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.

Dia de los Muertos Tribute
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 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
3,691 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

$22,280 provided to survivors through Survivors Achieving Financial Empowerment (S.A.F.E.) Program
$14,173 client assistance funds
$10,500 provided to survivors through Match Savings Accounts

167 bills ICADV monitored during the Iowa State Legislative Session
169,571 survivors, allies, and community partners reached through social media
1,362 survivors, advocates, and allies reached through public presentations
Creating Beloved Community

WEBINAR:
Support and change for fathers who have caused harm
6.16.21 | 12 PM | Registration: https://bit.ly/3gMhTWe

Latinx Parenting Professionals Intensive
October 26 & 27 | 12pm-4pm CST | Zoom
Reframing Latinx Family Traditions Towards the Preservation of Culture and Resilience for Bicultural Children & Families
A culturally sustaining training intensive for Mental Health Professionals, Teachers, Service Professionals, and Community Personnel who work with Latinx Families.

ONLINE IMMIGRATION TRAINING
Building Bridges: Enhancing Services for Immigrant Survivors
Hosted by ICADV & IowaCASA

WE ARE STILL HERE:
THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN TRAUMA ENGAGEMENT
Monday, November 29th
09:00 AM
Tyra Wanatee Flores
2021 Legal Clinic Impact Report

- 43 active immigration cases
- 07 family law case consultations/assistance
- 02 U visa approvals
- 03 survivors became eligible to work
- 04 permanent residency approvals
- 02 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

30,468 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 & Families 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

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