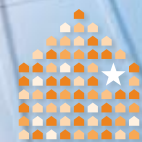




# WORKING TOGETHER TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



NATIONAL NETWORK  
TO END DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE





NNEDV represents state domestic violence coalitions in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN FIND SOLUTIONS**



The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), a social change organization, is dedicated to creating a social, political and economic environment in which violence against women no longer exists.

#### **MAKING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE A NATIONAL PRIORITY.**

NNEDV is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and their advocates. As a membership and advocacy organization of state and territory domestic violence coalitions, allied organizations and supportive individuals, NNEDV works closely with its members to understand the ongoing and emerging needs of domestic violence victims and advocacy programs. NNEDV then makes sure those needs are heard and understood by policymakers at the national level.

#### **STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY AT EVERY LEVEL.**

NNEDV supports the fight to end domestic violence by providing state coalitions with critical information and resources. From training and technical assistance to innovative programs and strategic funding, NNEDV brings much-needed resources to local communities. At national and regional meetings, members share information and ideas with NNEDV staff and with each other, working together to develop comprehensive solutions.

#### **CHANGING THE WAY SOCIETY RESPONDS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

NNEDV offers a range of programs and initiatives to address the complex causes and far-reaching consequences of domestic violence. Through cross-sector collaborations and corporate partnerships, NNEDV offers support to victims of domestic violence who are escaping abuse relationships – and empower survivors to build new lives.





**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE**

**1.5 million**

In the United States every year, **1.5 MILLION** women are physically or sexually assaulted or stalked by an intimate partner.

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**25%**

**25%** of 8th and 9th grade students have been victims of dating violence.

**1 OF 4**

**ONE OF FOUR** American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

**\$13 billion**

Domestic violence costs U.S. employers up to **\$13 BILLION** annually.

**63%**

**63%** of homeless women have been victims of partner violence as adults.

**16 – 24**

The Department of Justice consistently finds that girls between the ages of **16** and **24** experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence.



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As many as **10 MILLION** children witness domestic violence every year.

Domestic violence affects women and children in every community – large and small, urban and rural – and it continues to be the most underreported crime in America.

This pervasive violence has far-reaching consequences for society. Studies have found that as many as 10 million children witness domestic violence or who are abused are more likely to find themselves in abusive relationships – or to become abusers.

In order to break the cycle of violence, it is imperative that we implement long-term, comprehensive solutions. That's why NNEDV is committed to making domestic violence a national priority at the highest levels of government, and to strengthening advocacy efforts at every level.

### FROM CAPITOL HILL...

Congress has the power to pass powerful legislation that can protect and support domestic violence victims. NNEDV is a resource for senators and representatives from every state, ensuring that the needs of state and local domestic violence programs are heard and understood.

### ...TO THE SUPREME COURT...

Many times, the United States Supreme Court and state appellate courts hear cases that have broad implications for domestic violence victims. NNEDV works with the Law Firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky, and Popeo to monitor key court cases and file amicus briefs to ensure that the needs of battered women are represented.

### ...TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION...

The state domestic violence coalitions who belong to NNEDV are statewide leaders who work with local domestic violence shelters and programs. The state coalitions keep NNEDV informed about critical issues and emerging needs, as well as keeping NNEDV connected to local programs. NNEDV keeps them informed and connected to national and regional resources and information.

## ...NNEDV IS THERE.





**NNEDV PROGRAMS**  
NNEDV offers a range of programs that address the complex causes and far-reaching consequences of domestic violence. Through cross-sector collaborations at the state and national level, we're changing the way our society deals with domestic violence.



### **AMY'S COURAGE FUND**

In 2007, NNEDV renamed its Direct Assistance Fund to Amy's Courage Fund in honor of Amy Lynne Latus and other victims who have tragically lost their lives due to domestic violence. Through this direct assistance fund, NNEDV offers emergency financial grants of up to \$2,000 to domestic violence survivors and their children who are fleeing abusive homes. To date, we have provided more than \$600,000 to help survivors start a life free of abuse.

### **SAFETY NET PROJECT**

The National Safe & Strategic Technology Project educates victims of domestic and sexual violence, their advocates and the general public on strategic ways to use technology to help escape abusive relationships. Safety Net also trains police officers and prosecutors on how to identify and hold stalkers accountable for misusing technology.

### **TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

NNEDV staff work with state domestic violence coalitions to assess program needs and help develop appropriate training and technical assistance plans. NNEDV also provides affordable expert speakers and trainers for conferences, workshops and training institutes.

### **ALLSTATE FOUNDATION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM**

This groundbreaking partnership between The Allstate Foundation and NNEDV works to address the pervasive and destructive barriers that domestic violence poses to the safety and security of women and their families. The program focuses on providing the knowledge and skills that will help victims of domestic violence achieve economic self-sufficiency. As part of this groundbreaking partnership, the Allstate Foundation and NNEDV are piloting an economic empowerment curriculum and have created the Education and Job Training Assistance Fund, which provides small grants to survivors of domestic violence.



**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN CHANGE LIVES**



**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

NNEDV provides technical assistance to state domestic violence coalitions, local domestic violence programs, other nonprofit organizations, and local and state agencies in creating best practices for transitional housing and related services for women fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

**WOMEN OF COLOR LEADERSHIP PROJECT**

NNEDV provides technical assistance to enhance leadership opportunities for women of color, particularly in the areas of program development, management and policy advocacy.

**VAWA IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

NNEDV collaborates with state coalitions to assist states and local communities in implementation of the Violence Against Women Act, and provides state coalitions with the latest information about VAWA programs, policies and legislative changes.

**VOTEPOWER**

Working with domestic violence advocates and election officials across the country, this program tackles the many barriers that keep victims of domestic violence from voting. In addition to voter education and engagement, VotePower helps implement local protocols that allow victims to vote without compromising their safety and confidentiality.



## ABOUT NNEDV

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is working to create a world where violence against women no longer exists.

NNEDV ensures the voices of battered women and their children are heard in the halls of Congress. At the same time, NNEDV works through state domestic violence coalitions to make the world a safer place for women and children in communities across the nation.

Domestic violence is a pervasive problem that requires comprehensive, long-term solutions. Through its programs and initiatives, NNEDV:

- » Keeps policymakers informed about critical issues and emerging needs
- » Provides resources to state and local domestic violence programs
- » Monitors court cases at the state and national level
- » Supports women and children who are fleeing abuse
- » Facilitates collaboration and advocacy at the state and local level

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Visit [www.nnedv.org](http://www.nnedv.org) to learn more about NNEDV and the steps you can take to make a difference. On the website, you will find:

- » More information about NNEDV's programs and partners
- » Details about legislative priorities and legal action
- » Links to state domestic violence coalitions
- » Ways you can get involved – including signing up for action alerts

If you share NNEDV's vision of a world without domestic violence, please consider making a charitable donation to the NNEDV Fund. NNEDV also urges you to provide direct support to a domestic violence program in your community, both as a donor and a volunteer.

*Together, we can end domestic violence.*

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