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## **Our Mission**

The mission of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence is to eliminate personal and institutional violence against women through programs providing support and safety to battered women, direct services, public information and education, systems advocacy and social change activities. The members of the PCADV work toward this goal through supportive, cooperative practices in all aspects of our individual programs and collective efforts.

### **About the Cover**

The cover artwork is a photograph of a quilt, “Stitches in Time,” commemorating PCADV’s 30th anniversary. More information about the quilt and the quilters can be found on page 6.

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## From Our Board President and Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

PCADV celebrated its 30th Anniversary this year – 30 years of raising our voices together as one coalition! Special events marked this occasion, including a “Tribute to 30 Remarkable Women Making Domestic Violence History” and an artistic homage to PCADV’s members stitched into a quilt presented by Connie Thomas, PCADV’s Director of Administration, and her sister, Linda M. Thomas. The first **Susan Schechter Legacy Award** was presented to Bonnie Glover for her inspirational leadership as a Board member for 30 years!

During 2006/2007, the statewide network of 61 local programs provided services in all 67 counties to 92,000 survivors of domestic violence and their children. PCADV distributed \$21,784,200 from state and federal sources for services, including: counseling, advocacy, shelter and transitional housing, outreach, community education and training. Special small projects and training efforts are highlights of staff activities this year, including:

- The Prevention of Dating Violence Among Runaway and Homeless Youth
- Enhancing Services for Children and Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence
- Civil Legal Representation Project
- PA Stop Violence Against Women and Judicial Training
- Protection From Abuse Database
- Medical Advocacy

Two new state initiatives that started this year provided opportunities to address domestic violence in unique settings. The Summit on Domestic Violence in the Workplace provided guidance for employers to respond to individual employees; model policies and practices gave employees practical models which could be implemented immediately. One of the sponsors of the Summit, the Philadelphia Phillies, planned and implemented a training program for all franchise major and minor league players, utilizing Mentors in Violence Prevention and PCADV.

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV), a project of PCADV since 1993, has responded to over 47,000 requests during its operation. Over the past year, the NRCDV staff and consultants provided technical assistance and training to over 1,500 advocates and allied professionals. VAWnet, the NRCDV’s comprehensive Web site, receives 3,000 visitors per day; these visitors download over 1,900 files a day!

Many thanks go to outgoing Board President Peg Ruddy from Women’s Resource Center, Inc., Scranton. Peg’s enthusiastic leadership and inspirational stories were greatly appreciated!

Board Committees were actively engaged in committee work throughout the year. The Diversity Committee implemented its plan to include an awareness activity at every Board meeting. The Planning Committee completed the Strategic Plan and assigned activities to all committees and caucuses.

With the announced retirement of our founding Executive Director, planned for the fall of 2008, the Board initiated a transition process and established a Transition Team. At this time, PCADV has a strong organizational foundation and many capable leaders to facilitate the selection of a new Executive Director while planning a fond farewell to our retiring Executive Director!

Respectfully,

  
Board President

  
Executive Director



**Roberta Hacker**  
PCADV Board President



**Susan Kelly-Dreiss**  
Executive Director

## 30th Anniversary Celebration

### A Tribute to 30 Remarkable Women Making Domestic Violence History





PCADV and its state network of programs honored *30 Remarkable Women Making Domestic Violence History* during a luncheon at its September Board Meeting in State College, in celebration of the organization's 30th anniversary as the nation's first state domestic violence coalition.

The honorees were selected by PCADV programs and staff, based on their contributions that not only helped to change systems, shift attitudes and enlist allies, but also transform futures.

They included women who have used their talents to establish domestic violence programs, build shelters, raise public awareness, provide advocacy, ensure victims' rights, mobilize communities, pursue justice, develop safety plans, secure funding, strengthen laws, prosecute abusers, improve health care response, and educate students, friends, neighbors and the general public.

The scope of their achievements and legacy of peace and justice is evident in the halls of the Capitol, in courtrooms, health care settings, in college and high school classrooms, and in communities across the Commonwealth. Visit [www.pcadv.org](http://www.pcadv.org) and click on "Events" for profiles of the honorees.

