

**The Partnership Wants to Hear from You!**

*How do we advance social justice?*

*What is needed to get at the root causes of DV & interconnected forms of oppression?*

*What do our allies in other movements need from our DV community?*

**Tell us your policy ideas!**

Members of the Partnership have always played an integral role in ensuring our policy work meets the needs of survivors, families, programs & communities across the state.   
We invite our Members to submit emerging policy issues for consideration as we plan for the 2018 legislative year. We will work with our Members and Regional Policy Reps to analyze these proposals and make strategic decisions about which ideas to share and advance through various avenues. These proposals will be considered alongside those priorities already identified by the Partnership.

Centering the voices, experiences & needs of historically marginalized populations, the Partnership is working collaboratively alongside allies engaged in social change. In 2018, our policy agenda will continue to employ both legislative advocacy, as well as systems change advocacy promoting administrative & institutional reforms for more effective & sustainable solutions.

We are focusing on the following key human rights issue areas:

* Economic Justice
* Alternatives to the Criminal Legal System
* Immigration
* Prevention

This is your chance to tell us how you see these issues impacting families in your community & offer your creative policy solutions.   
Below you’ll find a description of these topic areas along with several examples illustrating policy advocacy work we’ll be focusing on in each domain.   
Reflect on the current status of these issues in your community, and use the template to describe your proposed legislative & systems change solutions.

**Completed forms should be submitted by Friday, August 25th to our Policy Team at** [**policy@cpedv.org**](mailto:policy@cpedv.org) **and cc your Regional Policy Rep – you can find their information** [**here**](https://cpedv.memberclicks.net/assets/policy_reps_07.18.17.pdf)**.**

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| **The Partnership’s Established Policy Focus Areas** | | | | | | | | |
| **Policy Topic:** | **Economic Justice** | | **Alternatives to the  Criminal Legal System** | | **Immigration** | | **Prevention** | |
| **Description:** | *Survivors & families experiencing DV need the economic security provided by a solid financial foundation.*  *Many survivors & advocates consistently identify housing as a critical component of economic justice, long-term safety & stability. California’s lack of affordable housing & the challenges DV programs experience in accessing housing resources present significant barriers.* | | *The DV movement has long-focused on reforming the criminal legal system to increase survivor safety & promote accountability for those who harm. Many important victim protections & perpetrator sanctions have been established ~ and at the same time ~ we know the criminal legal system does not serve all communities well. We seek to promote a range of solutions pertaining to survivor safety, as well as community accountability & effective rehabilitation with people who commit harm.* | | *Immigrant survivors often face increased barriers to seeking services and safety from violence. Abusers often use the victim’s immigration status as a tactic of control and abuse – threatening to report them to immigration and have them deported. Immigrant survivors are also experiencing the increased fear and uncertainty as a result of changing federal immigration policy and increased immigration enforcement.* | | *To ultimately create a world where Individuals and communities are free from violence, we must continue to prioritize prevention efforts. Integral to this effort is building support, visibility and momentum for prevention across social justice movements. A lack of funding and prioritization of prevention has limited our ability to create significant change.* | |
| **Examples of  policy advocacy goals the Partnership may support when there is a clear nexus  with DV:** | * Ensuring availability of the public safety net, welfare & related benefits * Promoting fair pay, wage equality & economic security measures * Protecting & expanding paid family leave and ensuring all Californians have access to health care * Increasing programs’ access to HUD & other funding which support a range of housing approaches * Advocating for policy reforms to improve housing & funding regulations * Addressing homelessness by promoting affordable housing & tenant protections | | * Examining the effectiveness of BIPs in addressing needs & reducing recidivism * Assessing impact of re-alignment & Prop 47on issues related to DV * Curbing detentions & deportations * Extending sunset date for habeas relief & other remedies for incarcerated survivors * Advocating for policies which promote a range of community-based approaches to safety, accountability & restorative justice | | * Protecting the rights of immigrant workers * Advocating to sustain/grow Sanctuary Cities * Advocating for policies that promote safety for immigrant survivors | | * Creating change within school communities through policies that support healthy relationships and help prevent adolescent dating abuse * Advocating for student instruction on warning signs of dating abuse * Advocating for prevention funding at the state level | |
| **Through continued coalition-building with related social justice advocacy groups:** | * Western Ctr on Law & Poverty * CA Work & Family Coalition * Nat’l Alliance for Safe Housing * Housing CA | | * Californians for Safety & Justice * CA Coalition for Women Prisoners * Survived and Punished | | * CA Immigrant Policy Center * ICE Out of California Coalition * ACLU of Nor CA * Asian Americans Advancing Justice | | * CA School Based Health Alliance * CALCASA * Alliance of Boys & Men of Color * CA Adolescent Health Collaborative | |
| **Your Recommended Policy Solutions:** | | | | | | | | |
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| **Needs & Current Situation in Your Community:** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **Details of Your Proposed Policy Solution:** | |  | |  | |  | |  |
| **Brief Title of  Your Proposal:** | |  | |  | |  | |  |

**Don’t Forget:**

Your Name:       Organization:       Email Address:       Region:

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