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1-800-799-7233
National TTY: 1-800-787-3224



Executive Director's Note:

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Above is the FIRST amendment to the Constitution written by the men who created it. We could delve into the mindset of the framers, who they were and what they were trying to accomplish. But for now I would like for us to just sit with what this means for us at the end of 2016.

Each of us has a RIGHT to practice our own form of religion – or not. Each of us has a RIGHT to express our opinions – verbally. Each of us has a RIGHT to gather and protest for grievances we experience from the government – local, state or national. And each of us has a RIGHT to find truthful information in our press – not misinformation created by government or anyone else.

I firmly believe this extends to each and every person here in the United States, including in our private homes. We find ourselves at a moment in history where we are at odds over our governance in ways we have not experienced for decades. NO ONE has more rights than anyone else. People of color, people of different religions or no religion, people with different abilities, people of different genders or sexual orientations, people of different ages have the same rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Especially in their own homes.

ICADV as an organization will move forward in its mission to envision a statewide community committed to exposing the root causes of domestic abuse and ensuring the safety for families by supporting the voices of ALL survivors.

You can see from this edition to our latest For Better Times that our constituency of support is growing. More than ever, men, women and youth are joining this mission to create safety in our homes. We value and appreciate those that are already with us. Please share a copy of this newsletter with someone you know. Help us help people in your community that are suffering domestic violence. Invest in a safer Illinois.

Look Who's New at ICADV

Anisha Bhatia

Anisha joined ICADV in May as their new Trainer. Anisha dedicated her independent research in college towards healthy romantic and familial relationships,



where she began to take an interest in domestic violence work. She previously worked as a high school Speech Coach and a Women and

Children's Relief Advocate at DuPage Co. Family Shelter Service. Anisha is thrilled to be involved in ICADV's Training Institute, and is enthusiastic about providing educational opportunities for advocates. She hopes to, one day, be involved in prevention work and be able to help educate teenagers about healthy relationships.

Carrie Boyd

ICADV would like to welcome Carrie Boyd. Carrie is the Director of Policy & Systems Advocacy. She



works with the Executive Director to formulate and implement policy initiatives related to all legislative, legal, and advocacy efforts. Carrie oversees the Virtual Legal

Clinic, which provides services solely to survivors of domestic violence, including free online consultations with volunteer attorneys. She also renders technical assistance to our membership programs, as well as conducts trainings and seminars related to the various legal processes affecting survivors, legal advocates, and more.

Prior to coming to ICADV, Carrie served as an elected prosecutor and devised multiple programs in an effort to reshape the community response to domestic

violence and sexual assault survivors. One of the programs, "Women to Work," assisted survivors with professional and educational goals while also supplying appropriate clothing for work and court (free of charge). In 2013, she was appointed by Governor Quinn to the board of directors for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), which brings together key leaders from the justice system and the public to identify critical issues facing the criminal justice system in Illinois, as well as propose and evaluate policies, programs, and legislation to address those issues. Carrie is a recipient of the 2014 statewide Moxie Award presented by the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Prior to her time in public office, Carrie worked in private practice as a family law attorney and legal advocate for a local sexual assault services program.

Most importantly of all, Carrie is a mom to two terrific kiddos (Andrew is 6, Anabel is 2 ½)!

Rebecca Leatherwood



ICADV would like to introduce Rebecca Leatherwood as a new member of the ICADV staff as the Communications Associate. She joins the organization with experience as a legal advocate and 10 years as a domestic

violence prevention advocate. Rebecca is a certified domestic violence professional. Rebecca is married, has 4 children, and is originally from west central Illinois. She enjoys spending time with her family when not working.



