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**CCADV Partners with Futures Without Violence to Offer Nationwide Webinar on Workplace Policy**

In March, CCADV partnered with Futures Without Violence to offer a webinar nationwide – *Fostering Safer Workplaces: Addressing Domestic Violence in a Business Setting*. The webinar featured CCADV CEO, Karen Jarmoc; CCADV Board member and Aetna VP of Operational Security, Sean Gallagher; and Futures Staff Attorney, Aaron Polkey.

Workplace policy and awareness strategies for employers are enormously relevant and an important step toward helping public and private employers develop and strengthen policies that better prevent and appropriately respond to employees experiencing domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The webinar reviews key policy elements, strategies to raise awareness and build cost-effective trainings, and options to prevent and respond to employees experiencing domestic violence.

Click [HERE](#) to view the webinar, download the powerpoint presentation, or access the national model policy shared on the webinar.



**Please Join Us! Statewide Spring Reception 6.18.19**



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Money raised through our Statewide Spring Reception goes to support many of the critical activities of CCADV that are not supported by grant funds. This includes public awareness, including the development and publication costs of various outreach materials and campaigns; prevention efforts; and advocacy efforts on both a state and federal level. We appreciate your support as we continue to strengthen our work on behalf of our 18 member organizations and victims of domestic violence throughout Connecticut.

**Please purchase tickets by June 14, 2019.**

Please contact Erica Tirado with questions.  
860.282.7899 or [etirado@ctcadv.org](mailto:etirado@ctcadv.org)

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## HUD Issues New Domestic Violence Housing Grant to CT

In February the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded a \$1.7 million grant to Connecticut to address the housing needs of domestic violence and human trafficking survivors. CCADV and the CT Department of Housing (DOH) partnered to pursue the new federal grant, which included a total of \$50 million available nationwide.



The program, known as the CT Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking Rapid-Re-Housing Program, is designed to help divert homelessness among survivors or help them quickly exit homelessness, return to housing in the community and not become homeless again in the near term. It establishes a systemic collaboration between domestic violence, human trafficking, and housing providers that will enhance survivor access to housing resources and provide on-going, victim-centered support services necessary to achieve financial and housing stability.

The grant allows CCADV to hire a new Director of Housing Advocacy who will supervise and guide the case management and support services provided by domestic violence and human trafficking counselors. Housing location and inspection services will be provided by housing navigators within local homeless programs. Domestic violence and human trafficking counselors will work closely with survivors around financial independence and self-sufficiency so that stable housing can be sustained.

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women in Connecticut and this new grant will have a meaningful impact on the state's efforts to help survivors achieve safety and stability. With the program set to launch July 1, CCADV is currently developing program policies and procedures in partnership with DOH and housing providers, as well as establishing a series of cross-trainings for counselors and housing providers.

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## CCADV Hosts VAWA Roundtable Discussion

In April CCADV hosted US Senators Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal for a roundtable discussion on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization. A reauthorization bill, HR 1585, passed the US House of Representatives with bipartisan support earlier in April. Passage through the Senate of the same or a similar bill will be more complex.

HR 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019, is a bipartisan bill to reauthorize VAWA for 5 years. It makes modest yet vital improvements to the cornerstone of the nation's response to domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and stalking. HR 1585 reauthorizes the grant programs associated with VAWA; the laws associated with VAWA don't go away because the grant programs have expired. Inconvenient as it seems, reauthorizing programs is actually beneficial because it allows us to make updates based on emerging needs of survivors and best-practices utilized in the field.

Roundtable participants included CCADV, CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence, CCADV member organization directors and board members, survivors, and stakeholders within law enforcement, prosecution, legal aid, and the Judicial Branch. The discussion provided Senators Murphy and

Blumenthal with a number of examples of the critical impact that VAWA has on our work with survivors through various systems across the state.

[Click here to learn more about VAWA and HR 1585.](#)



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## CCADV on Comcast Newsmakers

In March, CCADV CEO, Karen Jarmoc, joined Eric Clemons on Comcast Newsmakers to discuss domestic violence in Connecticut and the work of CCADV and our 18 member organizations. [The segment](#) was available on Comcast Newsmakers Connecticut page, as well as On Demand under local news and public affairs. Watch the interview below to hear about what we've been up to, as well as about an exciting new project set to launch this fall!