### A Tribute to 30 Remarkable Women Making Domestic Violence History

 Nancy Bergoy Lancaster County	 Nancy Chavez Cumberland County	 Linda Collins Montgomery County	 Judy Copeland, ACSW Lackawanna County	 Mary Ellen Corum Dauphin County	 State Senator Jane Carl Eric County
 Marcia Felkey Singley County	 Mimi Lingar Barash Copperopolis/Fredman Centre County	 Susan Gedford Susquehanna County	 Diane E. Gibbons Berks County	 Meg Groff, Esq. Berks County	 Lynn Hefele Berks County
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**In Celebration of 30 Remarkable Years Working to End Domestic Violence**  
 Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
 1976-2006



Connie Thomas (left) and Linda M. Thomas display their "Stitches in Time" Quilt

### Stitches in Time

"The Quilting Sisters," Connie Thomas, PCADV's Director of Administration, and Linda M. Thomas, hand-quilted a beautiful quilt in commemoration of the Coalition's 30th Anniversary. The blocks in the center signify the 12 original programs of PCADV and the remaining programs are chronologically listed from top left to bottom right as they became member programs of our statewide network.

The "Stitches in Time" quilt was presented at the September Board meeting and is prominently on display at PCADV's Harrisburg office.



## 30th Anniversary Celebration (continued)

### Summit on Domestic Violence in the Workplace

As the final event in commemoration of the Coalition's 30th anniversary, PCADV convened a Summit on Domestic Violence in the Workplace in December to provide guidance for employers to minimize the impact of domestic violence on their employees as well as their business. The Summit raised awareness that domestic violence is a workplace issue; highlighted best practices and model policies; and provided information on resources and training opportunities. State and national experts shared practical information and tools to help employers create work environments that effectively respond when domestic violence follows employees from the home to work. Governor Rendell offered a videotaped welcome address. PCADV received a very positive response from the 120 participants who represented small and large corporations, universities, healthcare organizations, state agencies, private sector, non-profit groups and a professional sports team.

## Make It Your Business

A Summit on Domestic Violence in the Workplace

### Sponsor Recognition

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# ADMINISTRATION TEAM

## PCADV/Phillies Collaboration

PCADV reached out to the front office management at the Philadelphia Phillies following a domestic violence assault involving its star pitcher, Brett Myers. The incident occurred when the team was out of town for games with the Red Sox and the public soundly criticized the Phillies for allowing Myers to pitch the day after he attacked his wife on a Boston street. As a result of a meeting between management and PCADV, the Phillies agreed to a number of PCADV proposals, including:

- Sponsorship of PCADV's December Summit on Domestic Violence in the Workplace
- Training for front office staff
- Training for player personnel
- Implementation of a domestic violence policy for all employees of the Phillies



## Medical Advocacy

Since 1993, PCADV Medical Advocacy Project coordinates collaborative partnerships of community-based domestic violence programs and local health care systems/medical facilities to promote health care-based identification of domestic violence victims seeking health care services or treatment and the provision of support, information, education, resources and follow-up services within the health care setting.

Essential elements include the following:

- Ongoing training on domestic violence for all health care providers and allied staff of the health care system or facility
- Institutionalizing a comprehensive response to patients experiencing domestic violence through the formal adoption and implementation of domestic violence protocols and policies
- The identification of battered women through routine screening
- The provision of domestic violence services within the health care setting

PCADV currently funds 35 medical advocacy projects with over 85 health care partners across Pennsylvania.

PCADV also has a Medical Advocacy Task Force that meets regularly in both the eastern and western regions of the state. Task Force participation is open to domestic violence program advocates and health care professionals.



## Policy Activities

### Homicide Prevention

**Fatality Review:** PCADV continued work on the Fatality Review Project, which examines domestic violence related deaths to gain important insights regarding risks, intervention and prevention efforts. The statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Advisory Group (DVFRAG), representing a wide range of people and constituencies, met quarterly this fiscal year. Legislation drafted by PCADV and DVFRAG that would enable fatality review teams to access records was reintroduced in the 2007/2008 legislative session, and PCADV continues to advocate for its enactment. Additionally, PCADV continued efforts to develop a model data collection form to standardize information collected from review teams across the state.

