

Advocating Change



Educating our Community

Supporting Services



Annual Report 2012-2013

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence

Message from the Executive Director



Advocating for Change...Educating our Community...Supporting Services... is more than a tag line. As you review our annual report, please take a moment to review the work of NNADV in this context. A continuum of efforts to change the way we think and act about domestic violence and to insure that services are available throughout the state to help victims and survivors of domestic violence.

2013 was a year of uncertainty and concern as we experienced government shutdowns, sequestration and a continuing decline in funding for vital services. At NNADV we left positions unfilled and redefined our service delivery process to do less with less. The challenges we faced were significant and often demoralizing as we saw the erosion of progress that had been made over the last thirty three years. 2013 was a year of challenge.

2013 was also a year of opportunities realized. Internally we launched our redesigned website, created a Facebook page and began to create a more tech savvy communication process to better share information with our members and supporters as well as the general public. The 2013 Legislative Session provided opportunities to assist domestic violence survivors with housing issues, to support efforts to address sex trafficking in Nevada and uncover problems affecting juveniles charged with domestic violence. We provided training on how to improve services for LGBTQ survivors, help health care providers screen for domestic violence, and provide outreach to teens and young adults as both survivors and as bystanders to violence. We maintained financial support for rural advocacy, shelter, crisis response and transitional housing services. We continued to enhance our training and technical assistance efforts through engaging our member programs on a variety of levels.

As 2013 comes to an end we are able to glimpse some lights at the end of the tunnel. We see 2014 as a year of growth and expansion for NNADV. We know that the need does not decrease when the funding decreases and we rely on the support of our membership to meet those demands. Please take a moment to review this report, think about how you might expand your involvement in this critical movement to end violence and then take action. Volunteer at your local domestic violence program, become an individual member of the Network and/or contact policy makers about the need to support and fund domestic violence initiatives. We need and value your support.

With great respect and gratitude,

Sue Meuschke

For interested parties, the NNADV provides an official audit and IRS Form 990 for public inspection. In addition, our policies and procedures relating to financial management are also available for your review. Call the NNADV office at 775.828.1115 or 1.800.230.1955 statewide during the hours of 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday to Friday to make an appointment.

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Our Mission

In an effort to promote social change and empower women and all persons affected by domestic violence, NNADV is an inclusive network which supports member programs, communities, and individuals to work on the elimination of domestic violence and the core issues of societal oppression.

Our Philosophy

Domestic and sexual violence have been a socially condoned phenomenon. In light of our present knowledge of the plight and of the myriad needs of battered women, we consider it our duty to work toward an eradication of domestic and sexual violence in our society. We also consider it our duty to help women escape lives dominated by violence and to spread the message that women have the right not to be abused. We intend through coordinated interaction to address these issues on a statewide level.

Our Purpose

The purpose for which the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence was formed is to work toward the elimination of domestic and sexual violence against all persons, and the empowerment of women and children. The general objectives of the organization are to provide information to direct and indirect service providers in the fields of domestic and sexual violence, and to provide information, education, and advocacy to the general public concerning the issues of domestic and sexual violence. In addition, the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence generates and disburses funds to direct service programs, and administers said funds in accordance with generally accepted standards of fiscal accountability.

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From left to right: Glady Robinette, Elizabeth Stoffel, Katy Calamusa, Sue Meuschke, and Judy Henderson

Domestic Violence Counts 2013

On September 17, 2013, 12 out of 15, or 80 percent of identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2013 National Census of Domestic Violence Services conducted by National Network to End Domestic Violence. Below is the report summary for Nevada.

- 359 victims of domestic violence and their children received life-saving services from local domestic violence service providers;
- 169 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs;
- 190 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups;
- 86 emergency hotline calls were answered. Hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources.

"A survivor who has been in shelter for nearly three months is nearing the end of her stay. In previous years, she would have been placed in transitional housing, but this is no longer an option. She does have a job and continues to look for a place to rent that she can afford, but rates are too high in our rural community. And with no public transportation, she walks everywhere."

