2021 **Annual Report**



ICADV IOWA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Cover Art, "HOPE," created by Katy Harmsen



As we visualize what we want in 2022, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and the challenges our agency endured. COVID-19 has changed the way we live our lives and do our work. Anti-Black racism exacerbated violence. Demand for services surged, and the cost to provide vital pre-and post-crisis response services drastically increased. The largest source of funds supporting victims of crime has been cut 37 percent to our state – resulting in a minimum of 28,000 fewer crime victims receiving services in the next two years.

These **challenges** have been incredibly hard, and at times, have felt endless. However, they did not deter us from moving forward and gave us an opportunity for **growth** and **transformation**.

We increased safety for survivors through our nationally recognized Housing First model of service delivery, client assistance fund, scholarship and financial literacy programs, and systems-change advocacy efforts. We engaged in new partnerships with activists, community leaders, and grassroots organizations to identify gaps within the communities we serve. We prioritized efforts to advance equity, end racial disparities, and promote economic justice. Finally, our team leaned into our Action + Accountability Plan, our strategic vision that serves as the blueprint for our agency, to create small and big changes that brought us closer to our vision of a world that truly honors the value and dignity of all people and the freedom for all of us to thrive.

We invite you to spend some time looking over our 2021 Annual Report for an in-depth review of successes, programming, new initiatives, and accolades over the past year.

In Solidarity,

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence Staff and Board of Directors



Our Story

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) is the leading voice to end intimate partner violence in Iowa. Through our network of 22 statewide victim service programs, we provide comprehensive pre-and post-crisis response services to anyone who has been a victim of a violence – before, during, and after.

These services include:

- Academic scholarship opportunities
- Advocacy training and consultation/technical assistance to member programs, community, and statewide partners
- Coordination of statewide multi-disciplinary efforts to respond to victims of violence
- Direct support and personal advocacy to survivors of intimate partner violence
- Emergency shelter
- Financial empowerment courses
- Identifying and developing services to respond to underserved communities
- Legal assistance
- Policy and advocacy change at the local, state, and national level

We take a survivor-centered approach to victim services and believe community-based agencies and interventions, healthcare, educational and government systems should work together, centering the leadership, voices, and experiences of BIPOC and underserved communities, to enhance safety for survivors and their families. When this happens, everyone has the ability to reach their full potential, thrive, and live a life free from violence ... **to the Last Girl**.

Our Mission

To engage all people in a movement to change the social and political systems that perpetuate violence. We do this through education, advocacy, and quality services.

Our Vision

A world that truly honors the value and dignity of all people.

Our Principle

We recognize and celebrate the interconnectedness of all life and focus on solutions that reduce or eliminate harm to our global planet.

Our Values

- Beloved Community
- Equity
- Intersectionality
- Transformation
- Healing

New Initiatives and Programming

What is Love? Art Contest

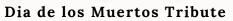
The 1st Annual What is Love? Art Contest took place in February to raise awareness for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The contest was open to Iowa high school students, ages 14-19, and artwork could be submitted into one of two categories, 2D Art and Video. Seventeen pieces were submitted that expressed the artist's impression of What is Love? Prizes were awarded to the top three entries in each category. The top entry in the 2D Art category was presented to Emijah Jones for her piece, "Needed Space," showcased on the right-hand side of this page. To view the full gallery of submitted pieces, visit www.icadv.org.



Roundtables

Centering and supporting advocates' physical, mental, and emotional health is a priority for our team. As a result, we adapted our outreach and training efforts to create roundtable discussions and virtual advocate support groups – offered in both English and Spanish.

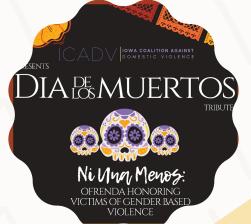
The roundtables provided opportunities for advocates to discuss and hear from culturally specific programs and other providers about community-based solutions such as utilizing cultural strategies for healing; engaging whole families for safety; the intersections of anti-racism, anti-poverty, and domestic abuse work; and solutions for mental health crises that do not rely on interactions or outreach to the criminal justice system.



In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we hosted our 1st Annual Dia de los Muertos Tribute, an event to remember the names, faces, and stories of victims who have lost their lives as a result of gender-based violence. It was also an opportunity to hear from a survivor and learn from community leaders and activists about global anti-violence movements including Say Her Name, Ni Una Menos, Stop Asian Hate, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Attendees enjoyed live music, performances, face painting, and a Catrin and Catrina contest. We also designed an Ofrenda and invited attendees to bring a photograph of a loved one to honor and lift up their names and stories.





2021 Impact Report

127,995

connections with our network of 22 statewide victim service providers



3,799

technical assistance/ consultation requests provided by ICADV



7,146

post-crisis services to survivors provided by ICADV



advocates, allies, and supporters reached through ICADV trainings **1,416** crisis calls to ICADV



\$94,484

awarded to survivors statewide including those incarcerated at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women through the Alice Barton Scholarship Program



provided to survivors through Survivors Achieving Financial Empowerment (S.A.F.E.) Program

