

40 *years* of TRANSFORMING LIVES

2015/16 ANNUAL REPORT



Prevention. Intervention. Change.

Our Mission

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) is a statewide collaborative membership organization committed to ending intimate partner violence and all forms of violence against women.

About PCADV

PCADV administers the state contract for domestic violence services through the distribution of state and federal funds to its 60 community-based domestic violence centers and through implementation and monitoring of standards to meet the needs of victims.

For 40 years, our network of domestic violence centers has been providing direct service to victims 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. Each year, approximately 90,000 victims and their children are served—totaling nearly 3 million since 1976. Concurrently, the statewide office has worked in partnership with members of the legislature, state agencies, and other allies to better the lives of domestic violence victims, make communities safer, and to hold offenders accountable.

Dear Colleagues,

This past year was pivotal in grounding the Coalition's role in the domestic violence and victims' rights movement, and it marked one of the busiest periods in coalition history. It also affirmed a new future vision and strategic path for the organization and its membership.

PCADV and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services successfully finalized a two-and-one-half-year agreement, with two one-year options, which preserves continued funding and stability for the Coalition's network of 60 community-based domestic violence centers serving all 67 counties of Pennsylvania.

In honoring **Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October**, PCADV assembled a victim commemoration at the State Capitol to honor the 97 lives lost to domestic violence in Pennsylvania the year prior. The event marked the third annual observance, a tradition that began in 2014.

In 2016, the Coalition celebrated its **40th anniversary** - four decades of working together to end intimate partner violence and all forms of violence against women. In November, PCADV marked this milestone with one of its largest bi-annual conferences. The three-day event brought together nearly 300 advocates and stakeholders for a variety of training opportunities and presentations that included a keynote address delivered by internationally renowned activist Gloria Steinem.

PCADV continues to be a leader in influencing **public policy reform**. It has achieved passage of several legislative reforms in recent years, and last year was no exception. Just before the 2015-16 legislative session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly ended, Governor Tom Wolf signed into law legislation spearheaded by PCADV. The law gives prosecutors additional tools to protect victims of domestic violence by criminalizing cases of non-fatal strangulation.

All of this was accomplished despite the planned retirement of PCADV's Executive Director, Peg Dierkers. At the helm of PCADV since 2008, Dierkers retired from the organization on January 2, 2017. Before her retirement, she laid the foundation for the Coalition's future by beginning the implementation of the five-year strategic plan that includes key outcomes of an extensive organizational review, which has the organization poised for sustained success.

The Coalition remains committed to meeting the needs of victims and their children through the work of local programs - nearly 90,000 victims each year. PCADV enters a new era positioned to fully deliver on its charge of prevention, intervention, and change.



In solidarity,

Michelle Robinson-Ritter
President, PCADV Board of Directors

Services Provided

In fiscal year 2015-16, our 60 community-based domestic violence centers provided comprehensive support services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Statewide Statistics

81,478 individuals were served.
7,324 were children.

9,321 victims stayed in shelters.
4,353 were children.
285,530 total shelter nights.

These services were supported by
249,242 volunteer hours.

Financial Statements

Condensed based on audit completed by RKL LLP.
Audited financial statements available at PCADV.org

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	
CASH	\$ 907,722
INVESTMENTS	1,027,600
RECEIVABLES	1,285,191
NET FIXED ASSETS	102,396
OTHER ASSETS	109,293
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,432,202</u>
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 1,154,534
ACCRUED EXPENSES	398,580
DEFERRED REVENUE	270,932
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 1,824,046</u>
NET ASSETS	
UNRESTRICTED, UNDESIGNATED	\$ 532,206
UNRESTRICTED, BOARD DESIGNATED	1,074,769
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	1,181
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,608,156</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,432,202</u>

Statement of Activities

REVENUES

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	\$ 26,050,485
DONATIONS	1,058,232
OTHER INCOME	794,963
LESS PAYMENTS TO LOCAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS STATEWIDE	(23,402,265)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,501,415

EXPENSES

SALARIES	\$ 1,979,212
BENEFITS	624,707
CONSULTANTS	456,425
EQUIPMENT	103,268
OCCUPANCY	304,440
SUPPLIES	275,627
TELEPHONE	37,196
TRAVEL	119,850
DEPRECIATION	50,971
OTHER EXPENSES	139,932
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,091,628
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 409,787
NET ASSETS BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,198,369
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$ 1,608,156

40th ANNIVERSARY

2016 marked our 40th year of working together to end intimate partner violence and all forms of violence against women. In October, the celebration of forty years of perseverance culminated with our widely attended bi-annual conference. Our anniversary conference featured keynote speaker, reknowned feminist activist, Gloria Steinem, and author and advocate, Joshua Safran.

Photos: Wes Bower



Policy & Advocacy

PCADV is committed to working closely with lawmakers to inspire legislative change. Our public policy efforts aim to improve the availability of resources and safety for victims, their children and the community. In 2016, the Coalition focused on two key legislative priorities—strangulation and domestic violence homicide prevention.

Hard Work Leads to Passage of Strangulation Law

Due to the hard work of PCADV staff and advocates in 2016, **non-fatal strangulation is now a criminal offense in Pennsylvania** and the new law is already making an impact in 2017.