**Firearms:** PCADV advocated against proposed legislation (HB 1160) that would allow PFA plaintiffs to obtain emergency permits to carry concealed firearms immediately upon application. PCADV opposes this legislation because it would encourage misuse of the PFA system; place victims of domestic violence in greater danger; provide false hope to victims of domestic violence; increase opportunity for unintentional shootings; and risk incarceration of victims of domestic violence. PCADV developed and distributed a [Policy Position Paper on HB 1160](#) and continues to monitor the bill for movement, ready to actively lobby against it should the need arise.

### Housing

PCADV continued advocacy on behalf of housing resources for domestic violence victims by opposing legislation that would accelerate the eviction process and a bill that would allow landlords to deem tenant property abandoned and subject to disposal without proper notice. PCADV also continued to provide technical assistance to advocates, including specific guidance on the protections enacted in VAWA 2005 pertaining to victims who receive public housing assistance.

### Children

**Custody:** PCADV staff and Legal Committee continued to work on comprehensive custody legislation in Pennsylvania that presumes an abusive parent is not the appropriate primary caregiver to the child. Moreover, PCADV was successful in negotiating amendments to a comprehensive custody reform bill to alleviate some of its anticipated harm to battered parents.

**Children and Youth Systems:** PCADV continued its leadership role in co-convening the PA Collaborative on Children and Families Affected by Domestic and Sexual Violence (The Collaborative), an array of organizations from across the state working on improving child abuse intervention in families also experiencing domestic violence among the adults. In the FY 2006/07, the Collaborative finalized a “Protocol to Address Domestic Violence in Families with Child Welfare Involvement” that was later distributed as a Special Transmittal from Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, and to all PCADV programs.



## Additional Policy Activities

**Immigration:** PCADV joined with allied organizations to oppose a number of legislative proposals that would restrict battered immigrants' access to essential public assistance and police protections, and would compel domestic violence programs to require victims to prove their immigration status as a prerequisite to receiving life-saving services.

**Responsible Utility Consumer Protection Act:** PCADV continued to advocate for protections for domestic violence victims through the utility rule-making process to implement the Responsible Utility Consumer Protection Act passed in late 2004. That Act included an exception for utility customers who have PFA orders. In February 2007, PCADV submitted comments to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission recommending how this exception should be implemented to offer the broadest possible relief for domestic violence victims.

**Advocacy to Secure Increases for Services:** PCADV and member programs lobbied to retain the \$1.2 million increase plus a COLA for domestic violence services included in the Governor's FY 2007/2008 state budget. Domestic violence advocates and allies came from all corners of the state to join in a rally at the Capitol in support of the critically needed funding. The final budget included an additional \$400,000, plus a COLA, for statewide domestic violence services.

PCADV also advocated strongly for increases to federal VAWA and VOCA appropriations, including several lobby visits with legislators and staff in their Washington, D.C. offices.

**Legislation to Increase Revenue for Services:** Additionally, PCADV's proposed legislation to raise the marriage license surcharge and establish a divorce filing fee was reintroduced in the 2007/2008 legislative session. The bill will increase the existing surcharge on marriage license fees from \$10 to \$35 and add a new \$25 fee on divorce filings. When enacted, these surcharges will generate close to \$3 million each year for lifesaving services.



Advocates and allies stand together in the Capitol Rotunda, calling on their legislators to support increased funding for statewide domestic violence services

# CONTRACTS TEAM

## Provision of Services

The statewide network of **61** local programs provided comprehensive domestic violence services in all **67** counties of the Commonwealth through a contract administered by PCADV.

These programs offered a lifeline to safety through **92** community-based sites for more than **91,794** survivors of domestic violence and their children – with **9,609** seeking refuge in PCADV’s statewide network of shelters. Regrettably an additional **5,106** individuals were turned away from shelter because of lack of space.

