CCADV Introduces Comprehensive Trainings in Spanish

In 2013, the United States Census Bureau reported that more than 37 million individuals over the age of 5 spoke Spanish at home. That same year they also reported that 14.7% of Connecticut households were of Hispanic or Latino origin. These numbers undoubtedly place Hispanics and Latinos as the fastest growing group in the United States.

Understanding that victims of domestic violence come from varied cultural and linguistic backgrounds, including Spanish-speaking victims, CCADV began developing Spanish language training opportunities in 2014. The first all-Spanish training was offered through CCADV’s Training Institute in the fall of 2014. It was titled, La Interseccion de la Violencia Domestica, Salud Mental y Trauma en Familias Latinas y Sus Ninos, or The Intersection of Domestic Violence, Mental health and Trauma in Latino Families and Their Children. The training, which was co-facilitated by CT’s National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI), the University of Connecticut Health Center/Center for Trauma Recovery & Juvenile Justice, and CCADV, is one of several currently being offered and developed by CCADV.

The aim in developing these trainings is to equip Spanish-speaking service providers, volunteers, community-based organizations and other professionals with increased knowledge when working with victims and their children in our state. Another key objective is to increase and further develop community partnerships with grassroots and nontraditional organizations that may already be providing support services to victims in culturally specific ways.

Thus far the trainings have been well received. Participant evaluations indicate that training content has been developed in a comprehensive and linguistically appropriate manner. Additional capacity building opportunities in Spanish either upcoming or previously offered include:

- Familias Seguras Hogares Seguros (Safe Families Safe Homes) - March 14, 2015
- La Interseccion de la Violencia Domestica, Salud Mental y Trauma en Familias Latinas y Sus Niños (The Intersection of Domestic Violence, Mental Health and Trauma in Latino families and their children) - May 7, 2015
- Niños Pequeños, Retos Grandes de Sesame Street (Sesame Street’s Little Children, Big Challenges) - May 20, 2015
- Entendiendo la Violencia Domestica (Understanding Domestic Violence) Fall, 2015

For more information or to register for these trainings please visit www.ctcadv.org or email CCADV’s Director of Diversity & Accessibility, Wendy Mota Kasongo.
CCADV, CCEH Partner to Address Intersection of Homelessness and Domestic Violence

On March 23rd and April 1st, homeless providers and domestic violence advocates convened to discuss and learn more about the intersection of homelessness and domestic violence. As domestic violence survivors are affected by many of the same social forces that affect anyone fighting to find and keep affordable housing, the work of the two groups has traditionally followed similar paths yet oftentimes we function in isolation.

To begin the day, participants were provided with an overview of the challenges faced by providers when working with homeless individuals and domestic violence survivors. For both populations it was identified that all too often poverty and trauma combined to create a downward spiral of homelessness, frequently accompanied by substance abuse and mental health issues. During the next section, the group met by discipline to learn more about homelessness and domestic violence. Kristen Granatek, Manager of Technical Assistance and Program Services for the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) presented an overview of homelessness in Connecticut along with a synopsis on Rapid Rehousing and Coordinated Access for domestic violence advocates. Similarly, Linda Blozie, Director of Training and Prevention for CCADV educated homeless providers on the status and dynamics of domestic violence in Connecticut, as well as available resources.

After the mini-training, the groups reconvened by region to 1) lay out the challenges to be addressed, 2) build relationships and 3) discuss plans to collectively move forward in a more coordinated manner. All parties involved acknowledged that by working together all individuals who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or experiencing violence in their intimate relationships will have access to the formal and informal supports they and their families need to live and thrive securely in their communities.

Why Doesn’t The Victim Just Leave?

This question is often asked in relation to victims of domestic violence. The reality is that “leaving” is not that simple; the most dangerous time for a survivor of domestic violence is when she decides to leave. Many abusers react with increased aggression and control when victims try to leave. In situations where the risk of danger is very high, survivors may even contemplate changing their names, their children’s names, and “going underground.” The reality, however, is that in this digital age with the amount of personal data available about people, “going underground” is nearly impossible.

