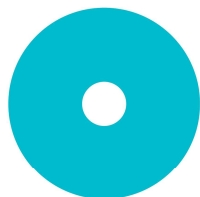




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No More in Nebraska: Social Norms and Social Change Conference

130 Advocates and Activists
5 National Presenters
1 Amazing Awards Banquet
2.5 days of Capacity Building, Networking and Fun

In November the Nebraska Coalition hosted a 2 1/2 day conference in Lincoln. The first day was a pre-conference event for the local domestic and sexual violence programs and coordinated community response teams. Facilitated by Nan Stoops, Washington Coalition Against Domestic Violence, this interactive day focused on movement building for social change.

Nan also provided the opening keynote for the conference. Other national speakers included:

- ▶ Terri Poore, National Sexual Violence Resource Center, who presented on campus sexual violence;
- ▶ Santa Molina Marshall, private practice, who presented on trauma informed services and vicarious trauma; and
- ▶ Jeffrey Bucholtz and Tyler Osterhaus, We End Violence, who presented on social norms related to masculinity, femininity and how that impacts our culture and society's response to domestic and sexual violence.

For more information about the conference, visit www.nebraskacoalition.org or email Michelle Z at michellez@nebraskacoalition.org.





True Social Change Demands Social Movement

by Rachel West, Prevention Coordinator

We are nearing the end of the year and the Coalition is wrapping up its training before the holiday season. We are most likely not the only organization that is reflecting on its work over the last twelve months and thinking about what we hope to accomplish in the new year. However, these conversations will undoubtedly differ from those we had in the past, as we incorporate what we have learned from some fabulous speakers we have heard over the last few months into our discussion.

Many of you know that it is easy to lose our sense of purpose in this work. Perhaps it seems as though you are endlessly writing one grant application or report after another, or struggling to keep up with the always-evolving data requirements of funders. New community collaborations may consume your time, leaving little for much else. Worse yet, the efforts stall after months of work! Those of you who serve clients directly may feel overwhelmed by constant crisis, limited resources, and situations of absolute dire need. It is not surprising that occasionally we lose sight of the bigger picture and feel isolated in our work.

What we have learned over the last few months in our conversations around movement building for social change with Nan Stoops, Executive Director of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, is that this feeling of isolation and hopelessness is detrimental to our cause. We cannot do this work in isolation. No one person, organization, or group can eliminate gender violence. And while each of our efforts are important – whether that be toiling over grant reports, collecting program data, or staffing the hotline – they alone cannot affect change. (Of course, you have probably already realized this if you have experienced any of the feelings I mentioned above.)

Nan reminded us that true social change demands social movement. We will need to work collaboratively with sister organizations and other community partners. We will need to step outside of our comfort zone, invite others to the table, meet people where they are at, be comfortable saying no, and so many other things that we often times hesitate to do. These things are necessary in fostering a deep sense of inter-connectedness, developing a shared vision of the world we hope to create, and ultimately building a social movement in which we can leverage our collective power to create social change.

Moreover, where are the young people in the movement? They are part of the movement but we often overlook their presence and dismiss their efforts, and at a huge cost. How will we maintain our movement in an ever-evolving society? Where are the fresh ideas – the energy and passion? Who will carry on the movement as time progresses? Nan encouraged us to contemplate these questions in our movement building discussions.

At the Coalition's Prevention Summit in October, Jeff Matsushita from the Idaho Coalition Against

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Advocates and Directors from Nebraska's network of domestic violence and sexual assault programs participate in an activity at the Movement Building for Social Change event in November.

ADA Celebrates 25 Years



2015 marks the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Passed in 1990, the ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public.

The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. The ADA is divided into five titles (or sections) that relate to different areas of public life.

- ▶ Title I: Employment
- ▶ Title II: Public Services: State and Local Governments (including transportation by state or local government)
- ▶ Title III: Public Accommodations and Services Operated by Private Entities (including transportation provided by a private company, including taxis, airport shuttles, etc.)
- ▶ Title IV: Telecommunications
- ▶ Title V: Miscellaneous Provisions (such as impact on insurance providers and benefits, prohibition against retaliation and coercion, illegal use of drugs, attorney fees, etc.)

