in a domestic violence related fatality.

Chairs were placed on the lawn of the Capitol, then later displayed around the state during October in an effort to bring awareness to domestic violence.

Chairs were decorated by staff in the domestic violence field, children, battered women, survivors, community individuals, family members of murdered victims, art and law students.

The Chairs were artistic, thought provoking, sad, celebratory, heart break-

ing, grim, and moving. Many onlookers were brought to tears by the Chairs. Special thanks to DU College of Law students for contributing many Chairs and hosting a reception with Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter, Assistant Attorney General Betty Wytias and other concerned leaders. Thanks Debbie Pederson.

The Chair Project would not have been as moving and successful without Dr. Elisa Robyn and the Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design (RMCAD). The RMCAD students and faculty contributed large numbers of poignant Chairs. In addition RMCAD provided endless interviews with the press on our behalf.

Little did we know that by the end of October, eleven more individuals in Colorado would be murdered due to domestic violence. Our hope is that we can remember that domestic violence is a year-round prob-

WHAT IS DVAM ANYWAY?

By Julie Ireland, M.S.

The October 2nd, 2001, rally at the state capitol was the "kick-off" to Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Not only were the Chairs displayed, but we were grateful and lucky to have had a wonderful line up of speakers. Our VIP speakers included Ann Trujillo, News Anchor for KMGH Channel 7; Dottie Lamm, former first lady of Colorado, columnist and activist; Dave Thomas, Jefferson County District Attorney; and Ken Salazar, Colorado Attorney General.

Other outstanding speakers and singers included Linda Spruell, Lynn Johnson, Ruth Glenn, Jane Curtis, Jessica Stebbins, representatives of the Home Builders Foundation, Jeff Whitaker, Rosean Winn, Jack McCormick, Zori Rodriguez and a very special thanks to Jeff Hirota from Channel 7 for his work on "The Face in the Mirror", a poignant Domestic Violence documentary that aired in October.

Members from around the state did some of the most amazing activities for DVAM. Following is a list of just *some* of the different events that took place throughout the state:

Comedy for a Cause, High Tea at the Governor's Mansion, art shows, Free Healthy Touch Tuesday Massages, candlelight marches, interfaith breakfasts, conferences on women's issues, tree plantings, wine & cheese gatherings, events with law enforcement, chili cook-offs, silent auctions, Bowling Against Battering, workshop and conference titled "The Challenge of White Privilege-Becoming An Anti-Racist Activist," conference titled "The Changing Face of Feminism: The Racial Politics of the Battered Women's Movement", intervention program, clothesline & quilt projects, video series, lectures, volunteer appreciation ceremonies, articles in the press, television interview shows, documentaries, readings of the fatality victims names, art strolls, Lake of Lights Event, and purple ribbon campaign.

Thanks so much to those who organized and participated in the varying events that took place during DVAM. There are many more people to thank for all their efforts, unfortunately space does not permit us to name each of you individually. We still want to recognize all the organizers, member agencies, volunteers and staff, students, businesses, press, Survivors Task Force, artists, politicians and members of the community who came out in record numbers to the statewide events. Thank you all.



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WELCOME NEW CCADV STAFF

Anna Farber Conrad, Esq., is the *Criminal Justice Advocacy Director*. Before joining CCADV, Anna was a Public Defender and practiced family and criminal law. She currently sits on the Executive Board of the Colorado Women's Bar Association and the Board of Directors of Project Safeguard. Anna is also an adjunct professor at Metropolitan State University. Anna graduated from the University of Denver College of Law, and she is licensed to practice law in Colorado.

Yolanda Gotier is the Membership Director and Ellen Yin Wyckoff is the Development Direc-

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MISSION STATEMENT.

The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) is dedicated to the elimination of domestic violence in all of its forms through community education, networking and the empowerment of battered women and their children.



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Will My Contribution Matter?

By Yolanda Gotier, MSW

How many times have you wanted to help but didn't know how or felt that your small contribution would not be missed? Have you ever wondered what the logic is in these sayings, "Pennies make dollars" or "Every little bit helps"? Ever wonder how you can make an impact in the struggle against domestic violence? Domestic Violence touches each of us in many different ways; sometimes we are the friend, coworker, uncle, employer, physician, neighbor or family member of the victim or batterer. Sometimes we are made aware of the ongoing domestic violence and other times we may wonder in silence, questioning if it our business to ask about family matters.

One of the ways in which you can make a difference, is to join the growing list of individuals, agencies and businesses that are members, of the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence. By joining CCADV, you can receive the following benefits:

- Access to CCADV's growing membership of 64 member agencies and 20 individual members;
- Receive discounts to CCADV's statewide membership meetings, conferences, leadership training institutes, the annual Legislative Luncheon, fundraisers, and other events;
- Receive updates on pending legislation on domestic violence and related issues;
- Have exclusive access to the CCADV MEMBER UPDATE;
- Member access to the CCADV VOICE and other publications;
- Member access to the New Worker training institute
- Member access to trainings, technical assistance, and consultations on domestic violence;
- A collective voice from CCADV's entire membership on legislative and public policy issues on domestic violence that affects you personally and/ or your organization.