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) has partnered with Greater Boston Legal Services for the Relocation Counseling and Identity Protection Technical Assistance Project, which helps advocates, attorneys, and other social service providers work with survivors who need to relocate safely. For more information, check out these resources courtesy of NNEDV:

Privacy & Safety Tips When Relocating / Myths & Realities of Identity Change / Address & Voter Confidentiality Program
CCADV CEO, Karen Jarmoc, recently attended the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence in Washington, D.C. to capture information, data, and best-practice models with an aim to strengthen our work here in Connecticut. The conference, which is a program of Futures Without Violence’s National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence (HRC), was attended by researchers, healthcare providers, domestic violence advocates and policymakers who are eager to learn more about the intersections of health and domestic violence and avail themselves of the latest research and innovative health prevention and clinical responses to domestic and sexual violence.

The event featured a keynote address from Vice President Joe Biden who spoke about the impact of the Violence Against Women Act and the work that lies ahead for advocates and policy makers to build upon the advancements that have occurred as a result of this legislation. Jarmoc participated in plenary sessions in regard to innovative service-delivery opportunities for prevention, safety and reimbursement through the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, addressing children’s exposure to violence in mental health and public health programs and educating and engaging providers on screening, trauma-informed care and secondary trauma. Representatives from Hartford Hospital/Connecticut Children's Medical Center and the Connecticut Department of Children and Families also participated in the conference.

Information from the meeting will be used to support CCADV’s Health Professional Outreach project, in partnership with Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (CCMC)/Hartford Hospital, which was recently awarded by the Department of Social Services. Through the project, CCADV will soon hire an advanced health professional to serve as the statewide coordinator to improve Connecticut’s healthcare response to intimate partner violence (IPV) through education, institutional support, technical assistance and a streamlined process for referrals to community-based IPV resources. CCADV and CCMC/Hartford Hospital will work collaboratively to offer a statewide approach to practitioners in various healthcare settings in Connecticut. The project will adddress and reduce barriers to screening for IPV among healthcare providers and offer guidance in regard to evidence-based screening tools, implementation and reimbursement. A statewide medical advisory council – convened through the project (view membership below) – will provide leadership and foster mutually beneficial partnerships between healthcare systems, providers and CCADV member organizations. The project will also, for the first-time, offer Connecticut a centralized hub for data and evaluation with an aim to report out annually the status of health care/IPV in our state.

The Health Professional Outreach Project is expected to be officially underway in mid-June which will include the first meeting of the Statewide Intimate Partner Violence Medical Advisory Council. Stay tuned!

### Statewide Intimate Partner Violence Medical Advisory Council

- **Elizabeth Beaudin**
  Senior Director, Population Health & Workforce
  Connecticut Hospital Association

- **Felice Colliton, M.D.**
  Obstetrics & Gynecology
  Woodland Women's Health Associates

- **Miri Daly, DNP**
  Enfield Women's Health

- **Susan Delaney**
  Director, Medical Advocacy Project
  Domestic Violence Crisis Center

- **Susan DiVietro, Ph.D.**
  Research Scientist
  Injury Prevention Center, CCMC/Hartford Hospital

- **Lynn E. Fiellin, M.D.**
  Associate Professor of Medicine
  Yale School of Medicine

- **Henry Jacobs, M.D., J.D.**
  President, Connecticut State Medical Society

- **Karen Jarmoc, MA**
  Chief Executive Officer
  Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

- **Garry Lapidus, PA-C, MPH**
  Director, Injury Prevention Center, CCMC/Hartford Hospital

- **Carolyn M. Mazure, Ph.D.**
  Director, Women's Health Research
  Yale School of Medicine

