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North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hires Carianne Fisher as New Executive Director

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The North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the hiring of the new NCCADV Executive Director, Carianne Fisher. Carianne was thrilled to accept our offer and will join the NCCADV team on November 12, 2019.

The agency started a search process after the departure of Dana Mangum on January 25, 2019. The staff and board formed a search team and together, underwent an intense nationwide search.



Carianne Fisher holds both a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in Women's Issues and a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from Washington University in St. Louis. During graduate school, Carianne's practicum experiences were with the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office – Victim Services Unit and the Kathy J. Weinman Shelter, a domestic violence shelter in St. Louis County. After her first year practicum, she accepted a weekend position at Weinman and continued her work with survivors for another year and a half. After that, Carianne worked with youth who ran away from home, were locked out, and/or were homeless in the St. Louis area for four years before moving to Chicago and eventually moved into an administrative role for the organization. She worked as the Director for the largest private child welfare agency in Illinois for over 10 years. She also served on several statewide committees and on the Board of Child's Play Touring Theatre in Chicago. She later worked as the head of human resources for a nursing home in suburban Chicago during its privatization transition. Before moving to East Texas, Carianne served as the Director of Training for the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center – the largest juvenile detention center in the United States.

In 2015 Carianne accepted the position as the first Executive Director of Therapet, an animal assisted therapy nonprofit whose volunteers take their own specially trained pets to visit shelters, hospitals, prisons, schools, libraries, and other community organizations to motivate, comfort, and inspire people. During her time at Therapet, Carianne lead the organization through a rebranding process that increased Therapet’s visibility in the community, expanded services to two new facilities, doubled the annual operating budget while building the organization’s reserve funds, and grew the volunteer base by almost 60%. Carianne is excited about the opportunity to join the NCCADV Team. “Although my experiences have been diverse, interpersonal and intimate partner violence has touched each and every position I have held,” said Carianne “A recent study conducted by professors at UNC Charlotte found that domestic violence cost the state over half a billion dollars in 2018. Empowering survivors and eliminating domestic violence must be a societal priority. I believe that the programs and services that NCCADV and its members provide can help lead the way.”

“The board is excited that we have found a leader who will nurture a culture of collaboration and connection with our members to continue to advance the movement to end domestic violence in NC,” said Katie Vance, NCCADV Board of Directors Co-Chair. “The board would also like to acknowledge our gratitude to Carolina Alzuru and Agatha Buell Eggers who held interim director roles over the past nine months, and the entire staff for not only keeping the organization going, but growing, during this time of transition.”

“Carianne is a visionary, yet humble leader who will bring passion and determination to serving our members and improving outcomes for survivors across the state. Please join me in welcoming her to our NCCADV team and the movement to end Domestic Violence in North Carolina”–Carolina Alzuru, Interim Executive Director and Director of Statewide Capacity.

Carianne will be at the Membership Meeting and Executive Director Leadership Institute on November 20th and 21st in Durham. She is eager to meet domestic violence service providers and coalition partners. [To register to attend the event click here.](#)

