



CEO Message

As the winter "chill" begins to pass, we extend our warmest greetings to each and every one of you.

The winter season is not only a time for reflection but also a period of renewal—a chance to deepen our connections and fortify our advocacy, given the challenges in funding and service provision that we are experiencing.

In this edition, you will discover a mosaic of resources and updates. We are thrilled to introduce new team members and board members, and provide valuable insights into the ongoing initiatives that propel our mission forward.

We extend our sincere thanks for your continued support and engagement. As we navigate this winter together, let us embrace the warmth of our collective commitment to creating lasting change to end violence in Arizona.

Wishing you a season filled with warmth, hope, and resilience.

Best,
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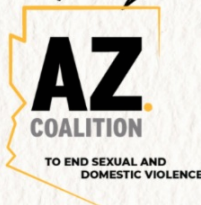
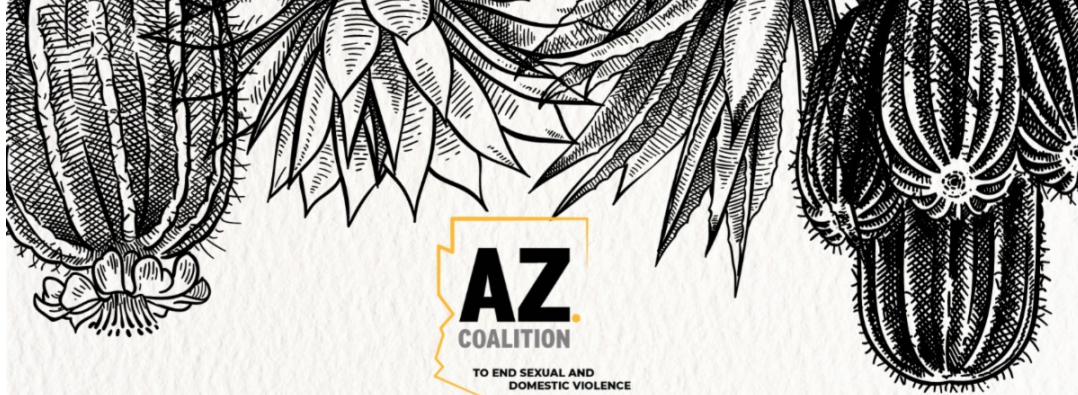
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2024 Learning Conference



SAVE THE DATE

ACESDV's 2024 Learning Conference
"A Future Without Fear"

August 14-15, 2024

Phoenix, AZ

Desert Willow Conference Center



ACESDV is pleased to announce our 2024 Learning Conference *A Future Without Fear* to be held on August 14-15, 2024 at Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

The mission of this conference is to provide participants with a variety of learning opportunities so together we can work towards ending domestic and sexual violence by dismantling oppression and promoting equity among all people.

The conference will feature the following learning tracks:

Cultivating a Culture of Prevention

Beyond Access: Inclusive Strategies for Ending Violence

Beyond the Horizon: Building a Movement of Hope and Healing

Additional details and registration coming soon.

ACESDV Announces Updated Website!



We're thrilled to unveil the refreshed and rebranded ACESDV website www.acesdv.org! This new digital space, designed with our community in mind, offers an enhanced user experience, streamlined navigation, and updated content. The site reflects our ongoing commitment to support survivors and end sexual and domestic violence.

Explore the new features and join us in our mission to create safer communities across Arizona.

Visit us now, and see the change for yourself!

[Visit our Website](#)

Program Updates

Sexual Violence Response Department

ACESDV's Sexual Violence Response Department received funding from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, a subgrantee of OVW-STOP funds, to provide 24 webinars over the course of a year. In general, the SV team provides five 32-hour core trainings each year which include the very basics of advocacy; however, the SV team has utilized our STOP funds to be creative in providing additional needed trainings to advocates.