- Nevada DV Advocate

According to the 12 out of 15 participating domestic violence programs in Nevada, 20 requests for services were unmet due to a critical shortage of funding and staff to assist victims in need of services such as emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, and transportation. Of these unmet requests, 75 percent were from victims seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing.



Fiscal Year 2013 Statistics

- 58,582 total number of victim contacts
- 55,631 bed nights provided
- 11,768 Temporary Protection Orders prepared
- 12,989 law enforcement contacts
- 134,518 referrals provided (including, counseling, legal services, and assistance in accessing other community resources)

These statistics were compiled from reports submitted by domestic violence programs in Nevada.

Jacksons Food Stores Give the Gift of Peace Campaign

On Thanksgiving day, Jacksons Food Stores in partnership with the Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence and state coalitions in Washington, Idaho and Oregon launched the *Give the Gift of Peace* campaign, a holiday season campaign that runs through December 25th to raise funds for the prevention of domestic violence. Jacksons Chief Executive Officer, John Jackson, matched the contributions dollar for dollar up to \$75,000. Since 2008, customers in Nevada have contributed to the campaign by purchasing paper doves at Jacksons Food Stores. During the 2013 Nevada campaign, Jacksons Food Stores donated more than \$22,000 (including Jacksons dollar for dollar match contribution). Jacksons Food Stores in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho also participated in the campaign, and proceeds go toward coalitions against domestic violence in respective states.



Representative from Jacksons Food Stores and from four state coalitions—Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington during Jacksons press conference in Boise, Idaho.



Educating Our Community

Trainings and Workshops

Statutory Rape Campaign

During fiscal year 2013, NNADV coordinated a statewide campaign targeting adult males age 18-24, entitled *She's Not Old Enough* to educate them on the laws regarding "statutory sexual seduction" in Nevada (more commonly referred to as "statutory rape"). KPS3, a marketing firm in Reno, helped a task force consisting of community-based service organizations to develop this campaign. Funding was provided by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. Three presentations were conducted to begin the promotion of this campaign. Locations included the Nevada Public Health Association Conference during October 2012, students attending University of Nevada Reno and the Attorney General's Prevention Council in November.

Health Care Training

NNADV hosted presentations entitled *Intimate Partner Violence: A Public Health Priority* that includes a knowledge-based review of topical issues in the fields of domestic and sexual violence, dating violence and stalking, the dynamics of an abusive relationship, how abusive behavior affects patient care, and how this violence affects the public health care system. Participants received tools and strategies to enhance their current screening protocols to improve the health and safety of victims of abuse. This educational module is designed for the medical community including practicing physicians, nurses, clinic/hospital support staff and public health professionals as well as university interns and residents.

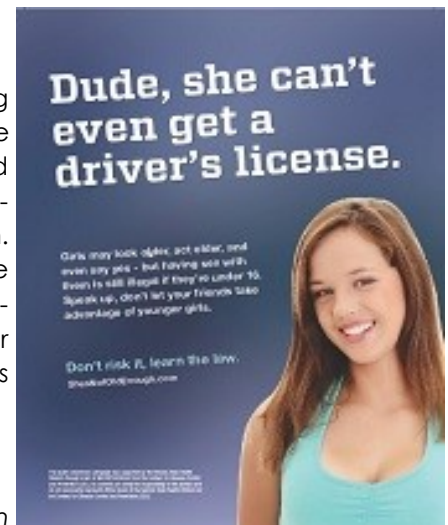
On November 16, 2012, United HealthCare co-sponsored a speaker's bureau approach for 12 health care providers who were interested in training their colleagues, patients, and community partners about screening for domestic violence. This one-day workshop included the basic module to prepare novice educators as they practiced segments in a supportive environment. Other co-sponsors for the speaker's bureau training included the Milan Institute in Sparks for their massage, pharmacy, dental, and medical assisting instructors.

On February 22, 2013, NNADV partnered with the African American Community Cultural Education Programs and Trainings (ACCEPT) organization in Reno to offer a workshop on The Intersection of HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence to 62 participants. On March 21, 2013, NNADV partnered with the Southern Nevada Health District to offer this workshop in Clark County; 125 people participated.

