

NCADV Legislative Update

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Immigration Bill Threatens Domestic Violence Victims

Participate in the Domestic Violence National Census

CRISIS in America's Family Courts: The Battered Mothers - Custody Abuse Awareness Event

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From Our Main Office in Denver, Colorado

The 2nd annual NCADV Domestic Violence Awareness Month Reception will be held September 28. This year's event will bring 400 domestic violence advocates, survivors and corporate partners to the Walnut Foundry in Downtown Denver. For more information, visit www.ncadv.org.

Check Out the NEW NCADV Fact Sheets

[Abuse in Later Life](#)

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• APPROPRIATIONS

Use the upcoming elections to advocate for full funding for VAWA and FVPSA programs!

With midterm elections this November, Members of Congress will be back back home talking to constituents, attending town hall meetings, and hosting community events. Use this opportunity to reach out to your elected officials about the importance of funding domestic violence and sexual assault services. Provide your Members of Congress with statistics and other information about your program and how increased funding would impact your community.

Do not forget to invite your elected officials to your Domestic Violence Awareness Month events in October! For sample congressional invites and DVAM ideas, check out the [NCADV Legislative Action Guide](#).

Contact your Members' district offices to get a schedule of events or to invite your Members to your event. You can find your Member's information at www.congress.org, www.senate.gov, or www.house.gov.

• Immigration Bill Threatens Domestic Violence Victims

This week, the House introduced [HR 6095](#), the Immigration Law Enforcement Act. Title 1 of this bill, the State and Local Law Enforcement Cooperation In the Enforcement of Immigration Law Act, is a version of the already defeated CLEAR Act. (note the bill name and numbers has changed since the NCADV Action Alert was issued on September 20)

This proposal would allow the country's over 600,000 state and local law enforcement officials to enforce immigration law. Deputizing local law officials to enforce immigration laws and detain undocumented victims needing police assistance will deter victims from calling the police for help out of fear of deportation. For more information, access NCADV's Immigration Action Alert [Here](#).

Address Confidentiality Programs

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and state specific fact
sheets.

- **Participate in the Domestic Violence National Census**

The [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#) (NNEDV) is partnering with State Coalitions and local domestic violence programs to conduct a 24 hour snapshot of domestic violence services across the country called Domestic Violence Counts. The

- **New Family Justice Center Book Available NOW!**

Casey Gwinn, former San Diego City Attorney, and Gael Strack, JD, director of the [San Diego Family Justice Center](#), have co-authored a new book, "Hope for Hurting Families: Creating Family Justice Centers Across America".

The book celebrates the founding of the largest Family Justice Center (FJC) in America and describes how the ground-breaking approach of a "one stop shop" helps meet the needs of domestic violence victims and their children. A series of quotes from survivors, their children, and individuals who have worked at the FJC illustrates the favorable nationwide reaction to the FJC model. The book encourages readers throughout the country to consider adopting the model in their community. To order a copy for \$26.95 plus shipping & handling, click [here for Volcano Press](#).

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