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The New Mexico Coalition  
Against Domestic Violence

# **NMCADV CCR UPDATE**

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# OUR TEAM



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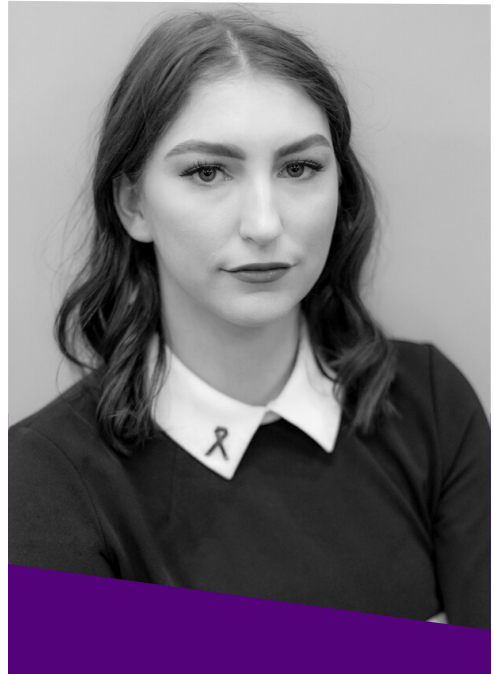
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**Mica Reagan**

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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN NEW MEXICO

In New Mexico, intimate partner violence (domestic violence) is much higher than the national average. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 7 men will experience severe domestic violence in their lifetime. Over 16,000 (sic 10,000) crisis calls are placed about domestic violence service providers every year. And even after COVID in 2020, there was an increase in domestic violence incidents which rose 8%" (Albuquerque News 1-5-2023).

## NMCADV'S ROLE

For many years, the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) has been on the forefront of efforts to bring together myriad public and private systems to promote safety for victims of domestic violence and to hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable for their actions. This effort was enhanced with the addition of a staff position to provide technical assistance to programs who intervene with perpetrators of domestic violence and to enhance a systems response to domestic violence. In August 2021, the NMCADV hired David J. H. Garvin, MSW, LMSW as the Director of Battering Intervention and Systems Response. Mr. Garvin brings over 35 years of work directing, training, supervising, and organizing efforts to end domestic violence on a local and national level.



*"I think that this CCR is going to be how our communities will be made safer. I think this model will show incredible results."*

**Governor Lujan Grisham**

Throughout these past several years the NMCADV has been working diligently to learn as much as possible about what it would take to enhance, develop, and coordinate a systems response to domestic violence unique to New Mexico needs. As we well know, New Mexico has the second highest rate of intimate partner violence homicide in the country, second only to Alaska (Violence Policy Center, When Men Murder Women. An Analysis of 2019 Homicide Data, September 2021). The statistics are staggering and heartbreaking, yet there is promise for a better safer future as NMCADV continues to align itself with best practices, such as the “Duluth Model”, which outlines the proven effectiveness of having Coordinated Community Response Teams.

In the Fall of 2021 NMCADV offered a Coordinated Community Response (CCR) training series that was led by local and national community leaders. This training was well attended by our community, people throughout the country, and is still being watched on our YouTube channel today by people around the world. This training series helped the community begin to conceptualize the Duluth Model, the need for multi-disciplinary collaboration, and how to apply what they learned to their respective roles. This was a call to action and generated significant energy and interest about the possibility of having specific community based CCR projects in New Mexico.

In October of 2022 The New Mexico Crime Victim Reparation Commission (CVRC) and NMCADV collaborated on the Advocacy In Action (AIA) Series and provided a CCR focused training on the Duluth Model of Coordinated Community Response with Scott Miller and David Garvin as faculty.

After the CCR training series in 2021 and the Solutions Conference in 2022 and with the financial support from CYFD NMCADV embarked on our journey to bring the Duluth Model to New Mexico. Part of the strategic plan was building out our staffing here at the Coalition. To date, we have hired two of the five staff that will be responsible for this initiative. In October of 2022 we hired the CCR Team Leader, Melissa Silver and in January of 2023 we hired our new statewide coordinator, Mica Reagan. In addition we will have three focus sites that will have dedicated CCR staff to help build a strong and collaborative foundation, which is crucial to the CCR’s success.



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**October 6, 2021: [Community Partnering with Creating a coordinated community response to domestic violence: Strategies to enhance accountability, safety and well-being](#)**

**Faculty:** Rebecca Thomforde Hauser and Nida Abbasi, The Center For Court Innovation

**October 20, 2021: [Community Partnering with: Law Enforcement](#)**

**Faculty:** Eric Threlkeld, Quintin McShan, and Johnnie Trujillo

**October 27, 2021: [Community Partnering with: District Prosecuting Attorney](#)**

**Faculty:** Rhonda Martinson and Ron Olsen

**November 10, 2021: [Community Partnering with: Judges and Magistrates](#)**

**Faculty:** Judge Blankenhorn, Taos, Judge Rosemary Cosgrove Aguila, Ret. Judge Libby Hines

**December 1, 2021: [Community Partnering with: Probation and Compliance Officers](#)**

**Faculty:** James Henderson and Javier Argueta

**December 7, 8, and 9, 2021: [An In-Depth Understanding of the Coordinated Community Response to Ending Domestic Violence](#)**

**Faculty:** Scott Miller, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs

**December 15, 2021: [Community Partnering with: Understanding and Utilizing Research on Battering Intervention Programs](#)**

**Faculty:** Eric Mankowski & Christopher Hall

**[In June of 2022 NMCADV offered the Solutions Conference](#)** with a significant focus on the Coordinated Community Response. This conference included key trainings such as:

