Annual Report

INDIANA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023
Dear Friends,

As the ICADV embarks on our 44th year working to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, we reflect on the successes we achieved in 2023. Some successes include the examination of how domestic violence and abuse intervention programs can best serve survivors and those who cause harm by applying the lessons learned from survivors through the state, implementing best practices in the field to reduce barriers for survivor success, and building out strategies to incorporate equity across all areas of the Coalition’s operations.

This report highlights the time, energy, and resources we have put forth this year to affirm our commitment to our pillars of work — Economic Empowerment, Housing, Survivor Support Services, Radical Inclusion, and Public Policy.

• The Economic Justice Program provides financial support to survivors to remedy the injustices of economic abuse and increase long-term stability and safety. In the past year, ICADV collaborated with our member domestic violence programs to distribute $168,883.46 in support of 156 domestic violence survivors and their 108 household dependents.

• In Spring 2023, ICADV implemented the second phase of our Mobile Advocacy project. This began with conducting evaluation with survivors who have engaged with mobile advocacy services, and with the advocates who are providing them. The project’s outcomes were overwhelmingly positive with 95% of survivors reporting that services were accessible, centered their needs, increased their safety, increased hope for the future and community connections. Similarly, advocates reported high rates of job satisfaction, and low rates of stress and burnout, but most importantly over 90% believed that the model aligned with their organization’s mission and centered the needs of survivors. Read the latest report www.icadvinc.org/movement.

• In the past year, we have continued building strategies to incorporate Equity across all areas of Coalition operations. This year, our focus has been on inward-facing efforts to ensure that our organizational policies and practices align with the equity values we champion in our community work. To hold ourselves accountable for our work we ask you to review our progress here www.icadvinc.org/inclusivity.

• ICADV understands that strangulation is one of the most lethal forms of domestic violence and can often lead to death. In response, ICADV published The Model Collaborative Strangulation Response Protocol to guide law enforcement, advocates, medical professionals, and prosecutors in understanding the risks associated with strangulation and reducing homicides. www.icadvinc.org/strangulation-protocol.

• ICADV has been a leader in primary prevention since 2012. As a result, ICADV was one of ten state Coalitions selected by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the five-year DELTA AHEAD project. The project provides funding to collaborate with state partners and local communities to implement prevention strategies designed to impact the roots of the problem of violence.

Thank you for taking time to review our 2023 Annual Report. Read on to learn how we are working toward the prevention and elimination of domestic violence — until the violence ends.

Warmly,

Laura Berry, MA
Executive Director
Fostering Social Supports and Leadership Among Domestic Violence Survivors

Social isolation and loneliness are significant problems for survivors of domestic violence where experiences of abuse often include isolation from friends, family, colleagues and other supportive social connections. When ICADV interviewed survivors in 2018, they told us that they deeply valued the supports that they received from domestic violence programs, and they wanted more sources of support as they navigated the prolonged period of recovery from an abusive relationship. Additionally, many survivors told us that “giving back” to help support their domestic violence programs, and other survivors’ recovery helped them to continue healing.

With this guidance from survivors, ICADV convened a cohort of member programs to develop innovative strategies for fostering peer support and social connectedness among survivors. Cohort agencies have adopted a range of programs including hosting community activities, field trips, and program drop-in hours where survivors who have completed formal services can simply visit and share updates about their lives. Many programs have also convened survivor advisory boards to provide guidance and feedback on their agencies’ services; others are including survivors as co-facilitators in their support groups, and fostering connections among survivors for peer to peer support.

ICADV held a listening session with survivors serving in peer support and leadership roles to ask what types of training, resources and assistance domestic violence programs could offer to support their efforts. They told us that trainings on a range of key topics, opportunities to learn from and consult with other survivors, and local DV program support would increase their confidence in their abilities to serve survivors in their communities.

