Helped shape and pass King County’s Best Starts for Kids Initiative, which will generate about $65 million per year to fund prevention and early intervention services.

Co-chaired the King County Domestic Violence Initiative, which focused on the implementation of new laws prohibiting some abusers from possessing firearms.

Provided key leadership to plan for the renewal of the Mental Illness Drug Dependency levy, which provides millions of dollars for behavioral health services, including specialized services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Coordinated the Family Law Work Group, which developed tools to help survivors of domestic violence obtain safety measures through protection orders.

Provided over 650 professionals with cross-disciplinary training and consultations

Trained 217 chemical dependency, domestic violence, mental health and sexual assault professionals on the intersections of trauma and behavioral health.

Provided many direct consultations to advocates and behavioral health professionals in King County.

Held a joint membership meeting with the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, and jointly advocated for improved policies and funding for services.

Participated in the Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Project, which developed updated protocols for advocates, child protection workers, and legal professionals.

Advocated for Seattle gun safety ordinances, and collaborated with the Washington Alliance for Gun Safety on a social media campaign.
Mobilized constituents to help pass a levy which will bring $65 million in new revenue to King County to help fund prevention and early intervention services, including programs focused on domestic and sexual violence prevention.

Equipping members with helpful tools

Created new tools for our Family Law Toolkits, including materials for survivors, advocates, attorneys, and mental health service providers.

Launched our Mindfulness Initiative and our Evaluating & Sharing our Family Law Toolkits Initiative.

Delivered a webinar series for advocates, attorneys, and mental health service providers on understanding the family law system, preparing survivors for family law evaluations, and trauma-informed legal representation.

Created and shared training content on the intersection of domestic violence and suicide with King County suicide intervention training providers.

Held four “Shop Talk” workshops attended by 124 advocates on the family law system in King County, improving service accessibility for LGBTQ survivors, strategies for preventing gender-based violence, and the intersection of domestic and sexual violence.

Held four membership meetings attended by 174 members. Topics included nonconsensual pornography, criminal backgrounds as a barrier to housing, and how to advocate for survivors that are involved with the child welfare system.
Looking forward to 2016

We have expanded our mission to include all forms of gender-based violence and in the immediate future we will be focusing on domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. At the same time, we are also increasing our focus on prevention.

We will be finalizing and sharing a detailed resource and referral guide for domestic violence and sexual assault professionals in King County.

We will be holding forums on engaging communities in responding to and preventing gender-based violence.

We will be sharing The Domestic Violence and Mental Health Collaboration Project's Family Law Toolkits at conferences including the American Bar Associations’ national Equal Justice Conference.

Together we can create safe and just communities where all people thrive.

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