Program services, such as counseling, advocacy, shelter and transitional housing, outreach to special populations and assistance in accessing other community resources, included:

- | **484,989** hours of counseling/advocacy
- | **209,936** shelter days
- | **19,840** community education programs
- | **14,655** community-wide public education events
- | **237,247** volunteer hours
- | **5,731** trainings for **56,799** individuals

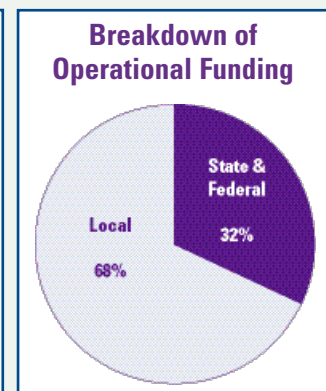
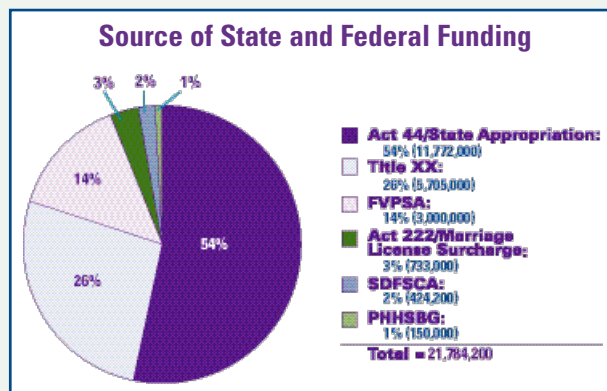
## The Statewide Allocation

The allocation for the provision of domestic violence services in Pennsylvania totaled **\$21,784,200** for FY 2006/2007. This included:

- | **\$5,705,000** in federal Social Services Block Grant funds (Title XX)
- | **\$3,000,000** in federal Family Violence Prevention & Services Act funds (FVPSA)
- | **\$424,200** in federal Safe and Drug Free Schools & Communities Act funds (SDFSCA)
- | **\$150,000** in federal Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant funds (PHHSBG)
- | **\$11,772,000** in state funds through Act 44/State Appropriation
- | **\$733,000** in state funds through Act 222/Marriage License Surcharge

### Funding Sources

PCADV’s funding contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare covers just 32 % of the total costs to provide intervention and prevention services in all 67 counties. Therefore, the 61 community-based programs must raise more than two thirds of their operating budgets and expend extraordinary time and resources on local fundraising efforts.





## Prevention of Dating Violence Among Runaway and Homeless Youth

This project, which began in October 2005, represents a partnership between the Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services and PCADV. It involves runaway and homeless youth programs and domestic violence programs throughout Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

This collaborative project was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to enable the two communities to work together to benefit youth as well as the providers within the fields of domestic violence and runaway and homeless youth.

Project activities include:

- Developing new strategies to prevent dating violence among runaway and homeless youth
- Enhancing domestic violence services in runaway and homeless youth programs
- Designing and developing cross disciplinary approaches for the prevention of dating violence among runaway and homeless youth
- Improving the effectiveness of domestic violence service delivery for youth in runaway and homeless youth programs
- Linking domestic violence staff and runaway and homeless youth practitioners to build joint models and strategies for more effectively working with youth in violent relationships

## Enhancing Services for Children and Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence

Beginning in 2006, PCADV launched a three-year project to expand the capacity of Pennsylvania domestic violence program staff to address the needs of children and adolescents and to support abused parents' efforts to build resiliency in their children. The program is designed to enhance intervention services that are focused on strengthening the abused parent-child relationship, demonstrated to be beneficial in addressing the trauma associated with a child's exposure to a batterer.

With funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, five different programs were chosen as demonstration sites, based on diversity of geography, services offered, type of program, populations served, program quality and competency of the children's advocate. These programs implemented 12-week home/community-based services to families, focused on helping the non-abusive parent understand and address the needs and behaviors of children resulting from exposure to domestic violence.

