

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

Serving Women, Men and Children with
Disabilities



2010 ANNUAL REPORT to the Community



A Message from our Executive Director and Board President

Domestic Violence Initiative was founded in 1985, our organization is filled with caring staff, volunteers and interns making a positive difference in the lives of people everyday, by providing respect and encouragement to all recipients of our services.

At DVI, we experience success everyday. Our clients are making strides, great and small, toward living a life free from domestic violence, sexual assault, caregiver abuse with increased safety, independence, and self-sufficiency.

DVI provides individualized and supportive focus on the person's abilities, needs and interests. DVI staff genuinely and passionately care about the clients well-being and their future. Our supportive services are the lifeline to our clients and all assistance in support of this program will ultimately be returned to the community and the clients.

Thank you
Sharon Hickman
DVI Executive Director

Domestic Violence Initiative (DVI) values the individual diversity of all employees, volunteers, clients, and supporters of our program. Differences and distinguishing factors provide experiences, viewpoints, and ideas that can strengthen and enrich our work on behalf of people with disabilities experiencing victimization.

Our goal is to create an evolving environment that is inclusive, and respectful, to clients. We strive to welcome and provide accessible service to all populations of clients in order to accomplish the mission of DVI.

We are grateful for the caring communities and agencies who provide support to DVI's mission. They ensure people with disabilities have access services. WE are proud to provide staff and volunteers who listen with a caring and understanding ear, and provide emotional support specifically for their identified needs.

Thank you,
Gary Johnson
DVI Board President

Are you Aware

People with disabilities are marginalized because they have disabilities and live in poverty. The combination puts them at risk of their conditions worsening if left untreated and homelessness when unable to live on fixed, low incomes. Access to services and resources helps decrease the suffering by improving the well being of impoverished people with disabilities.

A study by the National Organization on Disability in 2010 shows people with disabilities are three times more likely to live in poverty and have an annual household income below \$15,000 (26 percent versus 9 percent). Additionally, people with disabilities are twice as likely to have inadequate transportation (31 percent versus 13 percent), and a much higher percentage go without needed health care (18 percent versus 7 percent). The number is probably much higher for disabled women who are victims/survivors of domestic violence.

When a woman with few resources leaves an abusive relationship, she and her children often have nowhere to go. Of the 28 shelters in the state of Colorado, only one has more than one room designated as a “handicapped” room. When those beds are filled, women with mobility disabilities may not be accommodated. Even if she’s fortunate enough to find shelter (the 2009 DAAP Annual Report states that 10,270 people were turned away from shelters in Colorado due to lack of capacity, a 16% increase from 2008) there’s still a need for immediate support in her emergency or crisis situation.

Providing domestic violence advocacy on behalf of victims with disabilities usually requires more time in shelters, reasonable accommodations pertaining to specific disabilities and more outside resources to augment successful exit from the shelter and the domestic violence situation. Most women with disabilities do not reach out to law enforcement, do not admit to being victimized, and do not recognize victimization in the scheme of their survival. These same women do not trust established systems for fear these agencies will try to take away their children from them or they will end

Domestic Violence Initiative Programs and Services

MISSION

(DVI) is a non-profit agency dedicated to the survival and safety of Colorado's women with disabilities and their children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, caregiver abuse and other crimes. Through comprehensive case management, client advocacy and collaborative community outreach, DVI provides crime victims with disabilities and their children with empowering tools for self-sufficiency that

Services, available , include:

- Individual Counseling and Advocacy
- Safety Planning
- Information and Referrals to Community Resources
- Court Accompaniment

Community Education Program

DVI staff provides educational presentations and trainings

- Domestic Violence
- Abuse and People with Disabilities experiencing victimizations
- Caregiver abuse
- Safety planning for people with disabilities.

Volunteer Program

What to expect if you call our program

A caring listening ear. DVI has people who can listen and help you sort out options.

Management and Governance

2010 Board of Directors

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2010 Staff, Volunteers and Interns

Sharon Hickman, MA

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Mary Pollock, BA

Jennifer Wallin

Founder/Executive Director

Coordinator of Client Services

Outreach Coordinator/Victim Advocate

Financial Manager

Lori Powers

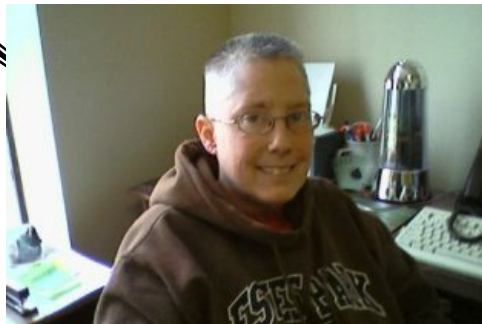
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Volunteer Victim Advocate

Volunteer Victim Advocate

Intern Victim Advocate



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100% giving by DVI Staff and Board of Directors

Foundations & Victim Service Grants:

- 1st Judicial District VALE Board
- 2nd Judicial District VALE Board
- 17th Judicial District VALE Board
- 18th Judicial District VALE Board
- VOCA (Victims of Crime Act)
- VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)
- Anschutz Foundation
- Capital Hill United Ministries
- Coors Foundation
- COLTAF Foundation
- Community Shares of Colorado
- Denver Foundation
- Jared Polis Foundation/Community Computer Connections
- Johnson Foundation
- Schramm Family Foundation
- Wells Fargo

AUDITED FINANCIALS

for year ending December 31, 2010

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 26,704
Contributions receivable	\$ 12,286
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ 1,000
Net Property and equipment,	\$ 8,114

Total Assets \$ 51,903

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,440
Capital lease payable	\$ 7,904

Total Liabilities \$ 10,342

Net Assets

Total unrestricted net assets	\$ 37,762
Temporarily restricted	\$ 3,799
Total net assets	\$ 41,561

Total liabilities and net assets \$ 51,093

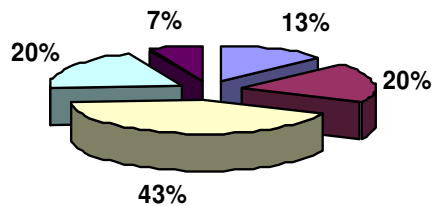
Program Statistics

In 2010 DVI provided 364 women and 351 children with counseling advocacy, food, basic necessities and support services, an increase of nearly 50% over 2009.

Professional staff and highly trained volunteers provided emotional support, crisis intervention, safety planning and information and resource referrals for 2856 victims and service agency calls into our phone lines.

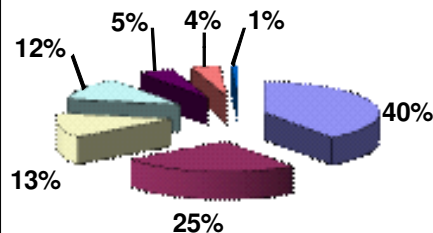
7 Community Education presentations were given to 76 community agencies and staff members.

% Clients by County



■ Adams ■ Arapahoe ■ Denver ■ Jefferson ■ Other

Ethnic Breakdown



■ Caucasian
■ African American
■ Latina
■ Other
■ Multi-Racial
■ Native American
■ Asian American