Gail Thomas

Gail Thomas, ICADV board member, previously served as a board member for the Women's Center in Carbondale, IL, and is currently a member of numerous local and statewide organizations and committees. Ms. Thomas has been an active supporter of ICADV and has attended many ICADV trainings over the years. The Coalition is thrilled to welcome Gail back to the board for another term. She is the Clinical Assistant Professor



for the Domestic Violence Clinic at Southern Illinois University School of Law. This clinic allows students, working under Gail's direct supervision, to represent victims of domestic violence. Students practice legal skills such as client interviewing, court representation, legal drafting, etc. Students learn about the Illinois Domestic Violence Act and its enforcement. Professor Thomas started teaching at SIU during the 2003-2004 academic year and joined the Domestic Violence Clinic in 2004. Gail has previous experience as a prosecuting attorney; as an Assistant State's Attorney she prosecuted domestic batteries and domestic violence related crimes. She also served for more than a year as a State Appellate Prosecutor for the Illinois 5th District, handling first degree murder and aggravated sexual assault cases. Professor Thomas holds both BS and JD degrees from Southern Illinois University.

Shelbi Tudor



ICADV welcomes Shelbi Tudor back to the staff as of September 2016. Shelbi first came to ICADV in the Spring of 2014 while working towards her Bachelor's degree at Benedictine University in Springfield. Then she served as an intern and assisted in putting

together the Annual Homicide Report. Shortly after graduation and completion of her internship she took on the role as Secretary/Project Assistant. In this new position she was able to help out with various projects and dig into a bigger picture of what ICADV is all about. In September 2016 she was given the opportunity to rejoin the ICADV team in the position of Training and Technical Assistance Associate. Shelbi is thrilled to be back and looking forward to continuing her work with ICADV.





Dr. Dennis Deer,
Psychologist, President
of Deer Rehabilitation
Services and ICADV
Board member



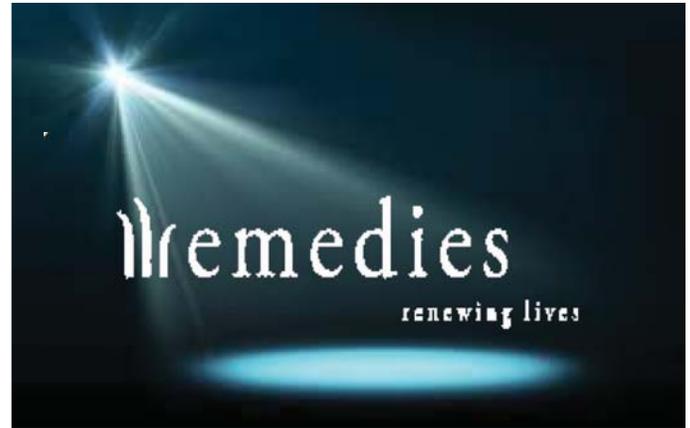
Dr. Dennis Deer, Psychologist and President of Deer Rehabilitation Services sponsored a community outreach event focused on domestic and community violence prevention. Members from the community gathered to hear motivational remarks from U.S. Representative (7th congressional circuit) Danny K. Davis and from Vance Henry, Deputy Chief of Staff, for Chicago Mayor's Office. According to Austin Weekly News Editor Michael Romain, the speakers focused on messages encouraging mentorship, building bridges, and non-violence. Participants signed a pledge against domestic violence and community violence before releasing purple balloons.



Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the community watching the release of purple balloons for Domestic Violence Awareness Month,

Community Coordination

Remedies Renewing Lives domestic violence program in Rockford, IL is participating in a three year Justice Department grant designed to connect families experiencing domestic violence with advocates, law enforcement, and court services. The new grant allows for specially trained advocates to work with a designated police domestic violence unit and adult probation to make up a portion of the Winnebago County Domestic Violence coordinated courts.



Winnebago County Judge Rosemary Collins spoke with Rockford Register Star staff writer Jeff Kolkey about the impact domestic violence has on the lives of those she has seen in her court and how the children are affected. Judge Collins told Mr. Kolkey "I've seen firsthand what kind of chaos and destruction that family violence has on children. It affects them in every way. It affects their brain development, ... their expectations of how they will behave in life and how others will behave. It colors their whole life. ...If we don't stop that cycle of family violence, we are going to lose our children."

