



# NNEDV Coalition Connection

2022 2nd Quarter Updates

## GREETINGS FROM NNEDV PRESIDENT AND CEO DEBORAH J. VAGINS

Since our last Coalition Connection, we have been confronted with a series of devastating events impacting our work, from the US Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, to the mass shootings in Uvalde, Buffalo, Dallas, Laguna Woods, and Tulsa.

All misogyny, racism, and systemic violence is connected and impacts our work to end domestic violence. We are deeply committed to working within and across movements to uplift the voices of those most marginalized until everyone can safely live without fear.

The team at NNEDV is working every single day to drive change to meet our mission to create a social, political, and economic environment in which domestic violence no longer exists. I am so impressed and grateful for everything we have accomplished during the last quarter.

In May, NNEDV held a successful virtual Congressional Briefing, highlighting the findings in the 16th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report. You can watch the briefing [here](#) and read the report [here](#).

In June, we were thrilled to have many of you join us for our virtual Advocacy Days, with more than 100 people representing 37 states. Thank you for advocating for reauthorization of FVPSA and for increased appropriations for critical DV/SA programs.

Recently, we were pleased to see the President sign the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, partially closing the dating partner loophole. This is a testament to the advocacy of all of you who have been working so long to close the dangerous loophole in the law. We will continue to work for more protections.

With everything that has happened over the past few months, the NNEDV team continues to move forward with hope, knowing together we continue to make a difference.

With gratitude,  
Deb

## RESOURCE BANK

- ★ [16<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report](#)
- ★ [FY23 Appropriations Factsheet](#)
- ★ [Family Violence Prevention & Services Act \(FVPSA\) Factsheet](#)
- ★ [Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Factsheet](#)
- ★ [Economic Justice and Domestic Violence Advisory Council Recommendations](#)
- ★ [Webinar: Social Determinants of Health's Impact on Marginalized Communities](#)
- ★ [WomensLaw.org](#)
- ★ [Expanding the Continuum Podcast](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Counts Survey Day
  - September 7, 2022
- ★ Domestic Violence Awareness Month
  - October 2022
  - [Click here](#) for social media toolkit
- ★ NNEDV Annual Meeting and Coalition Leadership Summit
  - December 6-8, 2022

*A save the date for the next Domestic Violence Counts Survey Day, taking place on Wednesday, September 7.*

# Save the Date!

17th Annual #DVCounts Survey Day

**September 7, 2022**



## PUBLIC POLICY

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The Policy team continues to coordinate with national allies and state and territory coalitions on **a national appropriations strategy** to secure increased funding for local programs in the federal Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 23) budget. In April, we facilitated a virtual event to help coalitions finalize their appropriations requests to Congress. Together, you all sent hundreds of letters to your Congressional delegations. Following the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization in March, the policy team has turned its focus to reauthorizing and enhancing the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA).

In June, we held our Advocacy Days conference, which brought together more than 100 coalition members, local advocates, and survivors. Thank you for participating. Your voice makes a difference.



*During Advocacy Days programs we talked with Members of Congress about FVPSA reauthorization. FVPSA, which expired in 2015, must be reauthorized with key enhancements to meet survivors' growing needs.*

## COALITION/CAPACITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CTA)

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The CTA team continues to hold regular **COVID-19 meetings** for the FVPSA administrators and the coalition community; sent multiple editions of the **Coalition Digest** to the field; and continued to convene regular **regional and peer-to-peer meetings** for coalition staff and leadership.

During this period, CTA for the first time

created a monthly zoom for coalition staff to discuss communications and development ideas, plans, and resources.

We continued to host the **People of Color (POC) advocate call**, where domestic violence coalition staff who identify as people of color can convene to discuss matters related and unrelated to the field and how these issues affect them. We worked with the Indigenous People's Toolkit Work Group to finalize a toolkit resource to assist FVPSA state administrators and coalitions in working with Tribes, Tribal Coalitions, and Native/Indigenous organizations, partners, and communities.

## COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS (CAHS)

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CAHS continues to host **monthly DV Coalition Housing calls** with subcommittees meeting four times per month. Our peer-to-peer strategy helps disseminate best practices and innovations, informs NNEDV's work and priorities, and increases access to direct housing assistance for survivors.

We presented about housing policy at a number of **events** hosted by Housing Up; My Pet is my Home; The People Concern; the National Human Service Data Consortium (with culturally specific partner Daya Houston and national TA provider Collaborative Solutions); and the Housing First Partners Conference (with the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the Safe Housing Alliance).

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (THOUSING)

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In partnership with the Resource Sharing Project (RSP), we drafted and distributed an **e-Update blog** on grief and healing. We also partnered with Lesly Orloff from the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (NIWAP); we hosted a **webinar and Q&A session** on "Serving Immigrant Survivors Best Practices: Part 1-Transitional Housing and Other Services Necessary to Protect Life and Safety."

We continue to add resources to the e-learning space on [LearnDash](#). We partnered

with Alisha Aiken from the Confidentiality Institute to develop **e-learning modules** about "Considerations for Confidentiality and Privacy for Working with Survivors in OVW Transitional Housing."

## ECONOMIC JUSTICE (EJ)

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We provided webinars and trainings for a number of organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Center for Taxpayer Rights, Jewish Women International, NOVA, and the Connecticut, Kansas, New York, and Ohio coalitions.

During this period, we made the entire Moving Ahead Training-Of-Trainers Curriculum available to all advocates via [LearnDash](#), NNEDV's virtual training platform.

Since 2017, 710 borrowers have completed their Independence Project loans, with an average credit score increase of 38 points and average credit score upon completion of 644. In partnership with Violence Free Minnesota, nine Minnesota survivors have received their \$1,000 **Next Step Loan**, and one survivor has received their \$500 Next Step Loan.



*A quote from a survivor participating in the Independence project*

## POSITIVELY SAFE

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Positively Safe conducted **six web-based trainings** and one **in-person training**, reaching over 209 domestic violence and HIV advocates, and hosted an in-person exhibit booth for the **National Latinx Conference on HIV/HCV/SUD**, reaching 90 people.

We were thrilled to have been selected to present and host a booth at the [National](#)

## [Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS](#) in New Orleans.

In partnership with Futures Without Violence, we continue to develop content for our podcast, [Expanding the Continuum](#). We are in the process of recording multiple episodes for release by the fall. Future episodes will discuss trauma-informed care, strength-based advocacy, harm reduction, and Ryan White Part D.

## SAFETY NET

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Safety Net continues to support the [Tech Safety App](#) and [DocuSAFE app](#). We continue to connect with sister projects and programs internationally to support ongoing technology safety work and exchange lessons learned.

We provided 12 **trainings** to 1,280 advocates, legal professionals, technologists, and others. We continue to provide **technical assistance** on confidentiality, tech misuse, tech safety, privacy, digital services, stalkerware, and other related topics to national, state, and local advocates, legal professional, and victim service providers.

## WOMENSLAW

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WomensLaw continued responding to hundreds of [Email Hotline](#) inquiries, and updating [WomensLaw.org](#). During this period, WomensLaw helped 862 people through the Email Hotline.

Check out the [What's New on WomensLaw.org page](#) to see all WomensLaw.org updates based on changing laws and statutes.