For example, Carrie Eutizi provided Motivational Interviewing on December 7th, 2023. In this 90-minute Zoom webinar, Carrie discussed the basics and acronyms of Motivational Interviewing (M.I.), including *Open Questions*, *Affirmations*, *Reflective Listening* and *Summarizing* (O.A.R.S.), *Develop Discrepancy*, *Avoid Argumentation*, *Roll with Resistance*, *Express Empathy* and *Support Self-efficacy* (D.A.R.E.S.), and *Resist, Understand, Listen and Empower* (R.U.L.E.). Carrie and the group discussed when it is appropriate to utilize this tool for sexual and domestic violence advocacy, how not to use motivational interviewing, and how to avoid victim-blaming. Webinar participants offered their own insights and were able to practice M.I. live in breakout sessions. One participant shared that because of her session, she now plans to go back to school to get her master's degree.

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Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline

The Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline (ASDVH) is staffed by four

compassionate and experienced Victim Services Specialists. This team provides legal advocacy, safety planning, victim compensation information and assistance, and information regarding Victims' Rights to survivors, victims, their family members, neighbors, colleagues and other non-professionals. While funding is available, requests for financial assistance are also received by ASDVH. Additionally, ASDVH provides legal advocacy specific technical assistance to professionals working on behalf of or at the request of survivors/victims. Contact with the helpline occurs via multiple modes of communication which include phone, email, chat or text.

During this quarter, ASDVH engaged in **1,196** contacts; **590** by phone, **582** by text, chat or email, and **24** technical assistance calls with professionals assisting survivors.

New ACESDV Online Merch Store

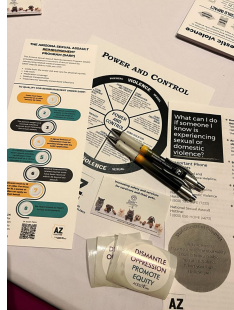


Exciting news for all supporters of the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV)! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our brand new online merch store. This specially curated collection not only lets you wear your support for our cause but also helps us in our mission to end sexual and domestic violence. Each purchase directly contributes to our initiatives, helping to fund vital programs and services. From stylish apparel to meaningful accessories, every item in the store embodies the spirit of advocacy and hope. Show your support and uplift awareness in style! Visit our store today and join us in making a difference with every item you buy.

[Visit our Store](#)

Outreach Events

The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence (ACESDV) has been actively engaging with the community through various outreach events. Our dedicated team has been on the ground, connecting with individuals and spreading awareness throughout Arizona. From informative booths at local events to empowering sessions that educate and inspire, ACESDV is committed to being a pillar of support and resource in our community. Each interaction is a step forward in our mission to dismantle oppression and promote equity, ensuring that everyone has access to safety and support. Keep an eye out for our team at upcoming events as we continue to advocate and provide for survivors across Arizona.



Save the Date for Advocacy Day 2024!



Join us for our Annual Advocacy Day at the Arizona State Capitol!
This event will feature a briefing by the ACESDV staff, followed by an opportunity to meet with your Legislators to advocate on behalf of sexual and domestic violence victims/survivors.

This is your opportunity to have your voice be heard!

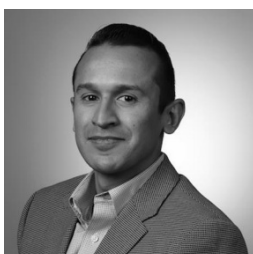
Date: April 9, 2024

Time: 10am - 4pm

Venue: Arizona State Capitol Museum 1700 W Washington, Phoenix AZ 85007 *Lunch will be provided

Further details to come

ACESDV New Board Members



Alejandro Palacios

Alejandro Palacios was formerly a victim advocate at the Office of Victim Services at the Arizona Department of Corrections. Alejandro was the lead advocate of the Victim Offender Dialogue Program. Alejandro facilitated victim initiated, victim centered, and victim driven dialogues within victims/survivors and their offenders. Also, during his tenure he educated victims on their victims' rights; as well, as assisted them to exercise them. Such as

being heard during criminal justice proceedings, in particular providing impact statements and opposing parole of inmates during clemency hearings. Furthermore, Alejandro has worked as a technology safety specialist with the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Providing technical assistance and training on assessing and safety planning around abuse by means of technology. Alejandro also was a trainer with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence from 2013- 2016. Prior to becoming a trainer, Alejandro provided lay legal advocacy services to victim of domestic and sexual violence at the domestic violence shelter where his work in advocacy started back in 2010 as a volunteer in Phoenix, Arizona

