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November Newsletter

See this month's updates from some of the coalition's current projects, events, and highlights.

NMCADV Response to the Sutherland Springs tragedy.

We grieve for all those affected and stand with all those affected by violence.

SUTHERLANDS SPRINGS TRAGEDY

Lots of people believe that domestic violence is a crime that affects only people in families, and while that is true, the effects of domestic violence are much further reaching than most realize. The shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas was a domestic violence incident – it appears that the shooter's purpose was to hurt his ex-wife. Sadly, such motives are common. In fact, 57% of mass shooting cases from 2009-2016 involved domestic violence perpetrators killing spouses/intimate partners, former spouses/intimate partners or other family members*. In 2013, a total of fifteen deaths in New Mexico involved intimate partners and gunshot wounds**.

As we mourn the victims of this latest tragedy, let us stand together against violence in our homes and in our communities. Enough. None of us are safe until we all are. -Pam Wiseman, NMCADV Executive Director

*Mass Shootings in the United States 2009-2016, Everytown for Gun Safety, April 2017, <https://everytownresearch.org/reports/mass-shootings-analysis/>

** New Mexico Intimate Partner Violence Death Review Team Annual Report 2016, <https://emed.unm.edu/cipre/common/docs/2016-ipvdrt-annual-report.pdf>

The NCADV also released a statement and demanded action.

Giving Tuesday 2017

This year for Giving Tuesday, we focused on the effectiveness of our programs. Click on the image below to check out our donation page!



Safe and Together Model Training

Over 100 leaders and frontline staff from both CYFD Protective Services and domestic violence programs came together for a one-day kick-off event to introduce the *Safe and Together™ Model*, a model developed by David Mandel and the [Safe and Together Institute](#). A national best practice and field-tested approach, the *Safe and Together™ Model* was designed to improve competencies and cross-system collaboration related to the intersection of domestic violence and child maltreatment. Through a collaborative effort between the NMCADV and CYFD, this statewide initiative was developed in response to increasing requests by both domestic violence victim service providers and child protective service workers to help in the assessment of domestic violence situations and to better improve cross-system collaboration.



This event was the first of a series of steps towards making long-term systemic changes in how we respond to children and families involved in protective services where domestic violence is present. Over the next few months, David Mandel and the Safe

and Together Institute will conduct a statewide assessment of current policies and practices and will make recommendations based on the framework of the *Safe and Together™ Model*. A small Advisory group made up of content experts and frontline workers from both Protective Services and domestic violence programs will use these recommendations to help lay the groundwork for implementation of the model. A supplemental online course will also be offered at a later date to be determined. This collaborative effort between DV service providers and CYFD has brought much enthusiasm on both sides and reflects a shared goal of wanting better outcomes for families impacted by domestic violence in our state.



For more information about this initiative, please contact Shana Aldahl, Special Projects Coordinator with NMCADV at shana@nmcadv.org or Rebecca Edwards, DV Unit Supervisor for CYFD at rebecca.edwards@state.nm.us



NMCADV Upcoming Training Opportunities

Collaborate **Communicate**
Connect
Coalition **Coordinate**

Core Advocacy Training

40-hour Skills and Knowledge Training
for New & Experienced Advocates

Register for Santa Fe - Feb. 21-23

Register for Albuquerque - May. 9-11



Supporting Children & Parents/Caregivers Affected by Domestic Violence

This unique two-day conference was designed for domestic violence advocates, supervisors, and staff working in shelters and community-based domestic violence programs.

The training was based on a foundational curriculum, *Children Exposed to Domestic Violence*, which has been used by programs across the country since it was developed in 2008 and has been updated in recent years to reflect current research and practice about resilience and the importance of relationships in supporting healing with families affected by domestic violence and other trauma.

Presented by curriculum developer & children's trauma expert Susan Blumenfeld of the [National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health](#) and local New Mexico educator, trainer and domestic violence expert Jeannette Baca, this training explored factors that promote resilience as well as risks to ongoing, healthy development as a result of experiencing trauma.

