ARIZONA COALITION TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

ANNUAL REPORT

2019/2020
Our Mission is to end sexual and domestic violence in Arizona by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people.

The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence was formed in 1980 so that concerned citizens and professionals could unite in a statewide organization to end domestic violence. In 2013, the Coalition became the designated dual coalition to address both sexual and domestic violence thus becoming the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.
Over the past year, as the new CEO, I have been introduced to ACESDV's passionate staff, innovative work strategies, and compelling advocacy initiatives. I am incredibly grateful to work with such amazing individuals both within the agency as well as our partners and members. Furthermore, despite the difficulties of the past year, ACESDV staff continue to focus on the needs of survivors and the changes and services that support healing and justice.

COVID-19 brought an increase in domestic violence fatalities for the state and increased calls to our Helpline - offering concrete evidence that both domestic and sexual violence increased in the pandemic. Despite these distressing numbers, our community persevered. Not only were services never closed, but our members created new service delivery options, found solutions to social distance to keep survivors safe, and continue today to find new pathways forward. We at ACESDV hope that we are helpful in their growth and responsiveness.

This coming year will hold more change for us while we implement a new strategic plan as well as parse what positive and negative changes COVID-19 brought. We want to maintain the increased participation and opportunities for engagement with members outside of Phoenix, which was a constructive change brought on by COVID-19, and hopefully increase the opportunities for face to face connection with all our members, partners, and stakeholders.

I cannot stress enough how truly inspired we are by all our community has done this last year. With that, I invite you to join us in our work to end domestic and sexual violence. There is an opportunity for every community member such as joining the policy committee to assist strategy and advocacy, volunteering on the Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline to offer support to survivors, starting a conversation with our anti-violence messages on Instagram or Twitter, donating to the Survivor Emergency Relief Fund to help survivors across the state, or just calling us to find a place for your skills. Together we are an extraordinary force for change.

With you as our partners, our vision of an Arizona free from violence is within our reach.

Jenna Panas, CEO
From inception, ACESDV has continually administered training and technical assistance, provided legislative advocacy, and developed collaborative relationships with domestic and sexual violence programs and other social service providers around the state to strengthen the safety net for people impacted by sexual and domestic violence. From law enforcement response, healthcare response, court response, mental health response, to a coordinated community response, overall, the Coalition has steadily addressed system gaps and how these can improve. ACESDV has worked to develop and expand protections under the law, build a resource and services safety net for survivors, and support effective interventions and services to people who do harm. More recently, over the past five years, ACESDV has begun to address and discuss the foundations of violence in our homes and society by tackling systems of oppression including sexism, racism, homophobia, economic injustice, and promoting equity.
One major accomplishment was the development and successful implementation of Creating Space which increased the capacity of five programs statewide to serve sexual assault survivors. We are one of only a few Coalitions who have undertaken this type of initiative.

Additionally, ACESDV developed, strengthened, and expanded relationships with the disability community, including contributing to multiple task forces and beginning work in a three-year Office of Violence Against Women grant to enhance services for sexual abuse survivors with disabilities.

The global pandemic significantly affected ACESDV as it affected everyone. Domestic violence and sexual violence response departments developed two trainings around finding safety during COVID.
After speaking to a Helpline Specialist and securing funding for a gas card to flee Arizona and return to their home state, a survivor showed up to the office looking to pick up the gas card without an appointment scheduled. The survivor reported that they would sleep in their car until the following day to receive the card. To avoid this, staff purchased the card and went to the office to deliver the card. Information was provided about which staff member would be delivering the card. Upon arrival, the survivor was standing at the curb, so enthusiastic, and reported great relief that they received the gift card and could leave Arizona right away.

1590 HELPLINE CALLS
(14% Increase from 2018)

- 76 Spanish speaking survivors served
- 1482 survivors provided with safety services or emotional support
- 102 survivors provided with chat support

Female: 1468
Male: 107
Ungendered: 15
- SVCAT participant “I learned the impact and prevalence of oppression and how to enact change!”

- The Sharing Experience participant “Today was a magical day for me. Hearing those stories touched me so deeply. It’s nice to know I am not alone. I won’t stop fighting for those who need and most importantly for myself”
“I was isolated for such a long time that my dog was my only companion for a while. When I felt like there was no hope, he gave me a reason to live.” – Domestic Violence Survivor

FOLLOWERS ON FACEBOOK
6,000+

FOLLOWERS ON INSTAGRAM
1,700+

FOLLOWERS ON TWITTER
2,400+

CAMPAIGNS

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL/WEAR TEAL

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER/WEAR PURPLE

ACESDV BaRC PROJECT
Helps remove barriers to safety and services for sexual and domestic violence survivors through BaRC funds which are available to survivors for anything related to pets.