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## Conference Focuses on Offender Accountability

In March, CCADV partnered with Family ReEntry, to hold a one-day conference - *Understanding, Preventing, & Responding to Violence in Intimate Partner Relationships*. The conference utilized a series of 8 flash presentations, which were 30 minute presentations on a variety of topics with a few minutes for questions. The structure allowed the audience to learn about a significant number of programs being utilized across the state to effectively impact offender behavior and improve outcomes for survivors.

Not all intimate partner violence is the same and different types of violence raise different risks. Focusing on current research, preventative measures, and practical applications, presenters explored topics including criminal justice interventions, women's use of violence, batterer intervention programs, impact on children, and supporting a father's positive role in their children's lives. The flash presentations were followed by a panel discussion that included each presenter and gave the audience an opportunity for Q&A.

Over 100 professionals attended the conference including law enforcement, Judicial Branch family relations, guardians ad litem, child welfare, and advocates, among others. CCADV will be following up with participants to explore any additional information they would like as it relates to understanding, preventing or responding to IPV. Additionally, in collaboration with presenters, CCADV will explore how the state's Domestic Violence Offender Standards Advisory Council might be able to expand the approved Offender Program provider list.



*Presenters (L to R): Eileen Russo, Gateway Community College; John Lewis, New Haven Family Alliance; Kyle Pinto, Safe & Together Institute; Ginger Wilk, Family ReEntry; Saleh Hanaif, Teen Fathers Program; Jason Sikorski, CCSU; Carla Stover, Yale Univ.; Derrick Gordon, Yale Univ.*

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## Health Professional Outreach Advocacy Team in Action!

Since January 2019, the Health Professional Outreach Advocacy Team has been traveling across the state to conduct outreach and trainings on “Intimate Partner Violence: Screening & Intervention for Health Professionals.” The focus of the training is to educate health professionals on the importance of educating every patient, every time about healthy relationships and local IPV resources. The HPO Advocacy Team encourages the connection between health professionals and their local IPV advocate.

The HPO Advocacy Team is made up of 8 CCADV member organizations (Women’s Support Services, The Network, The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services, Domestic Abuse Services, Women’s Center of Greater Danbury, Prudence Crandall Center, Safe Futures, and The Center for Family Justice) and the Director of Health Professional Outreach at CCADV. The HPO Advocacy Team meets monthly through an online WebEx that allows each member to share their success stories, struggles and helpful resources.

Between January and March of this year, outreach and trainings have been provided to 410 health professionals, including physicians, nurses, physical therapist, medical assistants, holistic health providers, APRN’s, EMS, mental health workers, addiction councilors, immigration services, students, Weight Watchers, disability resources, home health agencies, and many more. Through these trainings we have been able to partner with Hartford Healthcare to implement 5 IPV Screening questions into their system-wide Electronic Medical Records. And we continue to work with Women’s Health Connecticut who implemented the IPV screen across their entire system 2 years ago. To date they have screened 149,419 patients.

The HPO Advocacy Team continues to provide trainings, outreach and resources to health professionals and organizations across the state. All trainings are free and can be tailored to fit the needs of the participant. Each of the HPO Advocacy Team members are able to offer CEC credits to SW’s, CE credits to addiction counselors, and CME’s to any Hartford Healthcare Physicians, APRN’s or Surgeons that attend our trainings. Our goal is to get IPV screening and interventions into every healthcare setting.

If you know of any health professionals who would like to get trained, need resources, or just need a refresher, please contact the **Director of Health Professional Outreach, Ashley Starr Frechette**, at

## Domestic Violence Awareness Ties for Sale!

After we've had the chance to celebrate all of the wonderful moms and women in our lives this Mother's Day, we want to remind folks that CCADV has a great Father's Day gift option for sale!

CCADV partnered with Vineyard Vines® to design a purple domestic violence awareness ties. Each tie is handmade in the USA with 100% imported silk and includes CCADV's logo on the inside. The white ribbon and color purple have long been associated with efforts to reduce domestic violence. These ties send a powerful message that promoting healthy relationships and ending domestic violence are a priority. It's like two gifts in one, a beautiful tie and the chance to raise public awareness on a critical social justice issue.



100% of the profits go to support meaningful CCADV activities that enable us to strengthen Connecticut's response to domestic violence. Important initiatives such as targeted public awareness, prevention and education, and comprehensive victim advocacy.

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