



### NO MORE in Nebraska Newsletter

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# No More Crimes of Power and Control Conference - September 20-21

The Nebraska Coalition, in conjunction with the Nebraska State Patrol, will host the annual conference on September 20-21 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln.

Filled with national and local speakers, the conference will provide a wealth of information and resources. Topics include:

- survivor stories,
- use of technology in stalking,
- human trafficking,
- ending the school to prison pipeline,
- recognizing and addressing racism and privilege,
- anti-discriminatory advocacy in prevention,
- preventing sexual and domestic violence,
- supporting children exposed to a batterer's use of violence,
- case study from Nebraska,
- brain injury and trauma.

The registration will open in mid-July. Registration is \$125 for both days of the conference. The conference registration fee will include the conference packet as well as a light breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack on both days.\* It will also include a reception and awards ceremony on September 20, in honor of the Coalition's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Questions? Contact Michelle Z at michellez@nebraskacoalition.org.

\*No state or federal grant funds will be used for food/beverage costs.

### Fabulous Forty Celebration - September 20



2017 marks the 40th anniversary of the Nebraska Coalition. First incorporated in December 1977 as the Nebraska Task Force Against Domestic Violence, the Nebraska Coalition has a long history of working with local programs, statewide organizations and national agencies to improve safety for victims and to hold

offenders accountable. In addition to the focus on intervention, the Coalition works on prevention initiatives to stop violence before it starts.

Help the Nebraska Coalition celebrate at the Fabulous Forty reception and awards celebration from 4:30-7:00pm on September 20! More information will be posted on the Coalition website, www.nebraskacoalition.org.

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### Coalition Partners with ASISTA for RALIANCE

by Carly Beusch, Project Attorney

The Coalition recently started a project, funded by a RALIANCE grant, in the state of Nebraska with the goal to challenge and eradicate sexual violence in the workplace against immigrant women. Partners on the project include ASISTA, a national immigration organization and a technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence against Women (OVW)/Department of Justice (USDOJ), the Mexican Consulate in Omaha, Professor Jennifer Cooley of the University of Northern Iowa, and Service Employee International Union (SEIU), a large international labor union. These "unusual allies" were brought together by ASISTA to provide help to a population which is underserved, and to create systemic change in the workplace.

The project will focus on two main goals 1) creating and/or enhancing collaborations between sexual violence advocates, the Coalition, the Mexican Consulate, and labor unions in Nebraska with the goal of eradicating sexual violence in the workplace, and 2) providing education to the SEIU so it can better represent its member employees. The partners hope to create best practice models and long term partnerships regarding the issue of sexual violence against immigrant victims in the workplace, and share those best practices and lessons learned with sexual violence advocates and labor unions nationwide. In the beginning stages of the project, partners will build upon ASISTA's groundbreaking Guide & Toolkit on Assisting Immigrant Survivors of Workplace Sexual Violence. The guide is for advocates, leaders, and organizers to advance immigrant women's gender equality rights in the workplace.

The Coalition is currently in the process of identifying and recruiting sexual violence advocates in Nebraska, while the Mexican Consulate will simultaneously identify and recruit Nebraska labor organizers who work with immigrants. After the advocates and union organizers are recruited, the project partners will hold a series of online cross-training webinars, and two in-state meetings, and will culminate in an all day in-person strategic planning meeting designed to build long-term collaborations in Nebraska that will more effectively identify, work with, and advance the rights and safety of immigrant survivors of sexual violence in the workplace. Professor Jennifer Cooley will collaborate with ASISTA and its partners to develop the results of the strategic planning meeting into a curriculum or model which can be used by other states, advocates, and labor organizers.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Carly at carlyb@nebraskacoalition.org.

### What's New at the Programs?

### Nebraska Advocate Receives Visionary Voice Award



Each year the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) bestows Visionary Voice Awards in recognition of the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence. This April, Lindsey Spaulding was selected to receive one of the awards.

Congratulations, Lindsey!

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## **Accepting Award Nominations**

As we look toward a future without sexual, domestic and dating violence, the Board of Directors and Coalition staff wish to honor those who have engaged in the movement through excellent service to survivors; meaningful partnership and collaboration; and the use of innovative outreach and prevention strategies.

On July 6 the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence will open nominations for a series of awards honoring advocates, network programs, and community partners who have demonstrated commitment to ending domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking.

Awards include: Domestic Violence Advocate of the Year, Sexual Assault Advocate of the Year, Prevention Advocate of the Year, and Community Partner Award.

The awards will be given at the Coalition's annual awards celebration on September 20 at Nebraska Innovation Campus. The Coalition will also host the Fabulous Forty event in honor of its 40 years of advocacy in Nebraska.

For more information, please contact the Coalition at 402-476-6256.

### **Advocates Attend National Summit on Economic Justice**





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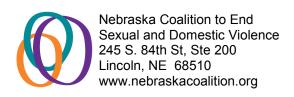
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Since August 2014, the Coalition has partnered with the Asian Cultural and Community Center, El Centro de las Americas, The Malone Center, Voices of Hope and Friendship Home on a grant for economic advocacy and financial empowerment. In March, advocates from this collaborative project attended "Dollars, Sense, and Safety" in Detroit, Michigan. This national financial symposium was sponsored by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV).

This conference allowed advocates to learn new ideas and tips from other advocates from across the nation. It also allowed Nebraska advocates to discuss their specific

initiatives and how they work to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The grant focuses on financial literacy, credit building/credit repair, and job readiness/job training. Each organization implements the grant differently, based on the format and communication style that is most culturally relevant and accessible to the diverse communities served by their organization.

The grant project is funded by The Allstate Foundation through the Purple Purse program. A key component of the project is curriculums created by The Allstate Foundation, in conjunction with NNEDV, *Moving Ahead Through Financial Management* and *Career Empowerment*. Copies of the curriculum are available from the Coalition for free, or can be downloaded at http://purplepurse.com/get-empowered/financial-tools. For more information, contact Michelle Z at michellez@nebraskacoalition.org or 402-476-6256.





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#### Mark Your Calendar

#### June 2017

- National Sexual Assault Conference (NSAC); Dallas, TX; Texas Association Against Sexual Assault: http://taasaconference.org
- 28 Webinar: Legislative Updates, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256

#### **July 2017**

- Supporting Male Survivors of Violence, Central Nebraska location, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 19 Webinar: Advocacy with Survivors Who Are Incarcerated, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 27 Legal Advocacy: Family Law Considerations, Central Nebraska location, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256

- August 2017 If Prevention is Where It's At, Where is Everyone Else?, Grand Island, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 9 Webinar: Topic TBD, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 16 Innovative Ideas, Location TBD, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 31 Economic Advocacy: Housing & Landlord Matters, and Public Benefits; Lincoln, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256