

Welcome to our new Quarterly Newsletter! A little brevity never hurt anyone. We hope this new format will make our newsletter an easier read that still provides a quick snapshot of the important work we've been doing. Thank you for your continued support!

Learn more about what we've been up to...

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CCADV Posts New Spanish Videos

CCADV recently filmed a series of new Spanish-language videos to provide critical information to survivors via our website and social media. The videos cover several topics including domestic violence basics, safety planning, helping friends and family, victims' legal rights, and more. You can view each video by visiting the "En Espanol" section of www.ctcadv.org. "En Espanol" is the 2nd option in the left-hand navigation menu. And be sure to visit our [YouTube page!](#)

[Learn more!](#)



CCADV CEO Receives Award

In May, CCADV CEO, Karen Jarmoc, received the Carol E. Walter Think, Be, Lead Change Award from the CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) for her leadership and innovation in collaborating with homeless services partners to meet the housing needs of domestic violence services. Karen (center) is



pictured with Jill Hutensky, Bank of America (left) and Lisa Tepper Bates, CCEH (right).

This award recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of homeless or housing services. The award recipient brings forward the spirit of Carol Walter in all that they do in the field, taking a pragmatic approach to prevent and end homelessness. This award is presented to someone in the housing/homeless field who never loses sight of the end goal of ending homelessness, driving this mission from within his/her

agency or coalition work.

Congratulations Karen!

CCADV, CCEH Announce National Housing Model

Speaking of the award Karen received from CCEH...in June, CCADV and CCEH held a joint press conference to announce the success of the first 18 months of our collaborative model to house domestic violence survivors facing homelessness. This unique and innovative partnership seeks to address competing federal mandates that have traditionally prevented survivors from having equitable access to homeless housing resources. Recognized as a national model of collaboration, 73 households, including 28 single adults and 45 families, have been housed or begun the process of securing permanent housing during the first 18 months of the program.



Launched in January 2017 following consultation with state and federal funders, the protocol developed by CCADV and CCEH entails homeless and domestic violence providers working together through the use of a de-identified form to confidentially add survivors to housing resource registries maintained in Connecticut's Housing Management Information System (HMIS), the database required for use by all programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The National Network to End Domestic Violence and the National Alliance to End Homelessness have highlighted the Connecticut system as a promising approach, and a model for other states to follow.

[Learn more!](#)

2018 Legislative Successes



CCADV saw some exciting victories during the 2018 Legislative Session, which came to a close in May. First was the passage of **Public Act 18-5**, which establishes a dominant aggressor provision in the state's family violence arrest law. Aimed at impacting Connecticut's dual arrest rate, one of the highest in the country, the new law seeks to guide law enforcement in arresting only the party they deem to be the dominant aggressor, defined to be the person who poses the most serious ongoing threat based on a number of factors. CCADV will work with various

partners including state and municipal police and the Chief State's Attorney's Office to develop training and implementation guidelines. This measure was passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and goes into effect on January 1, 2019.

This year the legislature also passed **Public Act 18-136 (section 5)**, which includes a much-needed increase to the state's Marriage License Surcharge (MLS). First implemented in 1995, the MLS is collected when individuals obtain a marriage license and is passed along to support services provided by community-based domestic and sexual violence organizations. Increased from \$20 to \$35, the MLS is now anticipated to generate nearly \$650,000 annually to support services for survivors.

[Learn more!](#)

i Choose

Please Join Us!

I Choose: A Call to Action for Men & Boys
Saturday, September 8, 2018
8:30am - 4:00pm
Boys & Girls Club of Bristol Family Center

CCADV, CT Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, CT Fatherhood Initiative, and CT State Colleges and Universities will host a day-long symposium to engage men and boys in the promotion of healthy relationships and living a life free from violence.

Please join us as we examine the roles that each of us can play to promote equity, healthy masculinity, safety and justice as well as opportunities to foster a society where everyone can be their full and authentic selves free from fear and violence. Join CCADV's "I Choose" Campaign to let everyone know that choose to take a stand against domestic violence and not look the other way!



The event will feature conversations with...

Duane de Four, Educator, Media Critic, Activist

CT Youth Excellence Project

Looking In Theater

Marlon Ramnanan, Consultant

Safe Futures

Pierre Berastain, Director, Office of Sexual Assault Prevention & Response, Harvard University

Jeff Goncalves, Boys & Girls Clubs of Ridgefield

James Kendall, Boys & Girls Clubs of Stamford

This event is free of charge, but registration is required.

[Register!](#)

CCADV Advocates in D.C.

In June our CEO, Karen Jarmoc, traveled to Washington, D.C. to join nearly 100 advocates from across the country for the National Network to End Domestic Violence's Annual Advocacy Day. Karen went to Capitol Hill to meet with Connecticut's federal delegation (including US Senator Chris Murphy, pictured to the right) to discuss a number of critical issues facing domestic violence survivors and providers including:



- Pass the Help End Abusive Living Situations (HEALS) Act, a critical bill that will expand access to housing and homelessness-related resources for survivors of domestic violence;
- Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) without any rollbacks in funding or protections;
- Reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the only federal funding source specifically for services to survivors of intimate partner violence; and
- Fund federal programs to address domestic and sexual violence.

Karen also discussed the importance of Congress adopting strong workplace policies regarding domestic violence that both provide support for victims while connecting them to services and that hold staff who are abusers accountable.

We are grateful for the continued support and leadership of Connecticut's federal delegation in protecting funding for life-saving domestic violence services.

The Children's Center on Family Violence | cca|DV Connecticut Children's MEDICAL CENTER



In April, **The Children's Center on Family Violence**, CCADV's partnership with Connecticut Children's Medical Center, hosted its third symposium - Embracing an Asset-based Approach to Supporting Children Exposed to Family Violence. The event, which was held at Quinnipiac University School of Law with 150 attendees, featured Casey Keene of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Jill Davies of Greater Hartford Legal Aid. The day-long symposium explored how domestic violence shapes children's lives and impacts parenting with an emphasis on the assets and strengths of families who survive this experience together. By shifting away from a deficit model and embracing lessons learned from resilience research, advocates and helping professionals can increase their capacity to provide growth-based services and prevention.

[Learn more!](#)

*Stay tuned for details on
CCFV's Fall Symposium!*

**Interval House Needs Your
Help!**



Two months ago, Interval House's safe house and offices were flooded when a torrential downpour coincided with a clogged sewer pipe. Nearly three feet of contaminated water devastated the children's play and therapy area, their support groups' space and the court advocates' offices. Floors, walls, furniture, toys and supplies were all impacted or ruined.

Interval House evacuated residents -- including 15 children. Shelter residents were moved to a confidential temporary site, hotline staff moved to an office in Manchester, and the court advocates have been working in courthouse hallways.

Residents, children and staff are now in the process of moving back. Interval House has remediated all contaminated areas and fixed the plumbing, but they have a long way to go before all of the restoration is complete and insurance will cover just a fraction of the costs. Temporary housing, underground sewer pipe repairs, remediation, an upgraded drainage system, reconstruction and furnishings will cost nearly \$200,000.

For 41 years, Interval House has been here for those in crisis and even in danger. Will you be there now to help ensure Interval House can continue to provide life-saving services to survivors and their children?

Please help Interval House defray these crippling expenses by making a donation today. Any amount will help. Many thanks for your consideration and your generosity!

Donate to Interval House!

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