- **Jennifer Pennoyer, M.D.**
  Medical Dermatology

- **William A Petit, Jr., M.D.**
  Petit Family Foundation

- **Megan Veennema Smith, DrPH**
  Yale School of Medicine
The Network’s Youth Advocate Newsletter originally started at the safe house as a resource for parents staying there with their children. The youth advocate noticed that many of the mothers needed help developing parenting skills, but they felt very discouraged by hearing all the things they needed to work on and everything they were doing wrong. The youth advocate thought creating a newsletter might be a simple first step towards empowerment. The youth advocate would notice issues common in the house, or areas where the mothers needed resources and put them in the newsletter along with some fun activities for the kids, as well as recipes. The mothers accepted the newsletter gratefully because it was fun and interesting, but they also were given a chance to read the articles. This let mothers learn for themselves. By reading what to do in a newsletter, they felt empowered because it was more like an idea they had and realized themselves instead of someone telling them. Since all mothers were given the same newsletter, they were not being pointed out or excluded in any way. They saw that other mothers had these struggles too and it wasn’t uncommon.

The newsletter has since expanded into the community. When the Network does tabling events and people walk by, they may be hesitant to pick up a brochure or palm card because of the unfortunate fact that domestic violence is still something people are weary of being associated with. However, picking up a newsletter about regular issues parents face that is filled with fun activities and recipes feels easy. The newsletter contains information about the agency, so it still spreads awareness that we are out there in a way that might feel a little less intimidating to be carrying around with you at an event. The community youth educator has noticed that while a handful of brochures might be taken at an event, numerous newsletters will be picked up. The accessibility of it being something any parent could use helps spread the message to people who may otherwise have ignored the table completely.

There are also people from various social agencies who are on the mailing list and have been willing to print out copies for parents in lobbies or offices. This spreads information about what the Network is doing to places we might not actively be at, so even more people can find out what we do. The newsletter commonly shares information about general parenting topics like handling bullying, setting bed time routines, talking to teens about relationships, helping children develop coping skills, and healthy ways to discipline. These are articles any parent can benefit from; however, they are also issues that connect with prevention. While it is important to get the serious message out there about what domestic violence is, sometimes it is also beneficial to take a more subtle approach to reach more people. They may just be using tasty kid friendly recipes for now, but down the road they might meet someone who needs our number and it will be easy to pull up the newsletter in their inbox and pass that along.

If you have questions or would like to subscribe to the newsletter, email Annalisa or call her 860. 763.7430 x305, or go to The Network’s website.
Give Dad What He Really Wants for Father’s Day... Another Tie!!

We’re not kidding because this tie is 2 GIFTS IN 1! Not only does it let the important father figures in your life show everyone that they believe in preventing domestic violence, but the proceeds go to support prevention and public awareness activities at CCADV. It’s the gift that keeps on giving!

The Vineyard Vines® Tie is hand made in the U.S.A. with 100% imported silk and incorporates the nationally recognized purple ribbon for prevention of domestic violence. The tie measures approximately 57” long and 3 ½” wide.

Ties can be purchased for $75 ea plus shipping and sales tax at www.ctcadv.org

CCADV Training Institute
Upcoming Trainings

Don’t miss out on these exciting opportunities through CCADV’s Training Institute! Click on the training opportunities below for a description and registration information.

**Community Welcome**

*La Intersección de la Violencia Domestica, Salud Mental y Trauma en Familias Latinas y Sus Niños*
May 7 I 10:00am - 3:00pm I CCADV

*Developing a Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence in Your Community*
May 12 I 10:00am - 1:00pm I CCADV

*Niños Pequeños, Retos Grandes de Sesame Street*
May 20 I 9:30am - 1:00pm I CCADV

*Addressing Domestic Violence for Human Resources Professionals*
June 2 I 10:00am - 1:00pm I CCADV