As a result of this training, participants:

- Enhanced their understanding of how domestic violence and other trauma may impact children and youth across various ages and stages of development;
- Are able to identify trauma-related triggers, behaviors, or responses in children and youth;
- Learned ways to support parents/caregivers to address children's responses and challenging behaviors related to experiencing domestic violence;
- Gained practical strategies for strengthening child-parent/caregiver bonds and promoting resilience and healing in the family;
- Got tools and tips for creating trauma-informed children and family-centered programming.

Meet the Trainer:

Susan Jans Blumenfeld, MSW, LCSW, is the Training & TA Director for the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH), located in Chicago. She joined the staff in 2003, and is an experienced mental health clinician, consultant and trainer on children and families affected by domestic violence, child abuse, and other trauma. She trains locally and nationally and is mentoring others to build trauma-informed services for families affected by interpersonal violence. She provides technical assistance and ongoing consultation for local DV programs in the Chicago area, and nationally. Susan has collaborated with others to create training curricula and materials to enhance staff competencies in building trauma-informed, family-centered program services. She developed a 10-part webinar series on this topic and is the author of NCDVTMH's *Guide for Engaging & Supporting Parents Affected by Domestic Violence*.



Susan has over 35 years of clinical, supervisory and program management experience in developing more responsive, community-based services and systems for children, youth and families affected by trauma. She received her B.A. in English from Washington University in St. Louis and her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Illinois – Chicago. She also completed a two-year, post-graduate certificate program in Infant Mental Health from Erikson Institute in Chicago in 2012. She has been trained in evidence-based, trauma-specific treatment interventions for work with children, youth, parents, and families, including Child-Parent Psychotherapy, and Circle of Security Parenting. Susan is a licensed clinical social worker in Illinois.



Being Accessible to All Survivors

NMCADV Accessibility Trainer Virginia Perez-Ortega, and other featured disability experts, will provide information on requirements, insights from experience in the field, and best practices on making programs and organizations more accessible for ALL victims/survivors.

Save the Dates!

January (dates TBD) - Las Cruces

April 2-3, 2018 - Location TBD

Keep an eye out for registration announcements coming soon.

NMCADV Member Program Profile

The NMCADV is a membership-based coalition that represents 30 domestic violence service organizations throughout New Mexico. The coalition provides a collaborative statewide voice on domestic violence issues and supports each of our unique member programs. For a full list of member programs or the opportunity to join the coalition please visit our website. Enjoy an insightful look at one of our member programs below.

Option, Inc.

Option, Inc. provides domestic violence services in Hobbs, NM and Lea County.

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What services do you provide? We consider Option, Inc. to be a “people place” focusing on bettering our community. We see ourselves as a Domestic Violence Service Center because we work with both offenders and victims. Our DVOTI program works with offenders to help with behavioral issues. Our work with victims includes a range of activities, just a few of these activities include: facilitation, taking emergency phone calls, writing Orders of Protection, Court advocacy, and sheltering. We believe in **Empowering People through Change.**



Why does the work your organization does matter? Option, Inc. has been working for 39 years in assisting victims of domestic violence, exposing the viciousness of domestic violence, and trying to create a community of hope and healing. We believe our work has saved lives. We work to bring equality to those who are bilingual and cannot communicate. We also make a difference in our community by bringing awareness to the issue of Domestic Violence.

Can you name a specific example of how your organization has impacted your community?

Every year in October during Domestic Violence Awareness month we host a street block event in front of Option's offices filled with exhibits about Domestic Violence. We work with our United Way agencies to spread awareness about Domestic Violence! This event has grown every year, this year our effort touched the lives of 413 people in our community, doubling the number from last year. We have City Commissioners, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, and many others from our community.



What change in your community would you like to see? Our community could benefit from having

