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Advocating for Advances in the Domestic Violence Movement

GEORGIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Public Policy Update

Main policies of interest effective July 1, 2017

HB 279 will allow victims of domestic violence to file for a legal name change for themselves and their children without being forced to give the customary public notice of their name change.

SB 201 will require employers that offer sick leave to allow employees to use that leave time flexibly in order to care for sick children, spouses, and other family members.

For Full Report Click Below
<https://gcadv.org/legislative-reports/>

Meet Katie Bates, GCADV's New Board President

Katie Bates has been on the GCADV Board for 5 years. She is an Intellectual Property and Data Protection Lawyer at Meunier Carlin & Curfman LLC.

Building Community **A message from Jan**

Dear Friends of GCADV,



Community is the space we have in common; a neighborhood, a way of thinking, a shared history, or common experience. This word is taking on greater meaning in our work to end violence against women and girls.

As I reflect on the work of GCADV and our member organizations, partners, and stakeholders over the past few months, I am astounded at our collective growth and awareness around the needs of marginalized survivors. Marginalized refers to those treated as insignificant or peripheral. Domestic violence survivors in general are often marginalized.

Unfortunately we find that survivors of color or with disabilities, as well as and immigrant, rural, and LGBTQ survivors face additional barriers. Their voices are often unheard and their unique needs are often inadequately addressed. We know that addressing the immediate needs of survivors - safety, shelter, food - is critical and essential to healing. As we have listened to marginalized survivors and those who serve them, we have come to learn that building a broad, inclusive, community with a shared vision is also critical and essential to healing.

We have come together, as a community, with a shared vision to end domestic violence and to enable survivors to live safe, healthy, and purposeful lives. To this end, we have brought together residents, leaders, and programs who represent marginalized communities so that their ideas and experiences can be heard. Together, we are embracing a bigger WE for our work and to challenge ourselves to listen and think broadly about how to best serve all survivors. As our Coalition pivots together, we move together with a collective sense of purpose, forming relationships that are deep, impactful, sustainable, and long-lasting, creating a shared horizon for our future. What an amazing time to be a part of the movement to end intimate partner violence.



Sincerely,
Jan Christiansen
Executive Director

Movement Building

At the May 18 GCADV Membership Meeting, Karen Tronsgard-Scott, Executive Director of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and a Movement Maker from Cohort 3 of *Move to End Violence*, led our membership and staff through Movement Building concepts and exercises that helped us make connections with our purpose and identify strategies for moving forward in our work and mission.

"I am honored to be part of GCADV. There are wonderful people throughout our Georgia community working to prevent domestic violence and provide resources to victims. The Coalition's member programs work tirelessly in this effort. I hope to continue the great work of all these people and, along with the Coalition's amazing staff and my fellow Board members, ensure that Georgians across the state and in every walk of life do what they can to help stop this epidemic and provide refuge for its victims. Every person can make a difference. It is our job to help them know how."



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Women Leaders Gathering



GCADV held its quarterly Women Leaders Gathering in early June to discuss community outreach, resource

Thank you Official Pro Players & Walt Harris!

Thank you **Walt Harris & Official Pro Players** for hosting the Victory Cruise, an amazing night out on Lake Lanier during Memorial Weekend, to benefit GCADV.



Empowering Child Witnesses of Domestic Violence

Article by Michelle White, LMSW
GCADV Child & Youth Project Manager



"Empowering children in settings where they are building relationships, reflecting on their experiences, and coping with difficult incidents they have witnessed can positively impact a child's self-esteem, increase their ability to self-soothe, and decrease their feelings of shame, blame, and guilt."

[Read Here](#)

National Resources

development, and advocacy. Walt Harris, retired pro football player, stopped by to talk about his organization Official Pro Players and its new partnership with GCADV. He is passionate about getting more men and athletes involved in the movement to end domestic violence.

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SPORTS
Pre Season Kick-off Event



Hudson's Grille Midtown Location
Sunday, August 20

2pm Training | 4pm Falcons Kick-off

Increase your Football IQ with help from Walt Harris then watch the Falcons play!

Tickets: \$20 (hors d'oeuvres & one drink)

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Questions?

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Additional donations to GCADV welcome!

Football season is around the corner and it's time to refresh our sports knowledge! Sam Crenshaw & Melissa Anthony of **What Just Happened Sports** invite you to join them at Hudson Grille Midtown on **August 20 at 2pm** for their Fantasy Football Kickoff and Training Camp! Learn football terms, plays, and who to watch this season. Walt Harris, former NFL player will host an interactive football info class to prep you for the Pre Season Falcons vs Steelers Game. Bring a friend, learn some terms, and enjoy the game! [Get your Tickets Here!](#) Partial proceeds from the event will go to GCADV.



NEDV is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and their advocates. NEDV offers a range of programs and initiatives to address domestic violence.



A project of NEDV providing legal information and support of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

[View all 2017 Race for Empowerment photos here](#)



Our Stories: The Ripple Effect
November 4, 2017 Doors open at 6:00 pm
Switchyards Downtown Club
151 Ted Turner Drive NW, Atlanta

This is an evening performance depicting the ripple effect domestic violence has on a community. **Our Stories: The Ripple Effect, GCADV's 3rd Annual Stand Event**, a moving performance that reflects how domestic violence affects not just the victims but also their children, family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and the advocates who serve them. Their stories will be interpreted by local artists through song, drama, & spoken word. **Tickets Available in August!**



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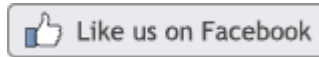
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Our Mission: Collaborate. Advocate. Educate. Empower.

GCADV envisions a Georgia free of domestic violence. We empower survivors and the programs that serve them, we educate the public, and we advocate for responsive public policy. Our strength is in numbers, as we collaborate throughout Georgia to stop domestic violence.

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