The project offers training and materials on the following:

- Child development and the impact of violence on child development
- Trauma-based counseling
- Building relationship with the non-abusive parents about children's behaviors and needs
- Provision of home-based services
- Understanding the framework of poverty as the cultural context/background of many domestic violence families, especially those who utilize shelter services
- Family safety planning and related tools
- Educational materials for intervention with children, including brochures and fact sheets on age appropriate behaviors and behaviors that reflect the impact of exposure to violence
- Curricula for support groups on understanding and addressing children's behaviors and needs

# LEGAL DEPARTMENT

## Civil Legal Representation

The Civil Legal Representation (CLR) Project enhances access to civil legal assistance and justice for victims of domestic violence. CLR attorneys assist survivors' attorneys in obtaining court intervention that enhances a victim's self-sufficiency, while also concentrating on her safety needs. CLR attorneys are engaged in effecting systematic legal change. With support from the CLR staff, CLR attorneys around the state have completed and filed appeals in the Pennsylvania Superior and Supreme Court. Staff also provides moot court opportunities for those attorneys who have filed appeals and are preparing for oral argument. The Domestic Violence Attorney Network, comprised of CLR staff and CLR attorneys from around the state, meets on a regular basis throughout the year for training and information sharing. In addition, staff offers technical assistance to these attorneys. In the past year, staff responded to **241** requests for technical assistance on a wide range of issues impacting victims of domestic violence.

## PA STOP Violence Against Women and Judicial Training

PCADV provides training and technical assistance to the **46** STOP Grant counties in Pennsylvania. Training topics for STOP team members, consisting of law enforcement, prosecutors and victims services providers, include the Protection From Abuse Act and its recent amendments, stalking, firearms and primary aggressor issues. A STOP Newsletter is published and distributed to STOP grant teams on a quarterly basis.

Training and technical assistance is also provided to domestic violence advocates around the Commonwealth. In the past year, staff delivered **37** trainings reaching **1,544** participants and responded to **425** technical assistance calls on a broad range of topics. Regularly scheduled Legal Advocacy Committee meetings provide another opportunity for advocates to obtain training and share information and strategies to better assist victims of domestic violence and their children. A weekly electronic update further provides these advocates with current information to support their efforts.

PCADV staff also provides training and technical assistance to judges and court personnel through the STOP Judicial Training Project. Judges and court personnel are invited to contact STOP Judicial Project Staff to receive confidential assistance on issues related to domestic violence law. A *Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Benchbook*, first published by PCADV in 2005, has been distributed to all Pennsylvania trial judges. Annual updates to this reference source are also published. A quarterly electronic newsletter, *The Jurist*, is made available to interested judges with information on statutory and case law updates and topics of current interest to jurists hearing cases involving domestic violence. This project is made possible with Violence Against Women Act funding from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.



## Protection From Abuse Database (PFAD)

The Protection From Abuse Database ([PFAD](#)) Project is a computer archival system for the electronic entry of all pleadings and orders relating to Protection From Abuse (PFA) Act cases in Pennsylvania. Records from PFAD are immediately available 24 hours a day/365 days a year to authorized users via a secured Internet Web site. As of June 30, 2007, there were **10,373** authorized users of PFAD in Pennsylvania. PFAD staff provides trainings to users. These include on-site training in counties with staff that are just beginning to use PFAD and those counties that require supplemental training. Staff also trains local law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth and provides training on PFAD's indirect criminal contempt and civil contempt processes. A total of **36** trainings were delivered in the previous year, reaching **271** new, potential and current authorized users. A new project to train advocates who are authorized users to provide training to support to other users in their counties was implemented during the year.

## Protection Order Enforcement

The Protection Order Enforcement Project is a statewide initiative designed to provide training and technical assistance to counties throughout Pennsylvania in an effort to ensure that protection orders are enforced consistent with Pennsylvania law. As the result of Act 66 of 2005, the Protection From Abuse Act has been amended to provide enhanced protections for victims of domestic violence. Law enforcement, sheriffs and prosecutors now have new tools for protecting victims and their children from further abuse. Through statewide, regional and local training, PCADV staff offers no-cost assistance to constituencies charged with the implementation of the Act. As of June 30, 2007, **305** individuals from around the Commonwealth participated in this training.