167

bills ICADV

monitored during

the Iowa State

Legislative Session



\$14,173

client assistance funds



provided to survivors through Match Savings Accounts

1,362

survivors, advocates, and

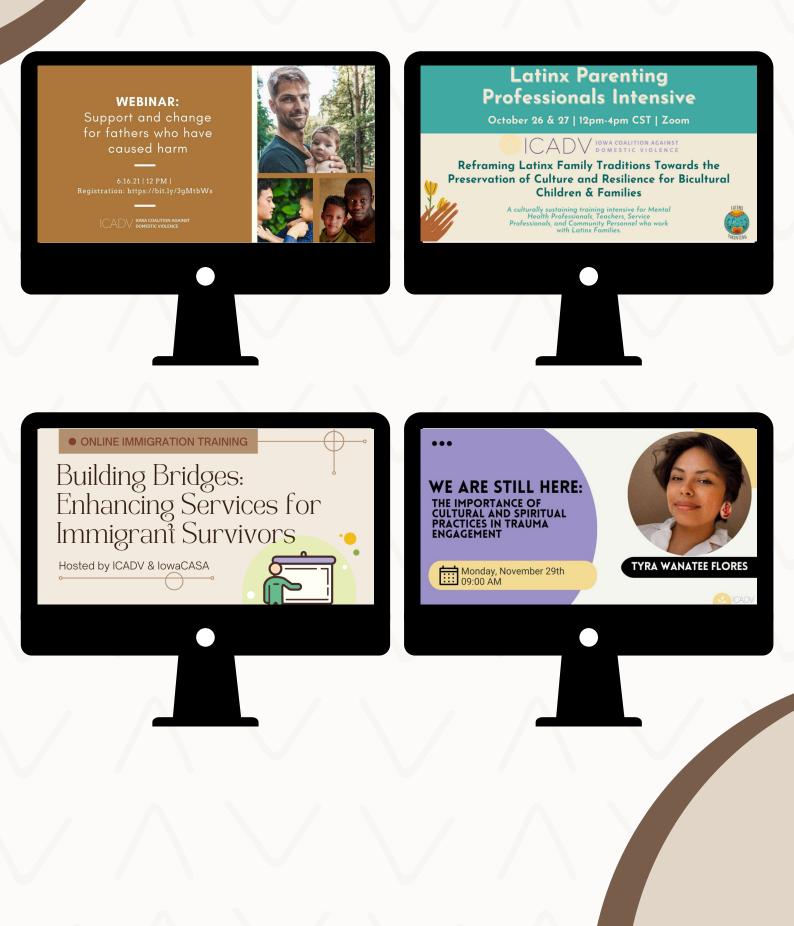
allies reached through

public presentations

169,571

survivors, allies, and community partners reached through social media

Creating Beloved Community



2021 Legal Clinic Impact Report



active immigration cases



family law case consultations/assistance



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survivors became eligible to work



permanent residency approvals

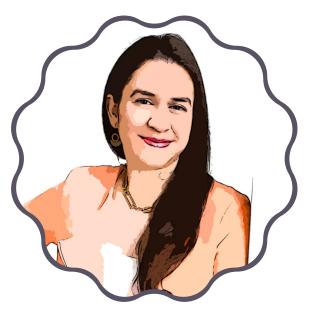


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U.S. citizenships granted

Our Team Rocks!



Dr. Maria Corona, executive director of ICADV, was the recipient of the **2021 Passport to Prosperity Award from the Iowa International Center**. She was also included on **The Des Moines Register's "15 People to Watch in 2022"** annual list of individuals who will make an impact on Iowa in the coming year.

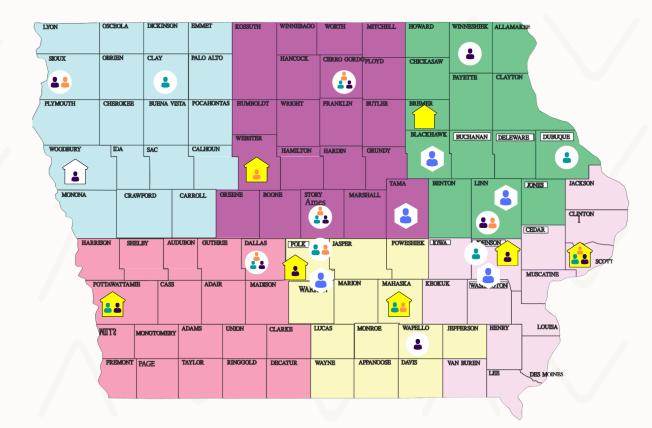


Isabel Martinez Santos, co-director of ICADV's Legal Clinic and Bi-lingual DOJ Accredited representative, received the **Diane Reese Excellence in Advocacy in the Movement** (DREAM) Award from The National Network to End Domestic Violence. This national award is bestowed on individuals who incorporate and demonstrate the spirit and promise of true advocacy in all aspects of their life. She was also recognized by Representative Cindy Axne as the "Iowan of the Week" for contributions to her community, helping her neighbors, and making Iowa better.



Elodia Navarro, Financial Literacy educator for ICADV, received the **Transcending Advocacy Award** from the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault at their annual Communities of Color statewide conference. This award is given to those who go above and beyond in their advocacy for survivors.

Statewide Network of Victim Service Programs



survivors served through our network of victim service providers

43,327 calls received at the Iowa Victim Service Call Center

- Amani Community Services
- ACCESS: Assault Care Extending Support Services
- Children & Familes of Iowa Domestic Violence Services
- Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center
- Crisis Intervention Service
- Crisis Intervention Services
- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program
 Catholic Charities Diocese of Des Moines
- Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach Center
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- EMBARC: Ethnic Minorities of Burma Advocacy and Resource Center

- Family Crisis Center
- Family Crisis Centers
- Family Resources Survivor Services
- Friends of the Family
- Helping Services
- L.U.N.A. Latinas Unidas Por Un Nuevo Amanecer
- Monsoon Asians and Pacific Islanders in Solidarity
- Nisaa African Family Services
- R.I.S.E. Resources for Indigenous Survivors
- SafePlace
- Thrive Together
- Waypoint Services

The Team

Dr. Maria Corona Executive Director

Adam Stark Associate Director

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