Become a Friend of ICADV!

For \$25 a year, you can support our mission to end domestic violence in Illinois. Friends of ICADV receive public policy alerts as well as information about any upcoming ICADV trainings and events.

Visit our web site today to download the application and assurances forms.

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NO MORE
TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ABUSETeen Dating Abuse
Video Challenge

SAFETY

ICADV Executive Director, Vickie Smith, was presented a check from Verizon for the NO MORE Teen Dating Abuse Video Challenge.

5th Annual NO MORE Teen Dating Abuse Video Challenge

Thank you to Verizon for their ongoing support for our NO MORE Teen Dating Abuse Video Challenge. Teachers, School Administrators, Counselors and other professionals working with teens throughout Illinois have been invited to join the:

**Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV),
Illinois Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger (co-host),
Verizon (Sponsor), and
Illinois Education Association (Project Partner)**

in the fifth annual **NO MORE** Teen Dating Abuse Video Challenge. A fun project whereby teens may win iPads and other technology awards by creating PSA type videos promoting healthy relationships and calling for an end to teen dating abuse.

Our goals are to make teens safer in their dating relationships, provide teens an opportunity to work as a team on a fun, creative, educational project, and start a dialogue with teens about dating abuse. This year's entries are due November 30, 2016 and winners will be announced in February which is Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Month.

To view winning videos from previous years, visit:

www.ilcadv.org/videochallengewinners.html

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ICADV Adds New Confidentiality Module to Webinar Library

ICADV has offered trainings on domestic violence issues since 1981. Through our training initiative we strengthen local domestic violence service programs by conducting statewide trainings. We coordinate numerous trainings every year on a wide variety of topics, always focusing on current trends or pertinent issues in the domestic violence field. We will continue to develop additional online courses as new issues and trends arise. If you would like to know more about our in-person trainings, visit our online education website at <https://education.ilcadv.org>. Available Credits: 2.00

Confidentiality Course Objectives

- Definition of domestic violence
- Qualifying relationships that are protected by Illinois Domestic Violence Act (IDVA)
- Parameters of confidential communication
- Exceptions/special circumstances to confidentiality
- Victim's confidentiality privileges
- Proper execution of releases of information
- IDVA and client-centered service

Intended Audience: Domestic Violence Advocates, Volunteers, Counselors, and other professionals who wish to expand their knowledge base on domestic violence issues.

Become A Member of ICADV

ICADV FRIEND

Requirements: An individual who supports the vision and mission of ICADV. Potential Friend members must review and sign ICADV's assurances document found at http://www.ilcadv.org/Get_Involved/JoinICADV/join_icadv.html.

Fee: \$25.00 per year

Benefits: Friends will receive information regarding trainings, public policy, newsletters and monthly electronic mailings.

ICADV COMMUNITY PARTNER

Requirements: Non-profits, for-profits, and government agencies that support the vision and mission of ICADV and are acceptable to local ICADV members. Potential Community Partner members must review and sign the assurances document found at http://www.ilcadv.org/Get_Involved/JoinICADV/join_icadv.html. This level of membership goes through a review process by the ICADV Membership Committee.

Fee: \$250.00 per year

Benefits: Community Partners will receive information regarding trainings, newsletters, public policy and bi-monthly electronic mailings. Community Partners receive up to \$100 worth of ICADV resources, chosen by the Community Partner and may sit on ICADV committees.

ICADV Program Council Member

Requirements: Non-profits or for-profits that support the vision and mission of ICADV and are acceptable to local ICADV members. Potential Voting Board Members must review and sign our assurances document found at http://www.ilcadv.org/Get_Involved/JoinICADV/join_icadv.html. There are additional criteria that must be met for membership at this level.

This category is made up of two types:

- Domestic Violence Service Provider
- Partner Abuse Intervention Program

For more information on any level of membership email us at ilcadv@ilcadv.org and type membership in the subject line.