In addition, six pilot sites representing the diversity of Pennsylvania's 67 counties have been identified to receive more intensive services. In collaboration with these counties' STOP implementation teams and Criminal Justice Advisory Boards, training and technical support are geared to the unique issues of each of the six counties. Groups are encouraged to meet collaboratively to address local arrest and enforcement issues, and receive support in their efforts to review and update their local protocols for arrest and enforcement of protection orders. A third component of this project addresses Pennsylvania's underserved communities. At the state, regional and local level, as well as in the six pilot sites, training is offered on the issues unique to identifying and serving those who traditionally do not seek, or cannot access, domestic violence services. At the conclusion of this project, a manual – complete with resources and best practices in protection order enforcement – will be available for distribution throughout the Commonwealth.

# NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) was established to inform, coordinate and strengthen public and private efforts to end domestic violence. Through technical assistance and training, development of resource materials and special projects, the NRCDV enhances and expands the domestic violence intervention and prevention efforts of communities and institutions. PCADV has received core funding to operate the NRCDV since 1993 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with supplemental funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support VAWnet, its national online resource center, and other private and public grants.

The NRCDV employs a multidisciplinary staff and supports a wide range of projects to address the complex challenges domestic violence poses to families, institutions, communities and governments. The NRCDV's technical assistance and training not only responds to requests from the field, but also anticipates needs for information and guidance around emerging policy and practice issues. The NRCDV develops and disseminates comprehensive and specialized information packets that address a range of domestic violence issues, and publishes related innovative intervention and model prevention practices, protocols and policies.

In 1995, the NRCDV created VAWnet, its comprehensive Web site that currently receives over **3,000** visitors per day and these visitors download over **1,900** files a day. A significant number of the most frequently downloaded documents are those produced by NRCDV staff and consultants.

*The NRCDV utilizes three primary strategies in its work: technical assistance and training, development of resource materials, and special projects.*

## Technical Assistance and Training

Since accepting its first call in early 1994, the NRCDV has responded to over **47,000** requests for technical assistance, provided training on a broad range of issues to over **12,000** individuals, and produced well over **160** original publications, including fact sheets, resource packets, applied research papers, annotated resource lists, curricula, training materials, funding alerts and policy briefs. In 2007, NRCDV staff and consultants provided guidance to over **1,500** advocates and allied professionals through national and regional trainings and teleconferences on such topics as:

- Building Community-based Partnerships
- Teen Dating Awareness: Expanding Awareness and Advocacy
- Understanding the Impact of Our Work: Vision, Philosophy and Challenges
- Envisioning Safety and Self-Sufficiency for Battered Women: Advocating for Economic Opportunity
- Through the Eyes of a Child: The Impact of Living with a Batterer
- Building and Enhancing Leadership Skills to Support Culturally Competent Anti-Violence Programs, Services and Public Policy
- Addressing Issues of Un- and Underserved Populations: Key Issues, Resources and Services



## Development of Resource Materials

The NRCDV has developed a wide range of broadly used publications: fact sheets, resource packets, applied research papers, annotated resource lists, curricula, training materials and policy briefs. For example, these include publications related to the experiences of children exposed to domestic violence, integrating economic advocacy into the work of domestic violence programs, domestic violence statistics, school based programs promoting safe and healthy relationships for youth, advocating for domestic violence victims within the welfare system, and a comprehensive teen dating violence resource packet. NRCDV materials are distributed at conferences and meetings, in addition to being disseminated electronically through VAWnet and other Web sites, listservs and broadcast e-mails.

### Funding Alert

The NRCDV Library Team recently redesigned its twice-monthly Funding Alert, and increased subscriptions in 2007 from under **200** individuals and organizations to over **2,000**.

### Comprehensive Resource Packets

Distributed nationally in both hard copy and CD versions, the specialized packets respond to issues of particular concern to domestic violence advocates. The NRCDV has recently completed resource packets on Religion and Domestic Violence, and LGBT Communities and Domestic Violence.

### Applied Research Papers

Through VAWnet's Applied Research Forum, researchers and practitioners are commissioned to create brief summaries and interpretations of current research on violence against women. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center serves as our key partner and provides critical guidance regarding the sexual violence information and resources provided through VAWnet. To date, over 40 Applied Research Papers have been developed and disseminated through VAWnet and other means.

