

Selected Initiatives



The following is a sample of recent NMCADV Initiatives. The NMCADV website, www.NMCADV.org, contains a more complete listing of projects and events.

Trauma Informed Practices Project (TIPP). This five-year federal grant was awarded to three (3) states including New Mexico. The purpose is to strengthen domestic violence services by providing training and technical assistance in the areas of domestic violence and substance abuse, effective intervention with child victims and witnesses, intersection of mental health and domestic violence, management and supervision best practices and evidence based data collection and analysis. Federal funders are requiring that states demonstrate competence in the above noted areas-NMCADV is one of only a handful of states to have started the process.

Batterers Intervention Programs Standards Committee. This working group is developing state standards to guide counseling and education programs and to provide relevant information to courts in making referrals for those arrested for domestic violence.

Data Collection and Outcome Measures. At present, domestic violence data collection in NM is incomplete; we do not have an accurate picture of its incidence. The purpose of this effort is to provide significantly more meaningful information that includes the possibility of generating useful outcome data. Betty Caponera, PhD is founder and director of the NM Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository, and collects domestic violence and sexual assault data from statewide law enforcement, service provider agencies, and district and magistrate court. She publishes the annual Incidence and Nature of Domestic Violence in New Mexico, which NMCADV replicates and disseminates. A link is provided on our website or copies can be ordered through NMCADV.

Early Childhood-Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Collaborative Projects.

- In 2011 we sponsored a Children's Summit on Domestic Violence and Early Childhood: Working Together to Help Children Exposed to Domestic Violence. This Summit included diverse representation from around the state and was a partnership between the CYFD Head Start Collaboration Office and NMCADV.
- Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Summit: Collaborative Responses to Domestic Violence and Child Abuse and Neglect. Summit focused on improving coordination and collaboration in child welfare cases involving child maltreatment and domestic violence and was a partnership between NMCADV, Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center, CYFD, UNM School of Law, and Children's Court Improvement Commission (CCIC).

- In early 2012, we brought in a national expert for a 1 1/2 day workshop on supervision and leadership for Head Start and Domestic Violence agencies. This approach to agency management and leadership offered a new way to support staff and clients.
- *The Shelter from the Storm Institute: Working Together to Provide Safe and Trauma-Sensitive Services for Families with Young Children* was an expansion of the first Summit and brought together over 400 domestic violence and early childhood workers. National and local experts focused on improving coordination and collaboration in child welfare cases involving child maltreatment and domestic violence. The effort was a collaboration between CYFD, Headstart, Home Visitors, and NM Department of Health (DOH) Families, Infants and Toddlers (FIT)
- NM has been awarded a STOP grant for \$15,000 to fund a core group of trainers to present the Safe Families Safe Homes curriculum, training for early childhood workers in domestic violence. As part of the grant a national trainer for the SFSH curriculum came to NM in June, 2012 and trained 9 staff from across agencies (DV; Head Start; APD police officer; home visitor and school councilor). These 9 trainers have made a commitment to conduct a series of three trainings using the Safe Families, Safe Homes curriculum to three targeted communities – Las Cruces, Roswell and Gallup). These three communities were chosen because of the work that DOH & CYFD have done to collect data to determine which communities have the least amount of resources available yet have the highest risk factors.

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). NMCADV participated in the development of a Crime Victims Reparations Commission (CVRC), VAWA project to fund a domestic violence liaison to the AOC. The funded position collects criminal justice and domestic violence related information from around the state and reports back to AOC with recommendations for improvements. The NMCADV works closely with the Office and is a member of the Advisory Team.

Rural and Native Law Enforcement/Advocate Teams. A CVRC funded project that recruits and trains teams of law enforcement and advocates from all around New Mexico; trainees agree to work in their communities as trainers and technical assistance providers in domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Project partners include the Coalition to Stop Violence against Native Women and the New Mexico State Police.

NMCADV Associate Trainers Project. Geography represents a significant barrier to domestic violence programs receiving training and technical assistance. NMCADV's Associate Trainer Program has selected nine experienced trainers from around New Mexico to attend national, cutting-edge training and provide training regionally in New Mexico. In addition, NMCADV is developing significant online content so that domestic violence providers can receive needed training quickly and affordably. NM has been asked to share details of this innovative approach to training and assistance with others around the country.

Advocacy Beyond Leaving. Most victims (75-80%) never seek outside help and many stay in families where abuse is occurring. As a result, the community problems caused by domestic violence grow unchecked. Advocacy beyond Leaving represents a cutting edge approach to reaching those victims and their families. Trainers from all around New Mexico were selected by NMCADV to receive a 2-day ABL training which occurred in June of 2012 in Nevada, led by national trainers. The NM program trainees will bring the knowledge gained back to their respective communities. *NM is recognized as a national leader in promoting this concept.*

Accessibility Project. NMCADV has a Violence against Women (VAWA) grant from the CVRC to ensure that victim service providers from around the state (including domestic violence, sexual assault, legal aid and others) are prepared to serve victims who are deaf and hard of hearing or who have limited English proficiency. This includes training, technical assistance, and financial reimbursement of services.

Policy Roundtables. For the second year, NMCADV is traveling around the state and hosting roundtables which include service providers and government officials to discuss challenges and opportunities in countering domestic violence. Sites include Las Cruces, Farmington, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Silver City, Grants and Raton.