our mission:
To lead, to advocate, to educate, to collaborate, to end domestic violence in Arizona.

Dear Friends,

2011 marked the end of our first four year strategic plan, and we were happy to present a review of our progress to the anti-domestic violence community at the end of 2011. With input from our member programs, community partners, and after a thorough review of the non-profit landscape, our next strategic plan was created and approved as 2012 began. We're confident that in the next several years we can build upon our recent success, which you'll read more about in this report, while moving forward to expand services and advocacy across Arizona.

The past several years have been marked by tremendous economic uncertainty at the local, state, and national levels. During the 2011 legislative session, a budget passed that cut millions of dollars of services- child care, health and mental health care, and benefits programs- that victims depend on when getting back on their feet. The continued erosion of the safety net for vulnerable Arizonans remains a major concern and illustrates that now, more than ever, we must work in collaboration and stand together to make our voices heard.

In this report, you'll read how our core services- training, assistance to shelters and non-residential programs, policy work, special projects, and the Legal Advocacy Hotline-impact the state in a positive way. We hope this serves as a reminder that, as a community, our work and collective passion for ending domestic violence in Arizona is indeed making a difference.

Thank you,

Allie Bones

our vision:
We envision a world where all relationships are safe, healthy, and loving. Our programs and services are designed to support this vision and the needs of our member programs, victims of domestic violence, and the broader community.

We facilitate conversations about domestic violence: what it is, who it affects, and how it can be stopped.

Our staff provided training to 2,555 people, including new advocates and those who have been in the field for years. Training Coordinator Erin Callinan says, “Training builds a bigger group of allies who are able to stand up for victims by challenging victim blaming and oppression.”

We inspire action.

One person who attended The Sharing Experience, our 40-hour basic course, told us, “I went to court to testify after witnessing a domestic violence incident in my community. If I hadn’t gotten trained at AzCADV or known of the help available for a victim, I probably wouldn’t have said anything or come forward to make the initial report. The person who chose to abuse was in jail for three months, and now the survivor is doing well. She got all the help she needed through AzCADV’s Legal Advocacy Hotline and an attorney. I’m usually a pretty quiet person, but when it comes to domestic violence- no more!”

We train to empower victims.

Our Economic Empowerment grant from the Allstate Foundation allowed us to train three programs to teach classes on budgeting and finances. One victim served by this program recently fled from a violent relationship. She began financial classes, used the computer lab, established a financial plan, requested her credit reports, and found employment. She’s since purchased her own home using a match program to save for her down payment.
Our commitment:

AzCADV programs are available to anyone needing more information about domestic violence. Our Legal Advocacy Hotline, the only one of its kind in the country, continued to provide callers with information about safety plans, the court process, divorce and child custody, protection orders, and more. We offered technical assistance to emergency shelters and non-residential programs throughout Arizona. We’re committed to helping programs serve victims of domestic violence in an inclusive and empowering way, thereby fulfilling their missions.

We’re making a difference.

One of our advocates on the Legal Advocacy Hotline spoke with a woman in her 80s years ago. Recently, that caller got in touch to say that because of the help she received, she’s no longer experiencing domestic violence. She’s happy and safe and even volunteering at an animal shelter. Our Advocate says, “that was the highlight of my work at AzCADV. I helped a person who was married for more than 50 years, who was beaten up for more than 50 years. I helped give her options and find her hope and courage. She is now happy, healthy, and giving back.”

We support lasting change.

Through Project Connect, we’ve helped establish consistent domestic violence screening protocol in Arizona health clinics that will last for years to come. AzCADV and our partners have trained 413 providers since 2008. Health care providers are now engaging patients in conversations about their safety, including giving resources in their communities and linking victims with services they’ll actually access. As a result, this change is institutionalized to ensure that future providers are educated, too. Success is reducing isolation and improving victims’ safety options while making sure the health clinic is one more place victims can go for help.

We’re here for our members.