ICADV is using the guidance that we collected to build new space on the Coalition’s website for survivor leaders with recorded trainings on their priority topics, resource information and space for sharing advice and mutual support. Additionally, ICADV has designated grant funds to convene a statewide survivor advisory board in the next program year to inform the Coalition’s activities, and to continue to identify opportunities to increase survivors’ voice and leadership across Indiana. The ICADV team has hosted a quarterly meeting for other state coalitions and community domestic violence programs to facilitate the exchange of strategies to promote the adoption of survivor leadership programs across the country.
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Mobile Advocacy

Mobile advocacy is an emerging best practice in the domestic violence field that seeks to make it easier for survivors to access services by minimizing the barriers that often make it difficult to connect with supportive services. Traditionally, social service providers have relied on people in need to find them, get to them, and to utilize services from a pre-set menu of options. The mobile advocacy approach reverses that traditional service model by meeting with survivors in the safe community locations of their choosing and building service plans around their priorities and needs. Each domestic violence agency builds their mobile service model to fit with their community’s needs, but most mobile programs include a combination of community-based advocacy services, housing support and flex funding to assist survivors in managing their safety needs in the community.

In 2021, ICADV convened a learning cohort of eight member programs to build out mobile advocacy services, to define safety practices, and to evaluate the benefits of this service model for survivors in Indiana. These agencies have developed new programs, raised funds, secured mobile technologies, and hired new team members to support the implementation of their mobile services. In the past year, ICADV initiated a comprehensive evaluation of mobile advocacy outcomes to learn about effective program strategies, and to broadly share success stories to support the broader adoption of mobile services in the field.

Over the past year, ICADV collaborated with the cohort agencies to conduct evaluation with survivors who have engaged with mobile services, and with the advocates who are providing them. Both survivors and advocates have told us that they believe that mobile advocacy is an effective strategy for providing effective, client centered services. In surveys, over 95 percent of survivors reported that mobile services were very accessible, centered their needs, increased their sense of safety, increased their hope for the future, and increased the number of supportive connections that they had in their communities; these findings have held steady for over a year of data collection with survivors who have participated in mobile programs.

Advocates reported the belief that mobile services were an effective strategy for supporting survivors with complex needs (conditions that often co-occur with domestic violence like poverty, homelessness, and challenges related to mental health and addictions), but they noted that success in serving these survivors relied on strong community partnerships to assist with basic needs like housing, mental and physical healthcare and financial assistance. Though the mobile model is an effective and respectful way to provide services, we must all continue to build partnerships and to engage in systems advocacy to ensure that survivors have access to the resources that they need to rebuild safe and stable lives.

90%+ of mobile advocates reported that they believed that the model aligned with their organizations’ missions.

“Many times, it is safer and breaks down barriers to access of services. Resources are easier to explain and to offer.”

90%+ of mobile advocates reported high rates of job satisfaction, and low rates of stress and burnout.
Our Commitment to Equity

After the murder of George Floyd in 2020, many agencies in the business and non-profit sectors affirmed their commitments to racial equity and hired diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I) consultants to help guide their adoption of equitable practices. In the years that have passed, DE&I consultants report that many organizations’ investment in these efforts have waned. ICADV has upheld our commitment to center diversity, equity and inclusion in our work including maintaining our collaboration with our accountability partner, RESTORE Forward, to help us advance our equity goals. Because we believe that identity-based discrimination and oppression are at the heart of violence in our culture, the ICADV team will hold our commitment to equity, until the violence is ended.

In the past year, we have continued to build out strategies to incorporate equity across all areas of Coalition operations. Much of our focus, this year, has been on inward-facing efforts to ensure that our organizational policies and practices are in alignment with the equity values that we champion in our community work. An area of innovation that we explored this year was the addition of a “making space” category to help us intentionally navigate the organizational habit of urgency that makes it more difficult to build partnerships and invest Coalition resources with new communities. With our organizational equity plan, we seek to move beyond performative efforts that often leave the status quo unchecked, to embrace strategies that move power, representation, and resources to communities that have been the least supported.
ICADV is committed to achieving equitable domestic violence services in Indiana for all survivors. Our pillar of radical inclusion is a remedy for the identity-based exclusion experienced by those who have been marginalized by mainstream organizations. ICADV invested in strategies to champion the needs of survivors who identify as Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC).

To meet the needs of the BIPOC communities we serve, our commitment extends beyond service provision to include evaluation and refinement of how domestic violence organizations are operating internally. This includes increasing BIPOC representation at all levels of operations. When organizations ensure the presence of diverse advocates, leaders, and decision-makers, organizations develop the capacity to build bridges with underserved communities. Internal practices that successfully recruit BIPOC talent and work to retain and develop a diverse workforce create an atmosphere where survivors believe organizations are prepared to serve them with compassion and competence.

