Greetings Advocates and Allies,

We are pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report for the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In 2013, the organization provided over 2000 requests for technical assistance and 72 training events to domestic violence community. The work that is done in local agencies to provide support, resources and safety for victims and their children is immeasurably important. It has been our honor and privilege to support that work by providing advocates and community members with training and information about best practices and by advocating for laws and policies in our state to enhance protection for survivors and hold abusers accountable.

We strive to make our work reach into all North Carolina communities, and our partnerships are vital to that engagement. Together, we can create a society in which families are safe, communities promote accountability, and our society values peace. Together, we can create a North Carolina in which our children have the hope of a future without family violence.

Please consider making a donation to NCADADV as we work to create social change through the elimination of the institutional, cultural, and individual oppressions that contribute to domestic violence. Consider your gift as your personal commitment to promoting safe families and communities across North Carolina.

Please know that there is no donation too small, every gift will make a difference and of course, all donations are tax deductible. We thank you very much for taking the time to read about our activities and achievements, and we thank you in advance for your support during another year as we walk the pathway towards peace and safety in all of our homes.

Best Wishes,

Dana Mangum
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Enhancing Rural Strategies

The Enhancing Rural Strategies (ERS) project made significant strides in 2013. As the Coordinated Community Response and Sexual Assault Response Teams (CCR/SARTs) progressed through the stages of team development, they reported increased team cohesion, engagement across disciplines, and collaboration among team members outside of team meetings. All teams conducted a service provider assessment which helped to identify strengths and gaps in each community in regards to domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA) response. The results of the assessment helped to inform each team as they worked to develop community-specific goals. CCR/SART Coordinators also reported improvement in partner agencies’ response to DV/SA. In one county, the hospital which currently has no certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE), committed resources to train and certify eight nurses. The teams also made great progress in identifying and inviting local agencies to bring them in greater contact in people of color, the Latino/a community, and/or people who are LGBTQ-identified. The agencies include local chapters of the NAACP, English as a Second Language teachers, tribal agencies and authorities, farm-worker support programs, local Gay-Straight Alliances, mental health providers, substance abuse treatment providers, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans’ Affairs and faith-based organizations. Through providing a framework for team development, training, highly tailored technical assistance, and developing a network of other CCR/SART Coordinators and funding, this project has made significant progress towards a more consistently strong and collaborative response to DV and SA victims and survivors across rural North Carolina.

Child Advocacy and Services Enhancement

The Child Advocacy and Services Enhancement (CASE) project focused on creating a baseline of knowledge of existing services and gaps for children exposed to domestic violence (DV) in North Carolina. To establish the baseline, CASE conducted an environmental scan of services available in the state. The scan included 381 survey respondents and 61 participants in eight focus groups representing multiple sectors such as law enforcement, public health, child protective services, schools, and domestic violence service providers. A report on the findings of the environmental scan is published on NCCADV.org.

In addition, CASE trained and presented relevant information and evidence-based practices to 228 advocates and allied professionals and provided technical assistance to 1,982 persons. The NCCADV webpages dedicated to Children and Domestic Violence and the CASE Project received 500 views. CASE also offers DV service providers access to a nation-wide criminal background check service. More than 20 domestic violence service providers screened 996 persons who are employees, candidates for employment, or volunteers at their agencies.
DELTA FOCUS

Last year was a significant one for the NCCADV DELTA FOCUS project. The creation of a full time Evaluation Specialist position early in the year enabled significant evaluation activities at the project’s inception. The Evaluation Specialist assisted in the creation of a detailed work plan, evaluability assessments of priority strategies, and a draft evaluation plan that will continue to be refined in 2014. In fall 2013, NCCADV conducted stakeholder interviews with all current DELTA Steering Committee (SSC) members. Based on interview feedback, structural and functional changes were made with the SSC to better enable its support of DELTA. Additionally, materials were developed to train SSC members on the social determinants of domestic violence. The SSC has identified neighborhood/community connectedness as a priority social determinant of health in North Carolina. Neighborhood collective efficacy and social cohesion are key components of community connectedness that demonstrate promise as protective factors for multiple forms of violence including domestic violence, particularly in areas with concentrated economic disadvantage. This information will guide DELTA efforts. The project has a statewide interest, as well as focusing on two funded local communities that complete detailed work plans, evaluability assessments, and early drafts of evaluation plans that will be refined in 2014.

Training Institute

Each year, NCCADV offers a calendar of statewide training events to help build the skills and information available for local domestic violence advocates and allied professionals. Training topics are selected by surveying NCCADV’s membership to gather information about training needs, and then training events are distributed throughout the state in an effort to best meet the identified needs. The Advocate’s Institute is a week-long training event which offers an orientation to provide domestic violence services, and addresses the dynamics of domestic violence, advocacy skills, serving diverse communities, and court advocacy. Graduates of the Advocate’s Institute receive a diploma certifying their completion of the course. In addition to the Advocate’s Institute, NCCADV provided 72 statewide trainings on the following topics in 2013:

- Domestic Violence and Children
- Domestic Violence Basics
- Prevention Works Symposium
- Advanced Prevention
- Primary Prevention
- Serving Battered Immigrants
- Advanced Court Advocacy
- Connections: Domestic Violence, Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence Basics for Law Enforcement and Court Personnel

