



ADVOCACY MATTERS

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GEORGIA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This month we're relaunching our e-newsletter. Now named, *Advocacy Matters*, our bi-monthly digest will focus on best practices, community collaboration, awareness building, and advocacy. Its purpose is to educate and inspire advocates. Together we can work towards a Georgia free of domestic violence. We hope that you find this information useful, thought provoking and motivating.

Warmly,
Jan Christiansen

Executive Director | Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Improving Access to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Survivors



Individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing (HOH) are at increased risk for domestic violence (DV) and experience significant barriers to accessing safe, comprehensive and culturally appropriate survivor services. The *Disabilities Project* aimed to build on existing collaborations to expand the scope of safe, comprehensive and culturally appropriate DV services for Deaf and HOH survivors in Georgia. GCADV has developed three documents which discuss outcomes and lessons learned over the course of the project, recommendations and next steps for continuing to increase access in Georgia, and the Evaluation Report which provides detailed information on the project approach, evaluation design, and outcomes.

[Link to Resources](#)

Strengthening Protections for Survivors of Family and Dating Violence

GCADV supports changing the definition of family violence to include dating partners.

- Including dating partners would provide victims of dating violence with access to the appropriate resources and responses needed in maintaining safety.
- Cases reviewed by the Georgia Fatality Review Project revealed that 6% involved victims who were in dating relationships.
- States that include protections for dating partners have seen an 11% reduction in the total rate of intimate partner homicides.
- Neighboring states Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee have enacted similar legislation.



Anti-Racism as Violence Prevention



The National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence sat down with advocates that are working to address the ways that racism and oppression impact survivors' health and self-determination. They are thinking about how history impacts peoples' lived experience of violence today in our world; they are shifting advocacy practices to better meet the needs of survivors and advocates of color; and they are looking at how the anti-violence movement can resist racism and oppression as one of the most important ways to prevent violence. Learn about

their perspectives, stories, and strategies in this 3 part video series:

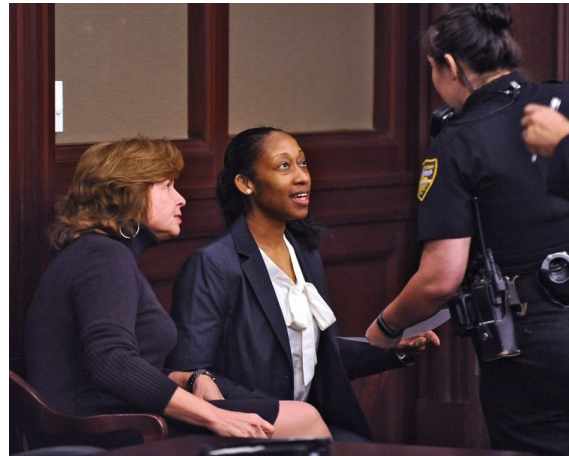
[Video 1: Connecting the Dots: Racism, Oppression, and Work to End Domestic, Sexual, and Intimate Violence](#)

[Video 2: Racism in the Anti-Violence Movement: Impacts on Survivors, Advocates, and Communities](#)

[Video 3: Transformation is Now: Toward an Integrated, Intersectional Movement](#)

When Domestic Violence Drags Women into the Justice System

GCADV's Justice for Incarcerated Survivors Project works for the release of incarcerated survivors imprisoned for hurting or killing their abusive partner or committing a crime under duress from their abusive partner. The article "Victimized twice by their abusers: When domestic violence drags women into the criminal justice system" discusses the phenomenon of "criminalized survivors" people, overwhelmingly women, thrust into the criminal justice system because they retaliated against abusive partners or committed crimes as a result of abuse. They face arrest, prosecution and punishment.



[Read here](#)

Event Updates

GCADV's 40th birthday Pictures are up on our website! [Click here to view.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: Stop Violence Against Women Day – February 4, 2020

SAVE THE DATE: Race for Empowerment 5k & Wellness Expo – April 26, 2020

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 | 8:30AM - 1:30PM



Doors open & refreshments provided at 8:30AM
Central Presbyterian Church
201 Washington St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303



Member Highlight

GCADV

#membermonday

MACOSH

Healing Network

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On October 7th, we highlighted MACOSH Healing Network on our #MemberMonday. MACOSH provides holistic, culturally specific resources and services through the Arts to crime victims and survivors of domestic violence in African American communities. Learn more about their work: [Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)



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