This past year, ICADV implemented activities to support our member programs in this area. ICADV offered a webinar to help our member programs’ executive leadership refine skills to cultivate a culture of belongingness for a BIPOC workforce. The webinar, “Cultivating Diversity and Belonging in the Domestic Violence Movement,” provided an opportunity to gain a foundational understanding of how to foster anti-oppressive practices that increase the retention, advancement, and representation of BIPOC folks in their organizations. Seventy-one organizational leaders across the state attended the training. Participants shared that the webinar was beneficial and valuable. Attendees also expressed an appetite for continuing to learn.

WEBINAR RESPONSES

100% of survey respondents felt the webinar was important for their work.

95% of survey respondents shared that they are confident that their organization could benefit from implementing changes to better support BIPOC staff.

While providing organizations with tools to develop cultures of belongingness for BIPOC team members, ICADV also invested in an opportunity to provide BIPOC folks with a supportive affinity space to encourage their leadership as we work to end gender-based violence. In January, ICADV partnered with the Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA) and the Center for Nonviolence (Cfn) to convene the Coalition’s second BIPOC Leadership Summit — Forward Together. The summit affirmed the experiences of the community and provided avenues for community support and advocacy. The summit also emphasized self-care, because working to end domestic violence is taxing enough without having the compounded stress of navigating sometimes harmful workspaces where equitable needs are not met.

The BIPOC summit, a four-session virtual event, heard many voices such as international speaker Joyce Kyles and experts from the National Resource Center for Domestic Violence, Healing Equity United, the Covey group, and MeRise LLC who spoke on topics of self-care, thriving, community care, and healing. The summit attracted 171 BIPOC attendees who gained a network of support and tools to continue to grow in this field and beyond.

SUMMIT RESPONSES

90% of attendees thought that the summit was a meaningful experience.

85% found that the summit facilitated connection to other BIPOC folks across the state.

85% felt empowered as leaders after attending the summit.

ICADV will continue to innovate ways to prioritize diversity, equity, inclusion, and belongingness in our organizational internal and external policies, practices, and culture.
Indiana Disability Justice (IDJ) celebrated five years of working together to create a state free from violence against people with disabilities. IDJ is a collaborative team of seven neurodivergent and Disabled people, and people with disabilities who co-lead the work to center disability justice principles in violence prevention practices and programming. IDJ’s co-leaders are committed to capacity building and cross-movement collaboration to push beyond the dissemination of information by providing practical support toward the empowerment and resourcing of organizations and their staff. ICADV made a commitment to work toward increasing funding for internships for young BIPOC neurodivergent or Disabled people, allowing IDJ to continue growing and innovating valuable resources while supporting people with disabilities who dedicate their time and expertise to ICADV’s mission to end violence.

Over the last year, IDJ has provided training and technical assistance to sister coalitions, federal anti-violence grant recipients, local and state health departments, and disability advocacy and services organizations across the country. IDJ also published 17 newsletters and five new webinars on the Disability Justice and Violence Prevention Resource Hub to guide other movement makers to resources and skills that focus on disability justice in violence prevention practices. These resources were accessed by a broad audience of more than 11,800 people across 17 countries — testaments to the global reach and impact of Indiana Disability Justice. This international engagement suggests that the IDJ’s message and resources have resonated with a diverse and widespread audience, fostering a sense of global community and shared purpose to end violence against people with disabilities.
ICADV’s youth council is a group of teens who are ready to change the world. They work on violence prevention in Indiana with the objective of shifting the cultural norms and systems that enable violence. They identify the policies, practices and norms that enable safety, and promote them. They discuss their thoughts on contemporary issues, from music and culture to gender norms and racial identity, and imagine what a world filled with safety, stability and nurturance could look like. Then, they identify where in their schools, communities, and the state there are possibilities for action.

Council members are compensated for their time and expertise. They craft meeting agendas, facilitate meetings, share information and resources, and build leadership skills. Activities that the youth council members led in 2023 include presenting on inclusive environments at the 2023 Prevention Institute, speaking to their peers at the Indiana Youth Health Summit, and getting involved in the Indiana legislative session. This year they visited bill hearings, tracked legislation, wrote letters to legislators, and told gatekeepers and decision-makers about what was important to them.