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than one billion people in the world live with some form of disability, of whom nearly 200 million experience considerable difficulties in functioning.¹ Additionally, lack of attention to the needs of people with disabilities means that they are confronted with barriers at every turn. These include stigma and discrimination; lack of adequate health care and rehabilitation services; and inaccessible transportation, buildings and information.¹

People with disabilities often experience higher rates of violence, including domestic and sexual violence. In a May 2015 report, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs), found that the rate of violent victimization against persons with disabilities was more than twice the age-adjusted rate for persons without disabilities in 2013.² Furthermore, persons with disabilities experienced 1.3 million violent victimizations, accounting for 21% of all violent victimizations. Nonfatal violent crimes include rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.²

There are resources available for assessing your organization's capacity to serve people with disabilities. Three primary resources include:

- ▶ The ADA National Network, <http://adata.org/>
- ▶ The Access Initiative, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, <http://www.nrcdv.org/AccessInitiative>
- ▶ End Abuse Against People with Disabilities, www.endabusepwd.org

1. World Report on Disability, The World Health Organization (WHO), 2011. As cited by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, www.nrcdv.org/AccessInitiative/
2. May 2015, NCJ 248676 Crime Against Persons with Disabilities, 2009–2013 - Statistical Tables. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/capd0913st.pdf>

Sources: www.adaanniversary.org, <http://adata.org/factsheet/ADA-overview>, www.nrcdv.org/AccessInitiative/, www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/capd0913st.pdf

Moving Ahead Through Financial Empowerment



For over a decade The Allstate Foundation has partnered with the National Network to End Domestic Violence to raise awareness and support for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. A key component of this collaboration is grants to organizations working with survivors to address financial barriers to safety and living free from an abusive partner.

In October The Allstate Foundation announced the recipients of the Moving Ahead Through Financial Management 2015 Grant Program. The Nebraska Coalition is pleased to announce that they were awarded a \$75,000 grant to address financial empowerment. This grant is a partnership with five organizations based in Lincoln: Asian Community and Cultural Center, El Centro de las Américas and the Clyde Malone Center, who will provide culturally specific services to survivors of violence who might not receive services otherwise. Additional grant partners include Voices of Hope and the Friendship Home, who will provide support and assistance to the cultural centers, as well as some direct services related to the grant activities. This grant is a continuation of a project that was funded in 2014, also by The Allstate Foundation.

A component of the grant project will be the use of two curriculums created by The Allstate Foundation, the *Moving Ahead Through Financial Management Curriculum* and the *Career Empowerment Curriculum*. Both of these curriculums are available to download free of charge through The Allstate Foundation's website, <http://purplepurse.com/get-empowered/financial-tools/financial-tools-introduction/financial-empowerment-curriculum>.

For more information about the grant or to receive free printed copies of the *Moving Forward Through Financial Management Curriculum* contact Michelle Z at 402-476-6256 or michellez@nebraskacoalition.org. For more information about The Allstate Foundation's work to end domestic violence, visit www.purplepurse.com.

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Sexual and Domestic Violence and Fatima Tall and Dalton Tieggs of Our Revolution showed us just how much young people have to offer to the cause. In fact, young people have been at the center of many progressive social movements throughout history. Fatima and Dalton demonstrated ways in which young people can be activists and organizers in our movement and reminded us that young people are quite capable and interested in developing and leading some of the efforts.

Indeed, the last few months have been busy and have offered much to consider in the New Year. The Coalition is excited to continue these conversations, ask questions, and explore ideas about our movement to end gender-based violence with all of you – sister organizations, community partners, and young people – in the coming year.



(From left to right) Rachel West, Lynne Lange, Dalton Tieggs, Fatima Tall, Jeff Matsushita at the Coalition's Prevention Summit in October.

2014 Domestic Violence Counts Census Report

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) recently released the 2014 Domestic Violence Counts Census Report. This report includes data from one day of services, September 10, 2014. NNEDV provides a national report as well as state specific data.

Nationally, 1,697 out of 1,916 (89%) identified domestic violence programs participated in the DV Counts project. These programs provided services to 67,646 victims in the one day of the census.

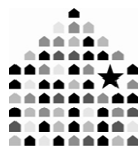
In Nebraska, 401 victims of domestic violence and sexual assault were served on September 10, 2014. Over 200 (228) adults and children received non-residential services, and 173 adults and children received emergency shelter or transitional housing services.

The most common service provided was individual advocacy (95%), followed by children's support/advocacy (85%), emergency shelter (65%), transportation (55%), court/legal accompaniment and advocacy (35%), bilingual advocacy (35%), rural outreach (30%) and group support (30%). Program staff answered 171 hotline calls.

Our shelter has five bedrooms; all were full on Census Day. We have a small library and a toy room, both were turned into bedrooms to accommodate families and we still had a request for shelter. There was literally no more room.
-Advocate, as quoted in
2014 Domestic Violence Counts: Nebraska Summary

However, there were 85 unmet requests for services, the majority of which (79) were for housing. On a national level, the majority of unmet needs also were for housing; however, it was a lower percentage of the overall unmet requests for services (56% compared to 93% in Nebraska). In Nebraska, the second most common unmet need was for legal representation.