**Members Only**

*CCADV Member Program Standards Training*
May 1 I 10:00am - 1:00pm I CCADV

*Police Response to Juvenile Offenders in Family Violence Cases (Police, Members welcome)*
May 5 I 10:00am - 1:00pm I Wethersfield PD

*CCADV Member Program Standards Training*
May 22 I 10:00am - 1:00pm I CCADV

*New Staff & Volunteer Orientation*
June 15 - 18 I 9:30am - 4:00pm I CCADV
On March 17th, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords joined CCADV at a press conference calling on lawmakers to remove firearms during temporary restraining orders. Co-founder of Americans for Responsible Solutions (ARS), this is Congresswoman Giffords’s second trip to Connecticut in six months to discuss the impact of gun violence on women. Last October CCADV co-hosted a roundtable discussion with ARS on the issue. Congresswoman Giffords noted that, “dangerous people with guns are a threat to women.” CCADV CEO, Karen Jarmoc, noted that the most dangerous time for a victim is when she or he takes steps to end an abusive relationship and this is the time when they need the most protection, particularly from firearms which remains the most commonly used weapon in intimate partner homicides in Connecticut.

The press conference was co-hosted by Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Senate President Martin Looney (D-New Haven) and House Speaker Brendan Sharkey (D-Hamden). All three leaders spoke of the importance of this common-sense measure. Governor Malloy shared his confidence that within a couple of months Connecticut will join with 20 other states that have implemented similar laws.

Also in attendance at the press conference was the Jackson family, including Merry Jackson and Kacey Mason, mother and sister of the late Lori Jackson who was killed by her estranged husband last May. Kacey spoke of the countless efforts the family took to keep Lori safe as she attempted to end her relationship including filing for multiple temporary restraining orders, which were granted but never successfully served because her abuser fled the state, and calling the police to report physical abuse. Acknowledging that the gun used to shoot both Lori and Merry was purchased out of state and therefore would not have been prevented by this measure, the family has advocated strongly for this measure in hopes that it can save at least one life.

Both bills were voted favorably out of the Judiciary Committee on April 11th and are now headed to the House and Senate and for further consideration prior to the end of session on June 3rd. We urge anyone who thinks that victims of domestic violence have the right to be protected from gun violence at the most dangerous time to contact your legislator and ask for their support.
Domestic violence is a pattern of control and coercion by one intimate partner over the other. Therefore, the period following the arrest of an abusive individual on charges related to domestic violence can be particularly volatile as the abuser experiences a time when he or she is not at all in control. Yet under current state law, an individual who has been arrested for family violence may post bail immediately. This results in some family violence arrestees only being held for an hour or two after an arrest – the amount of time it takes to be transported to the local police department, processed, and post the required percentage of the bond set by the police. Such a brief period of time is inadequate for victims to formulate a safety plan, gather important belongings, pick up children, or find a safe place to stay.

As part of our legislative agenda this session, CCADV has proposed instituting a temporary, 12 hour hold for some family violence offenders who exhibit evidence-based risk factors for fatal family violence at the time of their arrest or anytime preceding their release on bail. These risk factors include:

1. The use or threatened use of a deadly weapon;
2. Threats to seriously injure or kill the victim; or,
3. Serious physical injuries caused by the arrestee.

Domestic violence is a unique offense where perpetrators may immediately return to the scene of the crime – their home – following an arrest. While law enforcement may set conditions of release that prohibit them from returning to their home or going near the victim, that's not always enough to keep these offenders away. And because they have lost control, they may take extreme actions to regain control of the victim.

The lethality risk factors included in this bill that would trigger the proposed 12 hour hold are based on years of research by Dr. Jacquelyn C. Campbell at Johns Hopkins University and they represent a critical tool for the criminal justice system to help prevent serious intimate partner violence or homicide. At least 6 other states allow for a temporary hold following an arrest of certain family violence offenders (Alabama, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, Tennessee).