At ICADV, we know that to prevent violence impacting young people, we must move aside and support the environments where young people can shape the safe and joyful future that they desire.

Teens interested in applying for the ICADV youth council can learn more at tinyurl.com/bdd5u9.
EVERY YEAR, ICADV’S LEGAL TEAM ASKS THIS ONE QUESTION:

How can we use our legal powers to make a more profound difference in this movement?

The answer continues to shape the Legal Resource Project every year. We are proud to share some of our latest highlights.

SURVIVORS SERVED

We believe there will always be a need for direct legal services for survivors who need no cost or low-cost, effective, and trauma-informed legal intervention to get out and stay out of abusive relationships. Since its inception in 2016, ICADV’s Satellite Attorney Project (SAP) has provided direct legal services to over 2,200 survivors and their children in Indiana, and this past year those direct services were critically expanded to respond to the housing crisis in this state. This past year, Satellite Attorney Project attorneys provided direct legal representation to 247 survivors in their emergency legal cases, including but not limited to eviction defense and eviction avoidance, protection orders, divorce matters, paternity cases, HUD and VAWA housing issues, and critical benefits litigation, focusing on those most marginalized populations. ICADV is one of the few Coalitions in the US to offer a direct, issue specific, legal services program, and we are proud it has made an impact for so many survivors.

LEGALLY BRIEF

We know the Satellite Attorney Project works, but we also know that not every survivor will always have access to an attorney. Therefore, the Legal Resource Project is expanding its training and technical assistance with our program advocates and our stakeholder partners in this movement. Accordingly, we offer monthly, issue specific “Legal Zoom” Program meetings with our advocates and stakeholder partners on legal issues of importance to survivors. We also produce “Legal Factsheets” for our programs to access to better inform the clients they serve on legal issues of importance to them www.icadvinc.org/legal-resources, and of course we filed legal technical assistance and crisis calls every single day.

“"We are so grateful for the program that made (ICADV’s attorney) available to our stepdaughter who was left with nothing and could never have afforded an attorney, let alone this amazing experience."
ICADV’s Legal Resource Project has also begun a series of “Pro Se” legal clinics where we teach and empower survivors to access the system on their own when they must. This year we piloted two such clinics to help nearly 30 individuals review and “expunge” (or seal) their civil eviction records, when possible, often allowing them greater access to housing, employment and other baseline resources.

We also know from speaking to survivors that basic safety net services and opportunities are critical to their independence, so we are increasing our legal work to even out the vastly uneven playing field that survivors face, whether it be equitable access to transportation, criminal expungements of dismissed arrests or dated convictions, unencumbered access to benefits, or full and fair access to healthcare. Examples of this include our legal assistance to help survivors obtain and retain their drivers’ licenses, pursue immigration relief for survivors who want and need to work to support their families, and the expungement of a dated DCS substantiation which prevents them from full employment opportunities. This year we have helped over two dozen survivors reach those goals.

Finally, ICADV is proud to be one of the few state coalitions with a solid footprint in national and state public policy work and state and federal appellate litigation. This year, in collaboration with our amazing partners in the private bar, ICADV submitted three “amicus” or “friend of the court” briefs to the Indiana Court of Appeals, the Indiana Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of the United States respectively. These briefs comment on and in fact legally analyze key legal issues that affect survivors. Whether it be a legal interpretation of Indiana’s Civil Protection Order Act or a longstanding federal law that precludes protection order respondents from possessing firearms, ICADV is being heard in the high courts on behalf of Indiana survivors.

www.theindianalawyer.com/articles/collaboration-creates-appellate-pro-bono-effort-for-domestic-violence-survivors
The Indiana Victim Assistance Training Project strives to develop the knowledge and skills of direct service providers, so they are better able to offer quality services to victims of all crimes. Guidance is provided through a multi-disciplinary Steering Committee. The Project has two goals: first, to ensure victim advocates and assistants have access to quality training; and second, to encourage and support longevity in the field of victim service. Both goals were advanced during this year.

Since 2017 the project has served over 1,100 people from a wide variety of non-profit and government organizations. All training programs are provided free of charge to ensure direct service providers from all organizations can attend, regardless of their budget.

