



ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2013

LEAD

The Coalition provides public policy leadership to promote safe and just communities for all

- As a result of our collaborative advocacy efforts, current state and local funding for Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Assault (SA) services was protected, and we secured an increase of over \$7 million for critical human services, including almost \$300,000 in dedicated funding for housing options, advocacy and immigration assistance for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.
- We represented our member agencies on King County and City of Seattle policy making bodies, including King County's Health and Human Services Transformation Panel, the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee, and Seattle's Domestic Violence Prevention Council.
- We conducted focus groups, interviews and surveys with over 100 service providers, survivors of sexual and domestic violence, and others and summarized our findings in a report about community-based domestic violence and sexual assault service needs in the City of Seattle.
- We worked with immigrant rights organizations to pass an ordinance directing the King County Jail to not enforce ICE detainers for defendants not convicted of crimes. As a result of these efforts, many immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence will feel more confident seeking protection from the criminal legal system.

CONNECT

The Coalition brings together our members to collaborate and get involved with broader social justice efforts

- We facilitated networking, information sharing, and learning via email lists, membership meetings, domestic violence and sexual assault program directors meetings, 'shop talks,' and our Take Action Against Domestic Violence Awards.
- We co-convened the King County Domestic Violence Initiative, bringing together service providers, government officials, civil and criminal legal professionals, and others to make specific improvements to our region's response to domestic violence.
- The 2013 LGBTQ Access Initiative brought together 17 victim service organizations across the county in making a commitment to increase access for LGBTQ people and communities. These "Access" organizations joined the five 3-year "Pace-Setter" organizations in strengthening relationships between providers and amplifying our region's responsiveness to the needs of LGBTQ survivors.

BUILD CAPACITY

The Coalition supports and improves the ability of member programs to provide quality services and to create change

- We provided cross-disciplinary training to 398 Mental Health (MH), Chemical Dependency (CD), Domestic Violence (DV), and Sexual Assault (SA) professionals in King County on a wide variety of topics addressing the intersection of trauma and behavioral health. We additionally provided 47 one-on-one consultations to DV, CD, MH and SA professionals in King County.
- The Domestic Violence and Mental Health Collaboration Project brought together advocates, legal aid staff, mental health service providers and survivors to create innovative guides for our partner agencies. These tools will help survivors with mental health concerns be better able to successfully navigate the challenging family law system.
- We facilitated 4 “Shop Talk” workshops for 93 advocates and other professionals on documentation, children labelled as “sexually aggressive,” domestic violence and chemical dependency, and LGBTQ Family Law Issues for DV advocates.
- The LGBTQ Access Project worked with 200+ providers to increase knowledge and skills in serving LGBTQ survivors through the 2013 LGBTQ Access Summit, organizational and community trainings, collaborative team meetings, and issue-based workgroups.

2013 SNAPSHOT

Our collaborative efforts resulted in an increase of over \$7 million for critical human services, including over \$300,000 in dedicated funding for housing options, advocacy and immigration assistance for survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

We provided over 700 professionals with cross-disciplinary training related to domestic violence and how it intersects with a variety of issue including mental health, chemical dependency, sexual assault, family law, and LGBT communities.

LOOKING FORWARD / 2014

Begin to formally integrate sexual assault into our work by changing our name, mission, and values, expanding our membership, facilitating critical dialogues about the respective approaches and strengths of domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and developing recommendations for future training and capacity building activities.

Gather, compile and share information about sexual and domestic violence prevention efforts currently underway in our region and nationally, and make it available to our members, policy makers, and the community.

Implement the new tools from the Domestic Violence and Mental Health Collaboration Project for advocates, attorneys, mental health service providers, and survivors at our partner agencies and create additional resources for survivors with mental health concerns.

Host the county-wide LGBTQ Access Project Summit on June 12 & 13 to strengthen relationships and referral networks, provide cutting-edge recommendations and tools from the field, and showcase successes and lessons learned from our 3-year demonstration project.



As a COLLECTIVE VOICE against domestic violence in King County, we help our member organizations not only do their work, but do their work better.

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