Strangulation is one of the most common and deadly forms of domestic violence. For years, prosecutors lacked the power to prosecute it under its own statute. Making it a criminal offense was one of PCADV's top legislative priorities in 2016.

The measure, **House Bill 1581**, was overwhelmingly approved by lawmakers and signed by Gov. Tom Wolf in Oct. 2016, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Since going into effect Dec. 26, 2016, the law has led to hundreds of charges across the commonwealth.

The law makes strangulation a felony offense if the defendant is:

- A family or household member
- Subject to an active Protection from Abuse Order; or
- Has a previous strangulation conviction

Pennsylvania is now one of 41 states with laws that define strangulation. PCADV would like to thank the District Attorneys Association, law enforcement, Rep. Becky Corbin and members of the state legislature, Governor Wolf, and everyone who supported and helped enact this important new law.

Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention

In the 2015-2016 legislative session, PCADV worked collaboratively with law enforcement and the legislature to introduce our Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention bill. Reintroduced by Senator Tom Killion as SB 501 in the 2017-2018 session, the measure:

- Requires defendants subject to final PFAs to promptly surrender guns.
- Makes it more difficult for abusers to access guns once they turn them in.
- Requires convicted abusers subject to lifetime gun prohibition to relinquish firearms within 24 hours.

This bill aims to strengthen the PFA Act and improve victim and community safety, while holding offenders accountable. PCADV continues to work with stakeholders to advance this legislation.

Donor Spotlight

Karen Kraus Phillips, PCADV board member and VP of Corporate Marketing at Erie Insurance

When a Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence board member reached out to Karen Kraus Phillips in 2015 and asked if she was interested in becoming involved with the work of the Coalition, Karen didn't hesitate to say yes.

"It's a tremendous organization," said Karen, Vice President of Corporate Marketing Services at Erie Insurance, current PCADV Board Member, and PCADV donor. "The work that we do – it's so important for building awareness around this horrific epidemic in our communities."

Karen has always had a passion for giving back and helping victims, children, and others with personal struggles. In addition to her work with PCADV, Karen has been involved with fundraising for local Make-A-Wish America programs, which grant wishes to children with serious medical conditions. She's also the board secretary of The Bayfront East Side Taskforce (B.E.S.T.), an Erie-based nonprofit focused on the revitalization of the city's historic East Bayfront.

Karen uses her skills and experience in marketing and branding to help create awareness of the resources that PCADV offers, as well as the impact of domestic violence on – not only individuals – but family units, communities, and public safety.

"What would happen if these shelters were on their own, or didn't have funding sources?" she questioned. "We need programs like economic justice and the No More campaign to drive awareness of the horrifying effects of domestic violence and to help young men learn how to treat women and others with respect and dignity."

In addition to her statewide advocacy, Karen has been successful in building awareness for PCADV in Erie. Prior to her arrival, there wasn't much attention devoted to the Coalition in the Erie area, and she has worked hard to broaden awareness of the organization. *(continued)*

Erie Insurance has long supported the area's local shelter, SafeNet, through safety and advocacy programs, board support, and prevention programs.

To Karen, domestic violence is the root of significant and terrible issues within our society. And the bottom line, it's preventable. It's all about doing what she can to help stop domestic violence.

"Statistics like: One in three women and one in four men will experience violence from their partners in their lifetimes; or one in three teens experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year - and I could go on - this is the reality," she said. "PCADV is an active partner for social change, but we can't do this alone. We need broad support to realize our vision of ending domestic violence."

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A Safe Place, Inc.
Forest and Warren Counties

A Way Out
Potter County

A Woman's Place
Bucks County

Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
Bradford County

Alice Paul House
Indiana County

Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc.
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Center for Victims
Allegheny County

Centre County Women's
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Centre County

Clinton County Women's Center
Clinton County

Community Action, Inc./
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Jefferson and Clearfield
Counties

Congreso de Latinos Unidos, Inc.
Philadelphia County

Crisis Center North, Inc.
Allegheny County

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PPC Violence Free Network
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SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone),
Inc.
Clarion County

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Safe Haven of Pike County, Inc.
Pike County

Safe Journey
Erie County

SafeNet Domestic Violence
Safety Network
Erie County

Schuylkill Women in Crisis
Schuylkill County

Sullivan County Victim Services
Sullivan County

Survivors, Inc.
Adams County

The Abuse Network
Mifflin and Juniata Counties

Transitions of PA
Union, Snyder, and
Northumberland Counties

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley,
Inc.
Lehigh and Northampton
Counties

Victim Outreach Intervention
Center
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Women Against Abuse, Inc.
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Women in Transition
Philadelphia County

Women's Center & Shelter
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Columbia/Montour
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Montgomery County
Montgomery County

Women's Help Center, Inc.
Cambria and Somerset Counties

Women's Resource Center, Inc.
Lackawanna and
Susquehanna Counties

Women's Resources of Monroe
County, Inc.
Monroe County

Women's Services, Inc.
Crawford County

Your Safe Haven, Inc.
Bedford County

YWCA Bradford - McKean County
Victims' Resource Center
McKean County

YWCA NorthCentral PA
Wise Options
Lycoming County

YWCA of Greater Harrisburg/
Violence Intervention
& Prevention Services
Dauphin County

YWCA York/ACCESS
York County



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National Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 1.866.331.9474

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