2017 Gratitude Report

Working Together for Gender Equity and Social Justice in King County

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In 2017 we...

Greatly increased the amount of local funding dedicated to supporting services for survivors of gender-based violence in Seattle and King County. The Coalition mobilized members to identify our community’s most pressing needs, contact their elected officials, and testify at budget hearings. As a result of our advocacy, several million dollars annually in the King County Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services levy, and an additional $1.65 million annually in the City of Seattle budget, are earmarked for expanded services for survivors.

With our partners, successfully advocated for policies, procedures, and funding to implement a formal, countywide program that orders and enforces firearms surrender by domestic violence offenders and protection order respondents. Implementation began in July of 2017, and was immediately successful, with over 129 guns surrendered in just five months’ time. This program has garnered national attention.

Mobilized members to advocate on Federal budget and policy issues, including the need for continued funding for gender-based violence survivor services, on healthcare reform, to stand for immigrant rights, and to educate lawmakers about the potential impact of proposed tax cuts on survivors and the non-profit organizations that serve them. Coalition members met with every Representative serving King County, and with staff from one of our Senator’s offices.

With your help, the Coalition IMPROVES FUNDING & PUBLIC POLICY

In 2017 we...

- Trained 432 chemical dependency, domestic violence, mental health and sexual assault professionals on a variety of topics that address the intersection of trauma and behavioral health.

- Directly consulted with 44 domestic violence, chemical dependency, mental health, and sexual assault professionals in King County on best practices in addressing survivor needs and safety.

- Worked with several mental health and chemical dependency agencies to improve their agency-wide domestic violence screening and response practices.

- Convened and facilitated an interdisciplinary group of advocates, attorneys, evaluators, and court personnel to complete the first draft of a Domestic Violence Parenting Impact Assessment for protection order and family law cases.
In 2017 we...

Developed and distributed the Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) Tip Sheet, through the Coalition’s Family Law Work Group. The Tip Sheet provides attorneys and legal advocates with relevant statutes, court rules, and case law to help them represent survivors’ safety and interests in protection order hearings. Already distributed throughout King County, it was recently introduced in Snohomish County, and at the Washington State Gender & Justice Commission.

Developed and released the 2017 King County Trans Resource & Referral Guide, detailing a wide variety of community resources for transgender and gender non-conforming people. The guide is available in both Spanish and English, and can be found online at kctransguide.org. Over 2,000 print guides have been distributed throughout King County. If you'd like a guide, get in touch with us!

Wrapped up the ten-year Domestic Violence & Mental Health Collaboration Project! Activities in 2017 included a community dialogue on the use of mental health assessments in family law cases, and piloting Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction groups to help survivors and advocates cope with trauma. Lastly, our Family Law Toolkits for therapists, attorneys, advocates, and survivors were finalized, translated into both Spanish and Russian, and distributed.

Developed common talking points for members related to allegations of sexual harassment and abuse by prominent public figures, and the resulting #MeToo phenomenon. We were successful in having two op-eds published in the Seattle Times, as well as sending out statements to our members and constituents.

Provided training to 270 advocates and other professionals through quarterly Shop Talks, Membership Meetings, and regional conferences. A few topic highlights include:

- Domestic violence and family law for advocates, attorneys, and judicial officers
- Prevention for Everyone—addressing gender-based violence prevention in a variety of settings
- Transformative Justice—responding to violence outside of the criminal and civil legal system, and strengthening community-based responses
- Hiring & Retaining a Diverse Workforce, through Cultures Connecting

#BelieveSurvivors
Through 2018

With your help, the Coalition is:

- Continuing to host **roundtable conversations about community-based interventions and responses to gender-based violence.**

- **Develop training** for guardians ad litem, private parenting evaluators, Family Court Services social workers, and family law Court Appointed Special Advocates on **how to use the Domestic Violence Parenting Impact Assessment** for protection order and family law cases.

- **Leading formal efforts to coordinate and improve services**, for example, developing a plan for a consolidated domestic violence Helpline, and for coordinating housing services for survivors.

- **Cross-training and consulting** on issues related to the intersection of domestic and sexual violence and behavioral health.

- **Representing our members’ perspectives** on interdisciplinary city and county policy committees.

- **Mobilizing members to identify and advocate** for critical local, state, and Federal legislative and policy issues.

- **Helping the City of Seattle and King County develop allocation plans** for funding successfully advocated for in 2017!

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With endless gratitude to those of you believing in our boundless collective power. Thank You for fueling the Coalition & moving us all towards a world free from gender-based violence.
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Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services
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Broadview Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing Program
Casteel, Williams & Associates
Consejo Counseling & Referral Service
Domestic Abuse Women’s Network
Doors to Change / DV Perpetrators Treatment Agency
Eastside Legal Assistance Program
Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress
H.O.P.E. DV Victims Treatment Agency
Interim CDA
Jennifer Beach Foundation
Jewish Family Service Project DVORA
King County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center
Lamb of God Christian Ministries
LifeWire
Multi-Communities
New Beginnings
Northwest Justice Project
Organization for Prostitution Survivors
Powerful Voices
Proceso Counseling
Refugee Women’s Alliance
Seattle Counseling Service
Seattle Police Department DV Victim Support Team
Seattle Treatment Services - Victim Services
Sexual Violence Legal Services / YWCA
Strategic Living
Survivor Support Network
The Dove Project
The Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse
The Salvation Army DV Programs
Wellspring Family Services DVIP
YWCA of Seattle, King County, & Snohomish County