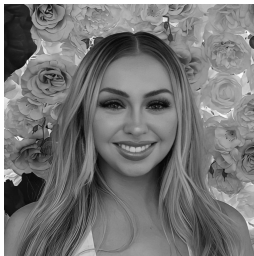


Dr. Tina Jiwatram-Negrón

Dr. Tina Jiwatram-Negrón is an assistant professor in the School of Social Work and faculty of the Office of Gender-Based Violence in the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions at Arizona State University. She is also a Faculty Research Affiliate at the ASU Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center and Global Center for Applied Health Research. Dr. Jiwatram-Negrón's work focuses on examining gender-based violence and the constellation of health and mental health risks associated with GBV among socially and economically marginalized populations,

including women living with HIV and women who misuse substances and/or engage in sex work. In partnership with community-based organizations domestically and internationally, Dr. Jiwatram-Negrón also aims to reduce and eliminate disparities through the co-development of trauma-informed interventions to identify and address GBV and co-occurring risks.

ACESDV New Staff Members



Maggie Anderson

Maggie joined ACESDV in November 2023 as the Office and Outreach Coordinator. She has always been driven by helping others and has over seven years of experience working in nonprofits. Maggie graduated from Central Washington University with a B.A. in Law and Justice and a B.S. in Social Services. Following graduation, Maggie moved from the Pacific Northwest of Washington to the Arizona desert, chasing sunnier skies. In Arizona, she began a career in advocacy at a Victims' Rights law firm.

There, Maggie provided legal advocacy and crisis intervention to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. In 2022, she received her provisional certification through the Arizona Supreme Court to become a Domestic Violence Legal Document Preparer. Maggie was able to provide free services to help survivors file for protective orders, divorce, legal decision-making, and parenting time. She also assisted survivors with obtaining Lifetime No-Contact Injunctions under Kayleigh's Law.

Maggie is passionate about breaking down barriers and increasing healing for all survivors of violence. She is excited to work with ACESDV to help spread education, awareness, and lasting change. Outside of work, Maggie loves watching *The Real Housewives* and curling up on the couch with her rescue Chiweenie, named Mojito.

Celebrating Rose Mary's 20th Anniversary with ACESDV



For the past two decades, Rose Mary has proven to be an exceptional advocate for the Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline at the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. In her role as a Bilingual Victim Services Specialist, Rose Mary consistently goes above and beyond, ensuring that victims and survivors have access to the resources they need.

Currently leading the immigration workgroup, Rose Mary has been a driving force in the advocacy field since the beginning of her career in her hometown of Douglas, Arizona. Her outstanding career spans over 20 years, during which she volunteered at Compañeros a nonprofit agency under the umbrella of the Border Health Foundation. Rose Mary later served as an administrative assistant at Compañeros before becoming the first domestic violence advocate for Douglas and Cochise County through a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant that was awarded to Compañeros in collaboration with the Douglas Police Department.

In 2012, Rose Mary took on the role of staff liaison for the Spanish SHARE Committee, showcasing her commitment to diverse and inclusive advocacy. Her dedication is further highlighted by her work with the Douglas Police Department, and her collaborative work played a pivotal role in establishing the first investigator for domestic violence in the region.

Rose Mary's advocacy extends beyond her professional commitments; she is also a survivor herself. Her close involvement with the residents of the House of Hope, the first Douglas Shelter for domestic violence victims, reflects her deep commitment to supporting others. Notably, Rose Mary was the first in Douglas to submit an application for a resident of the shelter for VAWA self-petition, demonstrating her proactive and pioneering approach to victim support.

Rose Mary is a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, committed partner and an amazing friend. She enjoys spending time with her family and loves listening to music from Marco Antonio Solis.

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