CCADV's membership categories include:

- Individual \$50.00 annual dues
- Allied Member \$100.00 annual dues
(Primary Focus is not services to domestic violence victims such as health care programs, DA's offices, offender treatment programs, etc.)
- Domestic Violence Program Variable Dues (based on agency's annual Budget)
- Business and Corporate memberships are available

CCADV annual dues are based on a calendar year, January 1st through December 31st. To receive a CCADV membership application or for more information, please contact Yolanda Gotier, CCADV Director of Membership Services at 888-778-7091 or e-mail at ccadv@ccadv.org.

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS

By Ellen Yin-Wyckoff, B.A.



Las Margaritas Restaurant and Cantina for hosting our first *Evening of Peace* fundraiser on November 16, 2000. Las Margaritas donated 25% of their proceeds from the dinner meals purchased that evening; funds raised amounted to over \$600! Thanks to all of you who participated at this event and a BIG THANK YOU to Las Margaritas!

Wild Oats Markets for their generous contribution of \$264.45 through their store's wooden nickel campaign!

Verizon Wireless for their in-kind donation of eight Motorola cell-phones and two years of cellular service through their Call to Protect Program!

Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design for the endless supply of materials, projects and support.

Debra Salsberry for her benefit concert for CCADV on Dec. 16, 2001 at the Park Hill Congregational Church in Denver.

Please join us in our efforts towards eliminating domestic violence in Colorado!

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Women's Crisis Center/VPI	Castle Rock

GOODBYE LU

Our dear friend Lu Velerio, Rural Co-Chair of the CCADV Board of Directors and Executive Director of the Alliance Against Abuse in Salida, has recently left both positions to give more time to her family. Lu, we wish you well and THANK YOU!

YOU WILL BE MISSED!

LONGMONT PILOT PROGRAM NEWS

By Bonnie Lloyd

Prosecutors Test Domestic Violence Habitual Offender Law

By Anna Farber Conrad, Esq

The 20th Judicial District is the first district to utilize Colorado's domestic violence habitual offender sentence enhancer. Jefferson County is strongly considering using the statute on a perpetrator who has been labeled by the Denver Post as "the worst domestic violence offender in Colorado".

Under C.R.S. 18-6-801, a perpetrator's fourth domestic violence conviction, if incurred after July 1, 2000, may increase the domestic violence offense from a misdemeanor to a class-five felony. Each prior conviction must have arisen from separate and distinct incidences. As such, if one domestic violence incident resulted in numerous charges and convictions (such as trespassing, assault, and battery) the incident, and all charges stemming from it, will only count as one strike towards the habitual offender status. The three prior convictions may be municipal (including violation of a restraining order), misdemeanor or felony convictions.

Classification as an habitual domestic violence offender must be requested by the prosecutor; the Court may not act without the request of the district or city attorney prosecuting the case. Further, the underlying offense must be one of domestic violence, which must be in the Court's findings of fact, and the enhanced offense must be a misdemeanor; a municipal court violation cannot be increased to felony status.

A barrier for prosecutors is the finding of fact on the record of domestic violence for the three prior qualifying convictions. Judges and magistrates often do not make a finding of fact of domestic violence on the record. It is uncertain if sentencing of domestic violence treatment and/or the factual basis of a plea given by the prosecutor or the defendant will suffice for this requirement.

The Longmont Coalition For Women in Crisis has received a grant from the Longmont Community Foundation to begin a child care pilot project. The project involves providing child care services for residential and non-residential clients. This program will provide victims of domestic violence the child care support they



need so that they can fully access the Coalition's services, which include individual and group counseling, assistance with acquiring restraining orders, job searches, and many more. Best of all, the women can accomplish these tasks while their children are in a safe and nurturing environment. The program will run three days a week, and it is free to clients.

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NEW CCADV COMMITTEE FORMED

CCADV has recently established a Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. This committee examines Colorado's criminal justice system as it pertains to domestic violence and assists with implementation of a statewide response to concerns regarding the system. At present, these issues include, but are not limited to, training for

law enforcement, training for members of the judiciary, perpetrator containment, dual arrests, and the municipal court systems.

If you would like to participate in the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, please contact Anna Farber Conrad, Esq., via email, afarber@ccadv.org, or via telephone, 1.888.778.7091.

CCADV Identifies Problems With The Criminal Justice System

By Anna Farber Conrad, Esq.