The implementation of a 12-hour holding period enhances a victim’s safety in the aftermath of family violence. It provides a family violence victim with the critical time to make safety decisions for her or himself and her or his children, as well as the necessary time to act on those decisions. The issue is currently being considered by the CT General Assembly with both Democratic and Republican leaders expressing support of the concept.

Read our policy brief to learn more and review a sample safety plan for a victim who needs to flee her or his home because of severe physical violence or threats of severe physical violence. Could you accomplish all of those tasks in just a few hours?

## Task Force Recommendations Move Forward

Recommendations made earlier in the year by the Task Force to Study Service of Restraining Orders have begun to move through the General Assembly. Recommendations were included in both Senate Bill 650 and House Bill 7004. Some of the proposed legislative changes include:

- Having law enforcement serve temporary, ex parte restraining orders when the applicant alleges that the respondent is in possession of firearms or ammunition
- Allowing 11 days for service of an order or notice of hearing instead of only 9 days
- Requiring one 14-day extension of temporary orders if the order has not yet been successfully served prior to the originally scheduled hearing date
- Increasing travel reimbursement for state marshals when orders are successfully served
- Enhancing data collection related to service of orders
CCADV Launches Updated Teen Dating Violence Awareness Mobile App

In February CCADV officially launched our updated teen dating violence awareness mobile app - td411. Designed specifically for teens, this app gives them the "411" on healthy relationships and teen dating violence. The app includes interactive tools that help teens learn the warning signs of abusive relationships and ways to get help. The project was led by CCADV Director of Diversity and Accessibility, Wendy Mota Kasongo.

Adolescence can be a challenging time. Interpersonal relationships become increasingly more important and many teens start to venture into romantic relationships. Having little experience with which to compare, teens may find it difficult to identify abusive behaviors such as constant texts or phone calls, extreme jealousy when they want to spend time with their friends, pressure to take intimate photos or threats to post those photos. The td411 app explains all of these warning signs and includes a dating quiz so that teens can figure out where their relationship falls.

1 in 3 teens nationwide reports being physically, sexually or emotionally hurt by their partner, while right here in Connecticut 17% of high school students report being emotionally abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend and 8% report being physically hurt. And yet very few teens who have been abused ever tell someone, sometimes out of shame or embarrassment and sometimes because they simply cannot find the words to explain the uneasy feeling they have about their relationship.

Despite most parents feeling confident that their children would tell them if they were being hurt, only 32% of teens in abusive relationships ever actually confide in their parents. Having easily accessible information for a tech-savvy generation of teens is essential for their safety. The app includes steps for how to stay safe, including talking to a trusted adult or reaching out to one of the state’s 18 domestic violence organizations to talk to a certified counselor about dating violence. It is our hope that this mobile app serves as a practical and safe way for teens to get the answers to questions that they may be too afraid to ask.

The td411 app is available with both English and Spanish content as a free download from either iTunes App Store or Google Play. Users can access hotline numbers for each of the state’s 18 domestic violence organizations where they can receive free and confidential counseling 24 hours a day.

Click here for a flyer about the app that you can share with others. Also, check out the downloadable teen manifesto that is included on the app. The manifesto is available in both English and Spanish.

Download the app!

As part of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February, CCADV conducted a social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter to help raise awareness about the issue, announce td411 and let people know about the services available at the state’s 18 domestic violence organizations.
CCADV Year In Review

CCADV recently released highlights of our impact in fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014). We are pleased to report that we have developed comprehensive, statewide polices related to prevention, strengthened our partnerships with key allies, and reinforced our commitment to increasing awareness about and accessibility to the life-saving services provided by our 18 member organizations.

Many of these accomplishments would not have been possible without our dedicated Board of Directors, our member organizations that work tirelessly to meet the needs of victims, and countless partners across the state. We are grateful for all that you do to help improve the state’s response to domestic violence and we look forward to working with you in the years to come.

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Call to be connected with your local domestic violence service agency.