In both June and August, the Project provided The Indiana Victim Assistance Basic Academy. The Academy is an entry-level training program designed for people who are new to the field of victim services. It takes place over three weeks and provides 41 hours of content through a mix of webinar and in-person classroom instruction.

Training was also provided for more experienced advocates. On September 8-9, 2022, the Training Project sponsored a two-day training program that explored the connection between victims of crime, trauma, and the symptoms of advanced or complex trauma. The program, Challenging Victims? The Cause, Impact and Treatment of Complex Trauma, was facilitated by professors from Indiana University.

To round out the year and follow its goal of supporting longevity in the field of victim services, the Training Project sponsored a survey to learn more about why victim service staff leave their positions. Over the year a survey evaluation was created, reviewed and refined to provide greater insight into ways we can reduce the turnover. The Indiana Victim Services Retention Survey was released in June and 354 people from diverse organizations provided feedback on this important issue. The data collected by the survey will be used to create relevant training for the coming year.

125 PEOPLE ATTENDED REPRESENTING 63 DIFFERENT AGENCIES

Child Advocacy Centers = 7  
Dual (Serve both domestic Violence and sexual Assault Survivors) = 40  
Domestic Violence programs = 16  
Hospital Sexual Assault Programs = 2  
Mental Health = 5  
Law Enforcement Agency= 12  
Prosecutor’s Office = 27  
Other nonprofit = 13  
State Agency = 3

1,100+

Since 2017 the Indiana Victim Assistance Project has served over 1,100 people from a wide variety of non-profit and government organizations.
In June 2023, ICADV held its 20th Annual Race Away From Domestic Violence at the Indianapolis City Market. Over 300 individuals participated in the event in support of survivors. Together, we raised over $20,000 to support ICADV’s impactful work. We cannot thank our Hoosier community enough for continuing to Race Away From Domestic Violence with us. ICADV will run, walk and roll with you again in summer 2024 at IU Michael A. Carroll Stadium.

**SAVE THE DATE!**
**RUN/WALK/ROLL AUGUST 10**

ICADV was one of ten state Coalitions selected by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the five-year DELTA AHEAD project. DELTA AHEAD provides ICADV with funding to collaborate with state partners and local communities to implement prevention strategies designed to impact the roots of the problem of violence. Across the course of the project, the team will engage in rigorous evaluation to help us understand what works in the complex problem of violence prevention, and to broadly report lessons learned about effective strategies with our colleagues in Indiana, and across the country.

Our prevention work is guided by the core belief that what surrounds us, shapes us; and we will work to make equitable, respectful behavior the easy and expected choice in Indiana communities. We will collaborate with our partners to promote safety, stability and nurturance through public policies, resource investment, community development and social norms strategies. ICADV will work with partners in state government and non-profit organizations, including our colleagues working to prevent sexual violence and child abuse.

At the state level, ICADV’s work will focus on promoting paid family leave and other policies that promote economic stability for families. ICADV will also partner with Hands of Hope in Grant County to implement prevention programs including promoting workplace policies that support families’ financial stability, investing in the development of green spaces to foster community connections, and supporting fatherhood engagement programs. The project will advance health equity by implementing these strategies and resources with communities that have traditionally been the least supported.
ICADV Training

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence trained more than 4,500 participants over 83 trainings facilitated in-person, virtually, or a combination of both. Training topics included intimate partner violence 101 and special topics, housing rights, legal issues, trauma-informed care, danger and lethality assessments, diversity, equity, and inclusion, primary prevention, and disability justice.

ICADV facilitated more than 260 hours of training for advocates, victim assistance staff, preventionists, attorneys, law enforcement, child welfare staff, social workers, prosecutors, medical professionals, and other allied professionals.

ICADV collaborated with 36 state and national leadership organizations to provide training to Indiana, national, and international professional audiences. Our partners include the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, PreventConnect, ICESAHT, ValorUS, Vera Institute of Justice, National Sexual Violence Resource Center, Activating Change, Brave Voices (Kenya/Uganda), and more!

In 2022, ICADV hosted its first hybrid conference on October 4 and 5, welcoming 155 attendees. Featuring Keynote Speaker Valériana Chikoti-Bandua Estes (Social Justice Fund NW) and Plenary Speaker Arlene Vassal (NRCDV). Conference sessions highlighted domestic violence and firearms, social determinants of health and safety, loneliness among survivors and working with Native American survivors among other topics.