Teen Relationship Workshop

NNADV continued our commitment to educating advocates, allied professionals, and staff from community organizations servicing teens and young adults by conducting the *Teen Relationship Abuse: What Is It? How Can I Help?* module co-hosted by the Inter-tribal Council of Nevada and Northern Nevada Hopes. This popular module grew into a training of trainers approach and added a new module, *Relationship Abuse for Teens Who Identify with LGBTQ Communities*. The first training-of-trainers workshop was conducted on May 10, 2013 in Reno funded by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. 47 people attended this training co-hosted by the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra.

On December 14, 2013, *Fundamentals of Domestic Violence for Lawyers* was offered in partnership with Safe Nest in Las Vegas. Based on materials provided by the American Bar Association, this one-day workshop provided a foundation of knowledge and skills for attorneys representing victims of domestic violence in a broad range of legal matters. The goal of the workshop was to assist attorneys in representing victims effectively and safely, building case management skills and developing community partnerships and support resources for clients. Over 20 people attended this workshop.



Supporting Services

Highlights

- 32,501 publications were distributed in both English and Spanish.
- 601 calls to Language Line to interpret 17 languages (including Amharic, Farsi, German, Hindi, Japanese, Kinyarwanda, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrinya, Urdu and Vietnamese) for local domestic violence programs and their clients.
- 50 site visits were made to member programs to provide training, technical assistance and support.
- 56 trainings presented to program members and allied professionals to increase knowledge, skills and abilities in dealing with domestic violence.

Nevada Rural Advocacy Project

The Nevada Rural Advocacy Project (NRAP) is funded by the Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. NRAP provides resources to support ongoing advocacy projects within six collaborating community-based domestic violence programs in Nevada. The project also provides resources to develop a rural listening project and to support the continuation of a rural advocacy network. NRAP provided advocacy services to 297 primary victims of domestic violence in rural Nevada this year. As a result of NRAP support services and advocacy, 94% of surveyed program participants had more strategies for enhancing their safety and 97% had more knowledge of community resources. As a result of NRAP support groups, 91% of surveyed program participants had more strategies for enhancing their safety and 96% had more knowledge of community resources.

Washoe Transitional Housing Project

The Washoe County Transitional Housing Project (WCTHP) is funded by the Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. WCTHP provides resources to develop transitional housing programs within two community-based domestic violence organizations in Nevada. The project also builds program capacity through training and technical assistance activities and seeks to sustain programming through the development of local community partnerships. WCTHP provided short-term housing assistance and support services for 7 survivors of domestic violence in Washoe County this year.

Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund

Through the generosity of numerous private donors, the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund offers emergency financial assistance grants of up to \$500 to survivors of domestic violence and their children who are fleeing abusive relationships or attempting to reestablish themselves after leaving such situations. These grants cover expenses such as transportation costs, relocation expenses, personal supplies, and any other type of emergency need directly related to leaving an abusive relationship. Named after Jan Evans, NNADV's first volunteer lobbyist, the grants ease the financial burdens domestic violence victims face when they decide to leave abusive relationships.

Grant Awards

In 2013, the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund awarded more than \$16,000 in financial assistance grants which were passed through to local domestic violence programs to directly benefit victims.

39 victims of domestic violence and their 73 children were assisted:

- 13% requested assistance with transportation costs
- 23% requested assistance with relocation costs
- 64% requested assistance with other types of emergencies

Community Populations

Across Nevada, local domestic violence programs sought Jan Evans Fund grants for victims:

- 41% of grants went to Clark County
- 41% of grants went to Rural Nevada
- 18% of grants went to Washoe County

NNADV provided an emergency grant to a survivor in Rural Nevada who needed help relocating out-of-state after another physical assault from her husband left her with a broken collar bone. With assistance from NNADV and her local domestic violence program, this woman was able to rent a moving truck and pay for the gas she needed to get herself and her belongings to another state where she is now safely living with family. The shelter advocate who worked most closely with her reported, "Due to the grant received through the Jan Evans Direct Assistance Fund, the client was able to successfully leave her abusive husband. NNADV's emergency grants have assisted many women who had nowhere else to turn."