For the upcoming year NCCADV participated in a facilitated visioning session to increase the effectiveness of the statewide Training Institute. During 2014 NCCADV will be adding trainings such as Domestic Violence and Chronic Diseases as well as partnering with Casa de Esperanza to bring trainings on Meaningful Language Access to programs across the state.
Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance is one of the key services offered by NCCADV. Advocates, survivors, allied professionals, and the general public call NCCADV to seek support and find answers to their questions related to domestic violence. NCCADV houses current research, best practices in the field, and relevant publications in our Resource Library. We also serve as a conduit to help programs and people connect with one another to share strategies and challenges that better support our collective work. Technical assistance requests include topics ranging from shelter security to nonprofit management to legal issues for survivors. In 2013, NCCADV responded to over 2000 separate requests for technical assistance.
The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence proposed an ambitious legislative agenda for the North Carolina General Assembly’s 2013 Session and saw a number of successes.

**Notification of BIP Noncompliance**
First of all, House Bill 24 passed, providing for notification to the District Attorney’s office if the abuser fails to complete an abuser treatment program or otherwise does not follow the Court’s orders to comply with the judgment. If the defendant is on probation, his probation officer is notified. This measure should improve the rates of Batterer Intervention Program completion. This bill is effective on December 1, 2013.

**Valid Consent Orders**
A second bill, **House Bill 209**, changed the law as set out in the ruling in Kenton vs. Kenton, which struck down the validity of consent orders where the Court failed to make findings of fact and conclusions of law. Now, thanks to house Bill 209, domestic violence orders entered by consent and agreed to in writing by the parties are enforceable even if the Court does not make specific findings of fact of conclusions of law. This helpful tool to be used to fashion agreements between the parties becomes effective on October 1, 2013.

**Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team**
Mecklenburg County has, for several years, had a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team to examine deaths caused by domestic violence. This has been very helpful for examining domestic violence fatalities. **Senate Bill 302** renewed that original legislation, changing the composition of the review team, as well as authorizing Alamance and Pitt counties to form domestic violence fatality review teams.

**Budget**
**No Cuts to Domestic Violence Programs**
The budget did not cut funding through the Council for Women for the Domestic Violence Center Fund to be distributed to domestic violence programs.

**Displaced Homemaker Program**
The **Displaced Homemaker program** would be eliminated in the second year of the biennium, and the funds from each divorce filing fee (currently $55 to the Displaced Homemaker program and $20 to the DV Center Fund) would be divided for the 2013-2014 fiscal year as follows: $35 to the Displaced Homemaker Fund and $40 for the Domestic Violence Center Fund. At the start of fiscal year 2014-2015 funding for the Displaced Homemaker program would cease and all $75 from each divorce filing fee would be directed to the DV Center. Many thanks to Colleen Kochanek for this information.

**Additional bills were passed:**
**Rule 11 Clarification**
**Senate Bill 409** has made changes to NCGS section 50B-2 to clarify as follows: “In compliance with the federal Violence Against Women Act, no costs or attorneys’ fees shall be assessed for the filing, issuance, registration or service of a protective order or petition for a protective order or witness subpoena, except as provided in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 11.” Rule 11, which has been enacted for many years, is a rule of Civil Procedure that provides for sanctions against those who improperly sign and verify pleadings, motions and other papers and has applied to all civil cases since it was enacted. The act pursuant to Senate Bill 409 becomes effective on October 1, 2013.
Firearm Legislation
This session also saw significant changes in firearm laws. House Bill 937 sets out the new laws regarding firearms and becomes effective on October 1, 2013. This very lengthy bill affects many aspects of firearm usage including the permitting and possession of firearms, and sentencing laws for illegal use.

Some examples are:
- Creation of the status offense of Armed Habitual Felon, where, if convicted of the underlying felony and convicted of being an Armed Habitual Felon, the defendant is sentenced as a Class C felon, unless the underlying felony is Class A, B1 or B2.
- Provides for increased minimum sentences for Class A, B1, B2, C, D or E offenses where a firearm is possessed, used or displayed, or there is a threat of use or display.
- Provides that information on firearms permits issued by Sheriffs is not public record and is confidential although available to law enforcement officers.
- Provides that sales information collected by firearms dealers is not public record and is available to law enforcement officers.
- Changes the restoration process which is used to remove the mental commitment bar to exercising firearm rights.
- Provides for conditions under which a resident employee of an institution of higher learning or a nonpublic post-secondary educational institution may possess a handgun on campus.
- Changes the conditions under which a child under age 12 may possess or have access to a firearm.
Financial Information 2013

### Revenue

- **Grants & Contributions**: $1,634,506
- **Program Service Fees**: $8,348
- **Membership Dues**: $24,210
- **Other Income**: $4,204

*Numbers are unaudited and may be subject to change.*

### Expenses

- **Salaries & Related Exp**: $790,661
- **Contract Labor**: $116,068
- **Occupancy & Parking**: $96,931
- **Travel**: $47,562
- **Lobbying**: $27,200
- **Training Institute**: $21,935
- **Program Expenses**: $123,385
- **Sub-Contracts & Awards**: $435,428
- **Other Expenses**: $39,770

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