



NCADV Expands in Support of New Strategic Direction 8/28/15

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) announces expansion of board of directors and staffing in support of new strategic direction. The NCADV was established in 1978 and has always provided resources to victims of domestic violence. Recently, the NCADV refocused their strategic direction in a renewed commitment to strengthen support and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and become the catalyst for changing society to have zero tolerance for domestic violence.

Executive Director, Ruth M. Glenn stated Monday, "NCADV's board and staff have worked hard these past few months to assess and prioritize our work to ensure everything we do is in the best interest of those impacted by domestic violence. We are recommitted to addressing domestic violence at all levels of our society, to give victims a voice, hold perpetrators accountable and to support all who are working toward a societal change regarding acceptance of violence against women."

Effective September 1, 2015 three new board members will join NCADV. We welcome Dr. Keri Norris, PhD. MPH Chief of Health Policy and Administration at Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority. Dr. Norris has extensive experience as a health scientist, evaluator and epidemiologist and previously worked for the CDC. Also joining the board is Diane Rosenfeld who is a nationally respected lecturer on law at Harvard Law School, where she teaches courses on Gender Violence, Law and Social Justice; Title IX; and Theories of Sexual Coercion. Finally, NCADV welcomes T. Edward Williams who is a distinguished business lawyer with Ireland Stapleton, handling both transactional and litigation matters for businesses and individuals. These remarkable new board members join the current board president, Rose Garrity, Vice President, David Lloyd and other notable board members: Barbara A. Blunt, Cheryl Davis, MA, LPC, Vicky Hales, Chris McMurry and Katherine Salazar.

NCADV has also expanded its national office to include Natalie Martinez, MPA as the Program Manager, Dina Coates-Koebler as the new Development Manager and Jenna Oliver, MA as the Communications and Marketing Manager. These new team members look forward to working with Executive Director, Ruth M. Glenn, Associate Director, Gretchen Shaw, Public Policy Manager, Rachel Graber, Operations Manager, Suzanne Green and Office Assistant, Jacqueline Gonzales to increase the NCADV's effectiveness and scope of expertise and services available to victims and survivors of domestic violence.

One of the first agenda items on the strategic plan is to increase awareness about domestic violence nationwide. As such, the NCADV has called for a national day of awareness and will **Take A Stand Against Domestic Violence** on October 1, 2015 in Washington DC and across the nation. There will be a national "moment of silence" for the victims of domestic violence at 11am EST.

NCADV is the voice of victims and survivors. NCADV will be the catalyst for changing society to have zero tolerance for domestic violence. We do this by effecting public policy, increasing understanding of the impact of domestic violence, and providing programs and education that drive change.

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