CCADV has completed an initial study of the criminal justice system to assess the needs of the system in regards to domestic violence. Members of the domestic violence community, including many CCADV members, law enforcement, judges, shelter workers, shelter directors, public and private victim advocates, magistrates, probation officers, city and county prosecutors, Court Watch coordinators, and criminal defense attorneys, responded to a questionnaire and/or were interviewed. Over twenty counties, and the cities incorporated within the counties, were examined. A concerted effort was made for representation of rural as well as metropolitan areas. The study examined general feel-

ings of the system, as well as key players, including judicial, law enforcement, victim advocates (public and private), prosecution, and probation. The following were the most commonly cited problems of the key players in the criminal justice system:

Need For DV Training

The most commonly cited problem was lack of training. This complaint stretched across all areas of the system; however, none was as prominently expressed as the need for additional training of the judiciary and law enforcement. Many of the problems as reported by judges/magistrates and law enforcement, was the frustration with recanting and

unavailable witnesses. Other respondents were concerned by/with the lack of sensitivity, and victim blaming, on the part of some the judiciary and law enforcement

Judges and Magistrates

Other judiciary concerns included the inconsistency in sentencing, the lack of increased punishment for repeat offenders, and lack of communication between the courts.

Prosecution

The inability or refusal to prosecute domestic violence cases without victims was the most frequently cited problem with regards to prosecutors. Respondents also gave mixed sentiments regarding the use of deferred judgments in domestic violence cases.

Victim Advocates

Most respondents saw little or no need for changes for either the private or public victim advocates.

Probation

Training on domestic violence was also stated as a need for probation officers. Another common response was the need for better monitoring of the perpetrator's compliance with the Court's orders.

Over the next few years, the Criminal Justice Advocacy Director, with guidance from the Advisory Committee, will attempt to implement a statewide response to these concerns.

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Diana Protopapa, MSW

The New Year always brings about personal change for each of us. This year also happens to bring change within Colorado's General Assembly. The Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) looks forward to working with our "old" and new Legislators in educating them on domestic violence and its devastating effects on Colorado's families. Due to these collaborative relationships, CCADV has been successful in creating laws that positively affect and protect domestic violence victims.

This year CCADV will take an opportunity to take a look at what we have accomplished and see how it's working. We will also ask the Colorado Legislature for more funding for agencies who work with victims and children. Funding can be scarce and hard to obtain. Colorado currently provides \$400,000 to domestic violence agencies, but our agencies need more to provide additional and better services to Colorado's victims. Many agencies do not have the funding to create a children's program for child witnesses of domestic violence. Some agencies need money to hire bi-lingual advocates to work with their immigrant victims, and other agencies need money to pay for rent so that they can stay in existence. We hope that you will support us in our endeavor to increase funding to continue this important work.

Finally, our Omnibus bill, though small, carries important legislation. We request that the Legislature enact a law directing the courts to inform parties involved in criminal and civil cases concerning domestic violence, of services available for their children so they may heal from the violence they witness at home. Research shows that 80 to 90% of children who grow up in violent homes witness the abuse. Additionally, emerging research has established that these children are at a greater risk of psychological, social and behavioral problems as well as physical illnesses. These children also may carry the violence and violent tolerant roles they witness at home into their adult relationships. Breaking the cycle of violence means reaching the children who see it first hand.

Help us in our endeavor to reach these children by calling your local legislator and asking him or her to support this necessary legislation. As always, feel free to call me at 303.831.9632 or e-mail me at dprotopapa@ccadv.org with questions or comments.

Project Safeguard reports in the year 2000, there were 57 Domestic Violence Fatalities in Colorado.

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The fall of 2000 marked the start of the *Program on Domestic Violence* which is a new and innovative educational program offered through the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado in Denver. This is the first and only graduate program in the country to combine non-profit and public organization management skills with expertise in domestic violence. Its purpose is to help domestic violence practitioners become strong program managers and, in turn, to help non-profit managers develop a better understanding of violence against women and children. Students of the Program pursue a Master of Public Administration degree.

Students cite many reasons for entering this program, including:

"I hope to use the knowledge I gain in this program to serve the needs of our community by working to end domestic violence."

"The effects on the children are staggering. Over

FIRST IN THE COUNTRY!

By Barb Paradiso

and over again I would hear horrific stories of young people, watching and listening as physical and sexual abuse occurred. ."

"With the appropriate connections and education I would receive in this program, I could affect the knowledge of county social services workers in the state to detect domestic violence in this population and refer victims to appropriate services."

"This particular program is filled with members who bring with them diversity, experience, enthusiasm, commitment, and eagerness to begin 'making a difference' in the movement. I am one of these members, and without this program this type of knowledge and training would be out of reach for me."

The Program is developing a Community Education Series, providing anyone interested in the health and safety of women and children an opportunity to receive current information from some of the best domestic violence and management trainers in the nation. For more information, please visit www.gspa.cudenver.edu, email apply@gspa.cudenver.edu or call the Grad School of

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