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION
• 26 survivors (adult)
• 36 secondary survivors (children) were supported financially by the Allstate grant.
• 26 survivors received financial empowerment.

Wear Teal Day

Wear Purple Day
#DVAM2020
#PurpleThursday
LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES:
Child welfare, economic justice, firearms, overcriminalization, reproductive justice, sexual violence services, other areas of interest

Received $1,090,000 in COVID CARES funds from the City of Phoenix for local programs; advocated for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

Involved in two Governor-appointed task forces with the purpose of developing statewide policy and practice recommendations regarding victims of child sexual abuse and survivors with disabilities

GOVERNOR’S JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TASK FORCE

Dedicated to providing recommendations to the state for further reforms to ensure victims are entitled to safety, healing, justice and restitution

GOVERNORS ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Developed a set of recommendations to enhance safety and well-being of vulnerable adults, particularly people with disabilities. ACESDV advocated for a system-wide trauma-informed approach to respond to vulnerable adults that have been abused

2020 ADVOCACY DAY

Approximately 75 people from programs across the state were in attendance. Attendees met with both Democrat and Republican Representatives and Senators from twelve different legislative districts throughout the day and advocated for the needs of survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Policy-related meetings with legislators, lobbyists, and community stakeholders
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<th>Calls and chats decreased during the stay at home orders which we attributed to victims being unable to use the phone freely due to their abusers also being at home. Once the orders were relaxed, the Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence helpline began to receive an influx of calls, specifically more calls from males.</th>
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<td>Social media took a bigger presence for organizations and for survivors during COVID-19. Activity and posts increased especially around topics concerning the effects of the pandemic such as the rising rates of domestic and sexual violence and safety during quarantine.</td>
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<td>COVID-19 impacted ACESDV’s unrestricted funds because fundraising event was cancelled.</td>
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<td>Survivor Emergency Relief Funds: $57,925 in survivor related assistance; $11,991 in pet related assistance</td>
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ACESDV’s Response Department created documents and trainings for Advocates and Survivors to utilize during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- How to do outreach during COVID
- Considerations for Immigrant Communities
- Grounding toolkits accompanied with a grounding worksheet
- Special Considerations for Shelters
- Self-care Interactive Workbook
- List of at home activities for children
- Finding safety during COVID

ACESDV participated in the National Network to End Domestic Violence Annual Advocacy Days. Discussions included:

- COVID-19 emergency relief funding request
- Reauthorization of VAWA
- Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations request
- Sexual assault specific funding
- Housing affordability
- Ongoing need for funding and accessibility of culturally specific programming

After telecommuting policies and procedures for ACESDV went into effect for remote working, staff began holding weekly meetings with the program Executive Directors, biweekly meetings with funders, underwent multiple calls with other coalitions and began support sessions for program members.

Held a 40 person session on trauma informed supervision during COVID on how to support one another, challenges, and developed a creative outreach tool.

ACESDV’s Public Policy Department focused their efforts towards providing education and technical assistance to programs and advocating for federal funding to support the programs.
**Net Assets**

Without donor restrictions
$705,618

With donor restrictions
$183,126

Total Net Assets, end of year
$888,744

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**Revenues**

Government Contracts
$1,467,126.00

Corporate & Foundation Contributions
$173,415.00

In-Kind Services
$54,263.00

Donations
$47,776.00

Memberships, Training Fees & Sales
$100,522.00

Fundraising
$28,762.00

Other Income
$61,033.00

Total:
$1,932,897.00

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**Expenses**

Program Services
$337,446.00

Training
$249,427.00

Helpline
$253,229.00

Advocacy
$75,693.00

Pass-through Funds to Programs
$696,088.00

Management & General
$338,345.00

Fundraising
$34,474.00

Total:
$1,984,702.00
Over the next year, ACESDV will focus on building internal structures and support in order to increase the scope and depth of services. Externally, our community can expect to see a new brand, and a new website that will have a specific focus for different audiences we serve. Internally, ACESDV will zero-in-on building and strengthening infrastructure to allow for increased administrative and fiscal support to programs and start-ups. This will allow for more service innovation in the state, increased data collection, and reporting to state decision-makers.

Programmatically, ACESDV will continue to respond to the needs that survivors identify. Moving forward, we will focus on seeking funding and providing technical support in order to fill service gaps in the community such as culturally specific services or geographic barriers.

Additionally, we will also concentrate on expanding services to fit the needs of each individual survivor so they can reclaim justice and heal. We know that a one-size-fits all solution is not effective, therefore, we seek to support every Arizonan that experiences sexual or domestic violence in the way they see fit.

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