Getting involved with AzCADV committees and services helps programs support victims. “Being a member of AzCADV helps us better serve those who have experienced domestic violence. We participate in their Residential Programs Committee, where we learned more about the Americans with Disabilities Act. As a result, we looked at our screening process and found that we could make changes by deleting or rewording questions that directly related to ADA issues of substance use, mental health, and physical disabilities. AzCADV staff provided feedback and direction during this process and we found them to be very helpful and insightful, without being judgmental. We’re now able to serve more victims who need safety and support,” said a Program Director of a Valley DV Shelter.

Our voice:

AzCADV sees tremendous value in working for policy changes that will help many victims at once. Our staff provides the latest research and an advocate’s perspective at groups and meetings that address laws, shelter policies, court proceedings, transportation programs, funding, school policies, training requirements, and more. In 2012, we monitored a record number of bills at the Arizona Legislature that had to do with domestic violence, firearms, child custody, housing, and the state budget.

We’re your eyes and ears at the Arizona Capitol.

In 2012, a dangerous bill was introduced that, if passed, would have discouraged victims from telling judges about any domestic violence they experienced for fear of being accused of making a false allegation. We led the effort to stop this bill and were successful at neutralizing the language, thanks to collaboration with our determined community partners, our legislative champions in the House of Representatives, and several brave survivors who testified to its potential effect. We’re a constant watchdog at the capitol, dedicated to bringing victims’ and advocates’ stories to hearings and meetings with decision makers.

We’re stronger together.

When millions of dollars were at risk of being cut during the 2012 legislative session, we coordinated a statewide advocacy effort to fight back. Thanks to several program directors who accompanied AzCADV staff to key meetings, as well as many advocates who contacted their elected officials to say that sustained funding was a necessary investment for safe communities, this funding was included in the final budget.

We’re fighting for you.

When a bill passed the Arizona legislature in 2011 that impacted our member programs’ ability to both qualify for the Working Poor Tax Credit and serve victims from an empowerment standpoint, AzCADV partnered with the ACLU to stop it. Based on our suit, a judge issued a preliminary injunction halting its implementation. Changes to statute in 2012 specifically addressed our concerns, allowing anti-domestic violence programs to provide clients with all available information requested while maintaining eligibility for an important funding stream.
our community:

Our strength comes from using our collective voice. We speak on behalf of our member programs, Arizona’s advocates, and the thousands of survivors across the state. AzCADV proudly hosts the anti-domestic violence community at numerous annual events to provide opportunities to connect, brainstorm, celebrate, and advocate together.

We link Arizona to the national anti-domestic violence movement.

AzCADV helps programs participate in the annual Domestic Violence Counts: National Census of Domestic Violence Services to understand the current landscape. In one 24-hour period, 36 programs in our state served 1,611 victims of domestic violence. Sadly, programs had to turn away 195 victims during that period. Programs did not have available beds or enough staff to meet every request, so some victims in Arizona do not find help from conventional sources even when they have the courage to reach out. We use these statistics when advocating at the state capitol, on Capitol Hill, and many places in between.

We celebrate our collective successes!

The 2011 Thrive Gala and Awards Dinner brought together over 260 supporters to honor six award winners and dozens of other inspiring nominees. Our second annual event drew upon the energy and excitement of the inaugural Gala, and served to encourage those who work tirelessly to give victims hope and support when they have none. Gala guests know that their dedication to empowering the 12 million Americans who experience domestic violence each year is a noble and just pursuit. We look forward to seeing everyone at this annual event for years to come.

We’re building the movement.

AzCADV has 30 full member programs whose primary services help victims of domestic violence. We’re also proud to represent 16 Affiliate Members, as well as dozens of Individual and Student Members. Most importantly, we’re honored to have over 50 Members who identify as survivors of domestic violence.

our operations:

AzCADV is primarily funded with grants from the state and federal governments. The recent addition of an Development and Communications Manager will help AzCADV diversify our funding sources, share our story, enhance community support, and sustain our important work in service of our mission: to end domestic violence in Arizona.

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