LOOKING FORWARD / 2015

The Office of Violence Against Women awarded us a $350,000 grant to continue the Domestic Violence and Mental Health Collaboration Project. We will be creating more family law-related tools and offering courses in Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction.

Our LGBTQ Access Project toolkit will be published online in 2015 and available to organizations in King County and across the country.

The King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence will have a new name! We will be working with Rusty George Creative to help us envision and design a new look and messaging to reflect the expansion of our mission and scope of work. Stay tuned!

As a COLLECTIVE VOICE against gender-based violence in King County, we help our member organizations not only do their work, but do their work better.
Protected local funding for sexual assault and domestic violence services. With our allies, successfully advocated for over $6 million in increased Seattle funding for human services, including $400,000 for advocacy and counseling for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Supported the successful effort to re-establish the domestic violence unit in the King County Sheriff’s Office.

Contributed significantly to many county and regional systems coordination efforts including committees related to human services, mental health, child maltreatment, and criminal justice systems.

Held a series of “think tank” conversations about ways to integrate sexual assault members and issues into the work of the Coalition.

Held a “critical conversation” on supporting members in doing more prevention work.

Organized the 3rd LGBTQ Access Summit in June bringing together 200+ service providers & advocates for two-days of panels, workshops, and information sharing.

Worked with individual mental health and chemical dependency agencies to improve their domestic violence screening and response practices and formalized relationships with victim advocacy programs.

Held four Membership Meetings attended by 170 members. These meetings provided opportunities for networking, information sharing, coordination and discussion of emerging topics.

Co-convened the regional Domestic Violence Initiative with the King County Prosecutor. Held a regional “Safety Summit” attended by 85 professionals from law enforcement, prosecution, victim and survivor advocacy programs, probation, legal services and other fields.

Issued a report identifying key concerns, as well as provided recommendations for advocates, attorneys, and the court, about ways to improve the process for survivors of domestic violence seeking protection orders.

Produced the first King County Trans’ Resource & Referral Guide. Over 4,000 copies were distributed directly to services providers across the county.

Launched our Family Law Toolkit for Survivors on our website. The Toolkit includes more than a dozen tools which range from coping to resources to information about accessing and understanding protection orders and the family law process.

Delivered a training for 110 advocates, attorneys, and mental health services providers entitled “Collaborating to End Coercive Control: Tipping the scales in favor of domestic violence survivors with mental health concerns.”

Provided cross-disciplinary training for 304 Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault professionals on a variety of topics addressing the intersection of trauma and behavioral health. Additionally, provided 38 one-on-one consultations to professionals.