## Special Projects and Organizing/Networking Initiatives

The NRCDV has established special projects designed to focus more deeply on an emerging issue, provide specialized and comprehensive assistance to a particular constituent group, or address a pressing unmet need. Brief descriptions of these special projects follow.

### Domestic Violence Awareness Project

In 1995, the NRCDV convened several national domestic violence organizations – the Family Violence Prevention Fund, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and, later, the National Network to End Domestic Violence – to launch a new effort to support domestic violence programs' awareness and education efforts for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), observed annually in October. This collaborative effort became the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP). Today, the DVAP is a diverse and unique partnership of local, tribal, state and national domestic violence organizations and networks.

The DVAP collaborates to collect, develop and distribute resources and ideas relevant to advocates' ongoing public and prevention awareness and education efforts, not only in preparation for DVAM, but also throughout the year. A comprehensive DVAM Resource Packet is annually mailed to over **4,500** individuals and organizations. In 2005, the DVAM Resource Packet included *Domestic Violence Awareness: Action for Social Change*, a new NRCDV publication, which continues to be heavily downloaded from VAWnet since its posting there.



## Women of Color Network

The mission of the Women of Color Network (WOCN) is to provide and enhance leadership capacity and resources that promote the activities of women of color advocates and activists within the Sovereign Nations, the United States and U.S. Territories to address the elimination of violence against women and families. Created in 1997, WOCN works to address the unique challenges facing women of color advocates and activists within the violence against women movement, and provides a national medium where women of color can dialogue, network, organize and obtain resources to support their efforts.

Key WOCN strategies include:

- Providing women of color access to information that they might not otherwise receive
- Challenging systems and institutions that create barriers for women of color and their communities in their work
- Promoting the development of independent, women of color led initiatives that are more likely to reach and effectively serve communities of color
- Continually examining local, state, federal and tribal policies and providing opportunities for women of color to organize and exercise their voice regarding issues that affect their personal and professional lives

WOCN has created a number of national forums for networking, research and training, including national focus groups to discuss child welfare systems as they relate to communities of color (which led to the publication of a nationally disseminated report), the first WOCN National conference in 2003 entitled “Moving Beyond Emergency Services: Increasing Economic Security for Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Assault” with over **125** participants, and regional meetings in the summer of 2005 with women of color caucuses, committees and groups. In addition, the WOCN initiated its “Trainings Without Walls” teleconference series on emerging issues within communities of color. The WOCN also collaborated with national, tribal and immigration-based domestic violence and sexual assault organizations, and the culturally-specific Institutes on matters related to state and national policy.

As a way to reach constituents on an ongoing basis, WOCN created the “WOCN Infolink,” which has an open subscription available on the WOCN Web site at <http://womenofcolornetwork.org/> under the Membership link. The *WOCN Resource Guide*, which is currently being updated, identifies culturally-specific programs and women of color activists throughout the country and also supports ongoing networking efforts.

## The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women

An NRC DV project since 1995, The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women ([VAWnet](http://www.vawnet.org/)) is funded through continuing grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (National Center on Injury Prevention and Control). VAWnet is a full-text, searchable electronic document repository containing a comprehensive collection of materials and resources organized to assist in the design and implementation of effective intervention and prevention initiatives addressing domestic and sexual violence. VAWnet includes two subsites developed to provide guidance, public education resources, and support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities.

Through VAWnet's Applied Research Forum, researchers and practitioners are commissioned to prepare brief summaries and interpretations of current research on violence against women. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center serves as NRC DV's key partner and provides critical guidance regarding the sexual violence information and resources provided through VAWnet.

In 2007, VAWnet received over **3,000** visitors per day and these visitors downloaded over **1,900** files daily. A significant number of the most frequently downloaded documents are those produced by NRC DV staff and consultants.