**[Designing the Nuts and Bolts of a Coordinated Community Response](#)**

**Faculty:** Scott Miller, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs

**[How Community Based Programs Can Improve their Organizing Efforts](#)**

**Faculty:** Scott Miller, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs

**[A View From the Field: State Coordinated Community Response Coordinators](#)**

**Faculty:** Scott Miller, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs

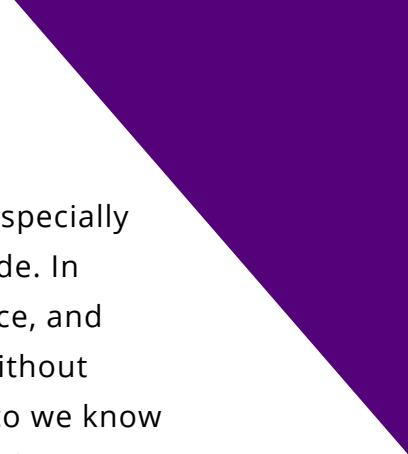


In December of 2022, two of the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) staff, David J. H. Garvin, Director of Battering Intervention Services and Systems Response and Melissa Silver, Coordinated Community Response Coordinator and Flor González, Director of Support Services at La Casa, got the incredible opportunity to travel to the birthplace of Coordinated Community Response (CCR) work, Duluth, Minnesota, where they were immersed in learning with international CCR expert Scott Miller, Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs (DAIP). Our staff also met with several other influential and critical members of the CCR team who shared with us how transformational this work can be in the community and most importantly, in the lives of survivors. Our New Mexico Team had the unique opportunity of meeting with community partners to learn from each of their systems perspective how to best intervene in domestic violence cases. We had the opportunity for direct meetings with the following system community partners:



*NMCADV and La Casa receive training from the Duluth Intervention Project*

- Police ride along for an evening shift with the Duluth and Superior police departments
- Meeting with the Duluth Family Supervised Visitation Center
- Meeting with the Chief of Police of the Superior Police Department
- Meeting with the DV Probation agent for Carlton County
- Meeting with the Carlton County Attorney
- Meeting with the Tribal Police Chief
- Meeting with the Domestic Violence Response Team and the Duluth Police Department
- Meetings with DAIP Staff
- Meeting with the Health and Human Services supervisor
- Meeting with the local corrections department and prison facility



It can be easy to put our expertise in the center of our CCR work especially when it comes to changing the systems that we work in or alongside. In Duluth, however, the message was clear: survivors, their experience, and safety must be the driving force of all changes the team makes. Without hearing directly from survivors throughout the state of New Mexico we know that long lasting, meaningful, systemic change would not be possible or sustainable. To that end, NMCADV is committed to conducting focus groups that will help us learn from those impacted by both the system and domestic violence. The information learned in these groups will help to inform the direction of our coordinated efforts and will ensure that survivor's needs and safety are continuously centered in our decision-making processes.

Currently, we are awaiting the focus site application approval from CYFD. After its approval we will begin to promote an application process. It is our hope that we will be able to fill these positions strategically and quickly to begin the next phase of our development. After the sites are established, NMCADV looks forward to collaborating with the selected communities to help to identify the ways in which policies, procedures, and practices can change to increase survivor safety and offender accountability. This will look like training facilitators, providing technical assistance, and conducting various focus groups and case reviews to improve future outcomes. Each team will develop their own mission statement, vision, and goals that reflect the unique needs and desires of their respective communities.

There is no other state more deserving of the resources that have been provided to the State of New Mexico for Coordinated Community Response work. While there are unique challenges in our communities there is also great strength and determination for change. We are humbled to have the opportunity to help support CCR work in our state and are grateful for the institutional support from CYFD that makes the goal of increasing safety for survivors in our community possible. Video clip of Scott Miller (1:16) from the 2022 AIA Training, praising New Mexico's efforts on developing CCRs:

<https://youtu.be/xrCYs1IazOs>



## What We Have Done

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- CCR training series with Scott Miller
- Hired CCR Team Leader, Melissa Silver
- Hired statewide coordinator, Mica Reagan
- Immersive site visit with DAIP for training with Scott Miller and numerous community leaders
- Obtained training materials from DAIP to inform the foundation of the teams

## What Resources Do We Have?

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- **Time:** CCR's take an incredible amount of time and effort to launch and sustain
- **Dedicated and experienced staff:** each CCR staff member will be provided with extensive training and supervision to help facilitators grow in their role
- **Passionate community leaders & providers** across New Mexico who are ready to engage in social change work
- **Expertise of national leaders:** Scott Miller is a key partner and has provided the invaluable experience of training in Duluth
- **Significant support from CYFD**

## Opportunities

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- Increased survivor safety and offender accountability
- Consistent responses throughout communities and eventually the state
- Increased knowledge and comprehension of domestic violence dynamics for system/ community partners
- Increased collaboration amongst multi-disciplinary agencies
- Decrease in domestic violence related homicides & murder/suicides



# Challenges

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- Approval and selection of CCR Focus sites
- Low conviction rate throughout the state (1-11%)
- 2nd highest domestic homicide rate in the USA
- Climate of tolerance for domestic violence
- Rural communities that have lack of resources to help survivors meet basic needs: shelter, food, etc
- Finding meaningful ways of including indigenous folks in a way that respectful of their culture and communities

# What Lies Ahead

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- Hiring the CCR Coordinators for the 3 focus sites once they have been selected
- We are developing a CCR Academy to be offered individually for each focus site in 2023 and separately for several regions statewide.