Regarding prevention and education, 13 training sessions were provided by the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs, reaching 125 individuals.



To read the full census report, contact the Nebraska Coalition or visit NNEDV's website at <http://nnedv.org/projects/census.html>.

Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence, <http://nnedv.org/projects/census.html>

NNEDV

What's New at the Programs

RDAP Transition to New Executive Director



Welcome to Jenny Bonta, who has been named the new Executive Director of the Rape/Domestic Abuse Program, located in North Platte and serving a six county area. Jenny was previously the Program Director/Financial Manager for the program. The former Rape/Domestic Abuse Program Executive Director, Jeanie Gilbert, helped to create a sustainability plan that included assisting with the transition in leadership over several months. Jeanie will remain with the program as the Program Director, serving in a part-time position. Thank you to both Jenny and Jeanie for their commitment and leadership!

Moving Forward, Collaborating for Change Nebraska Coalition Board of Directors Host Awards Banquet

The Board of Directors of the Nebraska Coalition hosted an evening celebration, *Envision, Empower, Engage*, during the No More in Nebraska conference. A focus of the evening was the presentation of awards. Honorees at this year's banquet included:

- ▶ Corporate Partner of the Year: The Allstate Foundation, accepted by Sandra Earnest;
 - ▶ Community Partner of the Year: Keri Berry, Phelps Memorial Health Center;
 - ▶ Domestic Violence Advocate of the Year: Stacey Dirks, Voices of Hope;
 - ▶ Sexual Assault Advocate of the Year: Nikki Gausman, The SAFE Center; and
 - ▶ Prevention Advocate of the Year: Jennifer Ponce, The DOVES Program.
- Also honored was Michelle Zinke, Training and Resource Coordinator for the Coalition, in recognition of twenty years of advocacy.



Top Photo: Award Recipients, in the order described above.

Bottom Photos: Banquet attendees celebrate a year of advocacy and social change.



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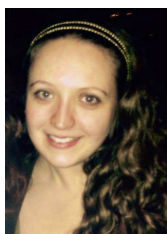


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Flowers



What's New at the Coalition?

Coalition Welcomes New Staff



At the beginning of October **Ashley Jameson** joined the Nebraska Coalition as the Bilingual Administrative Coordinator/Legal Assistant. Ashley has a Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, with a major in Sociology and Global Studies and a minor in Spanish. Prior to joining the Coalition, Ashley worked at the Friendship Home as a Bilingual Case Manager. She also spent time in Guatemala working with residents in a domestic violence shelter. Ashley also volunteers with El Centro de las Américas, a cultural community center in Lincoln. Welcome, Ashley!!

Lili Obakpolor, formerly the Bilingual Administrative Coordinator/Legal Assistant has moved to California with her family. The Nebraska Coalition wishes Lili well in her endeavors.

2015 SafetyNet Technology Summit

By Sarah Balcom, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator

Tech Summit 2015, sponsored by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), took place in July in San Francisco. State coalitions, program advocates, law enforcement, attorneys, even judges attended. There were attendees from across the United States, Guam, Canada and Australia.

This year I, along with a fellow techie advocate and attorney who works for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Steph Bowman, presented on Stalking & Technology Abuse: Working with Law Enforcement and Prosecutors. It was an amazing experience to be able to co-lead a workshop on how to keep the survivor involved throughout a case from the beginning contact through the courts and after, while utilizing advocates.

Technology continues to grow and expand at an intense pace. Abusers continue to take useful tech and twist it in a manner to continue to maintain power and control over the victim. I think it's critical that individuals remember that tech is extremely useful, especially to survivors of intimate partner violence. Survivors can apply for housing, keep in contact with friends and family, search for help, apply for jobs, the list is endless. Yet, we need to remain focused that it is the abuser misusing the tech, not the tech itself, that is causing the stalking and tech abuse.

At the Summit we were able to continue to build relationships with companies such as Mozilla, Facebook, and Google as well as meet those running and involved with Pintrest and Uber in order to see how can we all increase safety and confidentiality for survivors and hold the offenders accountable. I'm not sure there will ever be a "sure way" to stop abusers from misusing technology, but I do know that there are a lot of dedicated individuals across the USA, Canada and Australia working to keep survivors safe.

For information about the Safety Net Project, visit <http://nnedv.org/projects/safetynet.html>.



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December 2015

16 Webinar: Vicarious Trauma and Self Care, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256

January 2016 - National Stalking Awareness Month

February 2016 - National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month

TBD Fundamentals of Advocacy Part I, Lincoln, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256

March 2016

TBD Fundamentals of Advocacy Part II, Lincoln, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256