## **Documenting Our Work Project**

Following discussions among state coalition directors, women of color activists and others about the need for carefully developed tools that domestic violence advocates could use to document their work on behalf of survivors, the NRCDV launched the multi-phased Documenting Our Work Project (DOW). Guided by focus groups representing historically underserved victims – older women, individuals with disabilities, women of color, battered immigrant women, and teens experiencing dating violence – and information gathered from the Women of Color Network, the HHS-funded culturally-specific Institutes, and other national domestic violence groups, DOW consultants designed and pilot-tested a set of documentation and self-assessment instruments for use by local domestic violence programs and state coalitions. These instruments and guidance related to their use will be disseminated electronically and via other means to domestic violence programs around the country during the last quarter of this year.

Since 2006, these DOW instruments and the NRCDV have played a central role in the multi-year initiative spearheaded by the Division of Family Violence to enhance FVPSA data collection and outcome measurement by grantees.

## **Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence (BCS) Project**

Initiated in 1998 under a four-year, \$1 million grant from The Ford Foundation, and continued under the NRCDV's core HHS grant, the primary goals of this project have been two-fold:

- Identify and enhance the skills and resources needed by domestic violence advocates to forge, strengthen and maintain effective, multi-disciplinary collaborations among domestic violence organizations, community agencies and institutions committed to ending domestic violence
- Develop a more comprehensive public policy analysis and unified advocacy agenda in key policy and program areas

In practical terms, a “BCS” approach encompasses:

- Visions, policies and practices that respond to the daily realities facing survivors and their families, especially those living in poverty
- Effective collaboration
- A woman-defined advocacy approach that respectfully connects women from different cultures and experiences to resources relevant to their needs

BCS has made use of national consultants to review and critique public policy affecting domestic violence victims, develop an extensive set of policy, practice and vision papers (19 to date), and other tools to assist domestic violence victims in their collective advocacy work. NRCDV also publishes a BCS newsletter as a vehicle to profile promising practices and BCS approaches.

In late 2007, a *BCS Leader's Guide* will be published to assist both long-term and emerging leaders in the domestic violence field by providing practical information about how to sustain and grow a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive solutions advocacy.

# Financial Statements

June 30, 2007

## Statement of Financial Position

<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash	\$575,214
Accounts receivable	999
Contracts receivable	3,014,361
Prepaid expenses	34,466
Property and equipment, net	429,128
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$4,054,168</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Accounts payable	\$218,328
Accrued expenses	272,983
Unexpended DPW funds	-
Contracts payable	42,768
Subrecipients payable	2,269,715
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>2,808,794</u></b>
<b>Net Assets:</b>	
Unrestricted	1,229,464
Temporarily restricted	15,910
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b><u>1,245,374</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b><u>\$4,054,168</u></b>

## Statement of Activities

<b>Revenues, gains and other support:</b>	
Contracts with government agencies and foundations	\$25,998,125
Contract administration	346,464
Product sales, net	20,323
Donations	9,060
Membership dues	5,360
Interest	18,942
Training	40,931
Conference income	14,500
Gain on disposal of equipment	4,078
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support</b>	<b><u>26,457,783</u></b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	
Program and supporting services	26,404,185
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b><u>53,598</u></b>
<b>Net assets – beginning</b>	<b><u>1,175,866</u></b>
<b>Net assets – end</b>	<b><u>\$1,229,464</u></b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Change in net assets	\$53,598
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	
Depreciation	181,358
Gain on equipment disposal	(4,078)
(Increase) decrease in –	
Accounts receivable	(484)
Contracts receivable	(2,761,305)
Prepaid expenses	(32,815)
Increase (decrease) in –	
Accounts payable	(14,675)
Refundable advance	-
Accrued expenses	10,491
Contracts payable	(32,815)
Unexpected funds – DPW	(3,479)
Subrecipients payable	<u>2,226,719</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(377,109)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Purchase of property and equipment	(41,098)
Disposal of property and equipment	<u>8,792</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>32,306</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(409,415)
<b>Cash – beginning</b>	<b><u>984,629</u></b>
<b>Cash – end</b>	<b><u>\$575,214</u></b>



## Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Coalition's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated November 28, 2007 on our consideration of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

McKonly & Asbury, LLP  
 Certified Public Accountants

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
 November 28, 2007



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