**PARTICIPANT ORGANIZATIONS**

- Domestic Violence 111
- Social Work Non-Profit 16
- Prosecutor’s Office 3
- Abuse Intervention Program 4
- Other 9
- Government Program 9

**CONFERENCE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Purpose, Possibilities and Practice in Prevention Strategy
- Interrupting Racism for Children: Are Good Intentions Enough
- Domestic Violence and Firearms
- Getting to the Root of It All: The Social Determinants of Health and Safety
- Shame and Violence
- Understanding the Link Between Animal and Human Violence: How Cross Reporting Can Save Lives
- Loneliness Hurts: Supporting Survivor Leadership to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness
- Violence Isn’t Our Tradition: with Native American Survivors
Domestic violence survivors face many barriers in obtaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing. Housing continues to be the most urgent need reported by domestic violence survivors as they work to leave an abusive relationship. In Indiana, there is fierce competition in the rental housing market, especially for those at lower income levels.

Many survivors face financial abuse, which often leaves them without access to finances. They may have had their credit scores negatively impacted by an abusive partner or kept from credit opportunities, been forced to leave their jobs or not work, and have unfavorable rental histories or evictions. This often impacts survivors on their journey to permanent housing, as they are frequently screened out of housing opportunities and face discrimination due to their victimization or are forced into substandard housing. ICADV recognizes the many barriers faced by survivors in accessing permanent housing and continues to work collectively with our local programs to address these barriers.

A report from Prosperity Indiana and the National Low Income Housing Coalition, “The Gap: A Shortage of Affordable Homes,” sheds light on the affordable housing crisis, noting a shortage of 120,796 rental homes for families who live at or below the poverty level. Lack of affordable and available housing throughout the state only continues to exacerbate the other barriers survivors often face when seeking and maintaining safe and stable housing.

To bridge the gap for survivors seeking housing, ICADV launched its first alternative sheltering project. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, domestic violence service providers have had insufficient capacity to meet survivors’ sheltering needs. The goal of this project is to increase accessibility to residential program beds by encouraging regional collaboration between domestic violence service providers. Through collaborating, providers can facilitate the provision of hotel rooms to accommodate shelter overflow. Funding allocations were determined on a regional basis and funds were awarded to seven regions, encompassing all 92 Indiana counties. This project is expected to provide over 340 nights of shelter to survivors and their children when traditional shelter is not available or may not be an option based on their unique needs or circumstances.

This year, ICADV’s housing team responded to 88 requests for technical assistance from both domestic violence programs administering housing funds and programs who are interested in implementing housing funds. ICADV was able to offer support and successfully work with local programs to increase performance, sustain operations, continue housing assistance for survivors, and work towards applying for additional funds to support survivors in obtaining safe and affordable housing.

For a second year, ICADV was awarded funds by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) to provide training and technical assistance to domestic violence service providers throughout the state of Indiana administering funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support independent permanent housing options for survivors. The ICADV housing team provided technical assistance to 11 programs who directly worked with survivors to obtain permanent housing. Additionally, this funding allowed us to expand our training reach to the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care network on topics including trauma informed care, housing rights for survivors, voluntary services and using collaborative efforts in serving survivors.

Additionally, ICADV served on a task force as a voice for survivors and the information they have shared as a new assessment tool was developed for use in the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System. This assessment is intended to create a more equitable and accessible Coordinated Entry System. As this new tool is implemented and evaluated, ICADV continues to center survivor voices as we strive to create a more inclusive system.
Empowering Survivors Through Economic Support

Domestic violence affects countless lives, leaving survivors not only with physical and emotional scars but often trapped in cycles of economic vulnerability. The economic impact of domestic violence can take different forms such as loss of employment, increased healthcare costs, housing denials, increased legal bills, security costs, bad debt, transportation costs and other such expenses. Through the Economic Justice Program, ICADV provides financial support to survivors and remedying the injustices of economic abuse through financial support. In the past year, ICADV collaborated with our member domestic violence programs to distribute $168,883.46 in support of 156 domestic violence survivors and their 108 household dependents. There was a four-month moratorium period from April 1, 2023, till July 31, 2023, for ICADV to identify new sources of funds to support the Economic Justice Program.