- Nevada DV Advocate

Grantors

Federal

- ◆ U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children & Families, Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS) — *Grants to State Domestic Violence Coalitions*
- ◆ U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women — *Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Assistance Program*
- ◆ U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) — *Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program*
- ◆ U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women — *Grants to State Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Coalition Programs*
- ◆ U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women — *Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program*

State

- ◆ State of Nevada Department of Human Resources, Division of Child & Family Services — *Family Violence Prevention & Services (FVPS) Grant*
- ◆ State of Nevada Department of Human Resources, Division of Child & Family Services — *Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant*
- ◆ State of Nevada Office of the Attorney General — *STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program*
- ◆ Nevada State Health Division Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness — *Rape Prevention & Education Program*
- ◆ Nevada State Health Division Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness — *Sexual Violence Prevention & Education Program*

Private

- ◆ State Bar of Nevada — *LRIS Public Service Grant Program*

Other

- ◆ National Network to End Domestic Violence — *Violence Recovery Act Technical Assistance Project*
 - ◆ Nevada Statewide Maternal & Child Health Coalition Mini Grants Program — *Adolescent Relationship Abuse Awareness Project*
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Financial Report

Grants & Donations

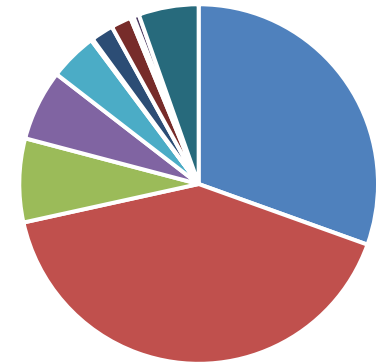
Federal & Government Support:

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$599,235
Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA)	\$807,873
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	\$148,047
Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program	\$125,039
Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program	\$ 84,977
NNEDV Technical Assistance	\$ 3,102
Preventative Health and Health Services	\$ 39,857
Contributions, Gift and Donations	\$ 35,834
Contributed Materials and Services	\$ 5,748
Maternal & Child Health Program	\$ 10,000

Other Income:

Program membership	\$ 99,038
Membership fees	\$ 5,125
Fee for service	\$ 1,957
Miscellaneous	\$ 356

Total Public & Governmental Support \$1,966,188



- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) (30.5%)
- Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPSA) (41.11%)
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (7.5%)
- Rural DV, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program (6.4%)
- Transitional Housing Assistance Grants Program (4.3%)
- NNEDV Technical Assistance (0.2%)
- Preventative Health and Health Services (2.0%)
- Contributions, Gift and Donations (1.8%)
- Contributed Materials and Services (0.3%)
- Maternal & Child Health Program (0.5%)
- Other income (5.4%)

Expenses

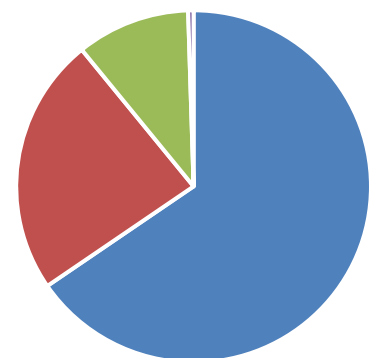
Program Services:

Assistance to Member Organizations	\$1,290,079
Education, Outreach, and Training	\$ 467,413

Administration/Supporting Services:

General & Administrative	\$ 204,290
Fundraising & Grant Procurement	\$ 9,757

Total Expenses (Program and Supporting Services) \$1,971,539



- Assistance to Member organizations (65.4%)
- Education, outreach and training (23.7%)
- General and administrative (10.4%)
- Fundraising and grant procurement (0.5%)

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 Committee to Aid Abused Women, Reno NV—Serving: Washoe County
 Consolidated Agencies of Human Services (Provisional member), Hawthorne NV—Serving: Mineral County
 Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Fallon NV—Serving: Churchill County
 Domestic Violence Intervention, Inc., Lovelock NV—Serving: Pershing County
 Safe Embrace, Reno NV—Serving: Washoe County
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 Tahoe SAFE Alliance, Incline Village NV—Serving: Washoe County
 Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis/Safe Nest, Las Vegas NV—Serving: Clark County
 Winnemucca Domestic Violence Services, Winnemucca NV—Serving: Humboldt County

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