With an average request amount of $1,082.59, these survivors were able to secure basic needs essential for keeping themselves and their children safe. Housing was the greatest area of need; ICADV distributed $104,605.19 for housing-related costs including housing payments and new housing startup costs (deposits and rental payments). Other areas of need included utility payments, relocation expenses, transportation costs, bad debt related to the abuse, nutrition assistance and costs related to safety/security. The ICADV team conducted outreach with member agencies and community partners to help ensure that the economic justice funds were made available to survivors with identities that are traditionally under or un-represented. Identities reported by survivors supported with economic justice funds included:

- Hispanic 24
- Black 33
- Two or More Races 5
- LGBTQ 9
- Person with Disabilities 26
- Immigrant and Refugees 19

As we move forward, ICADV’s commitment to economic justice remains unwavering. ICADV will continue to expand reach, strengthen programs, seek new sources of funding to support and grow this critical low barrier safety resource.
The ICADV actively engages in public policy advocacy to leverage systemic changes for survivors and their family. Our advocacy efforts focus on expansions of social safety net programs and safe and affordable housing, support for protections for workers such as paid family leave and pregnancy accommodations, funding to support domestic violence services statewide, and opposition to harmful policies that impact survivors’ bodily autonomy and the ability to achieve self-sufficiency.

Highlights

**ABORTION**

SEA 1 sought to terminate the licensure of abortion clinics and make changes to when an abortion may be performed, including when: (1) the abortion is necessary to prevent any serious health risk of the pregnant woman or to save the pregnant woman’s life; (2) the fetus is diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly; or (3) the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest. A special session was called in July 2022 in response to the U.S. Supreme Court’s Dobbs decision. ICADV and our partner organization advocated against the passage of the legislation because of the impact it would have on all survivors, especially survivors of rape and incest. For domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, abortion access is a matter of safety. Reproductive justice is a necessary component of gender equality and racial justice. It can only be achieved when all people have the social, political, and economic power to make decisions about their own health, bodies, and sexuality.

**STATE BUDGET**

HEA 1001 appropriates money for capital expenditures, operation of the state of Indiana, K-12 and higher education and other services. The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence successfully advocated for an increase in state funding for domestic violence services through the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund (DVPT). The DVPT fund was increased by $3 million dollars per year, resulting in overall funding of $9 million per year for domestic violence prevention and direct services to survivors.

**ICJI VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION**

HEA 1995 allows the victim services division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to assume the duties of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment council (DVPT) within the division. The division must collaborate with the state domestic violence coalition to recommend funding for domestic violence programs. It provides for an administrative set aside of 5% for the state domestic violence coalition to work with the division and support domestic violence programs in Indiana.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SEA 158 specifies that a person arrested for crimes of domestic violence and other enumerated violent crimes may not be released on bail until at least 24 hours from the time of arrest. This was an increase from the current statute which provided for an eight-hour hold. SEA 158 also expanded the definition of “serious violent felon” to include attempted murder, strangulation, and human trafficking, all of whom are prohibited from possessing a firearm.

UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE

SEA 161 adds a prohibition against using a tracking device to the list of conditions a court may impose when issuing a protection order. SEA 161 also increases the penalty for stalking to a Level 5 felony if the offense is committed by means of a tracking device. Provides that a person who knowingly or intentionally places a tracking device on an individual or the individual’s property without the individual’s knowledge or consent commits unlawful surveillance. And it establishes a sentence enhancement if a person uses a tracking device to commit or facilitate the commission of a crime.

TANF ELIGIBILITY

SEA 265 increases those eligible and benefits for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients for the first time in 35 years. It expanded benefits to pregnant women and repeals provisions: (1) regarding TANF eligibility of a child born more than 10 months after the child’s family qualifies for TANF assistance; (2) encouraging a family that receives TANF assistance to receive family planning counseling; and (3) requiring the division to apply a percentage reduction to the total needs of TANF applicants and recipients in computing TANF benefits.

ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY

SEA 314 streamlines specification that a “victim of domestic violence” is an individual who is an address confidentiality “program participant” in the definition of “covered person” for purposes of the statutes concerning restricted addresses. Urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the topic of studying certain topics regarding address confidentiality protections.
## Financial Information

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