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Working to End Domestic and Sexual Violence



The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

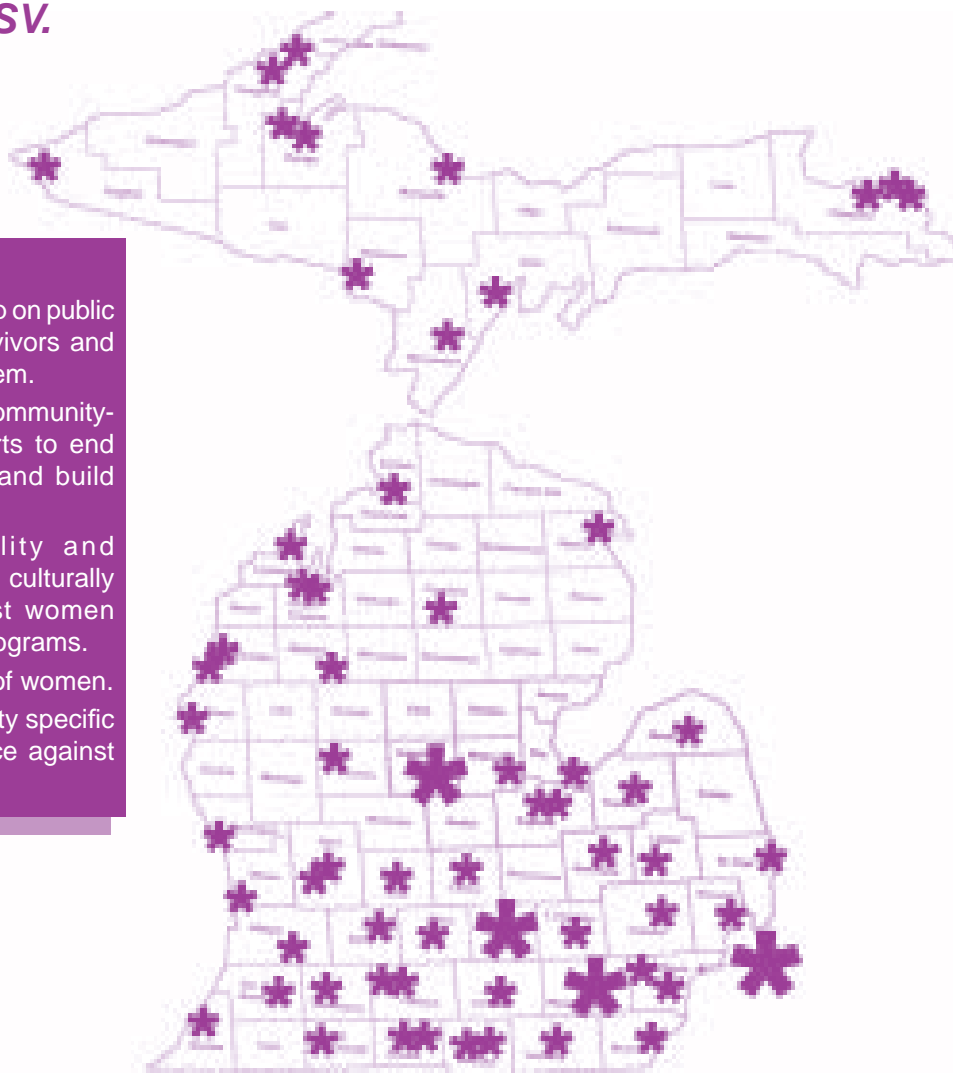
The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) is a statewide membership organization whose members represent a network of over 70 domestic and sexual violence programs and over 200 allied organizations and individuals. Since 1978, we have provided leadership as the statewide voice for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and the programs that serve them.

MCADSV is dedicated to the empowerment of all the state's survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Our mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

Over seventy community based social change and service provider programs throughout Michigan benefit from the leadership and services of MCADSV.

OUR GOALS

- Provide statewide leadership on public policy issues affecting survivors and the programs that serve them.
- Promote comprehensive, community-based social change efforts to end violence against women and build peaceful communities.
- Promote the availability and accessibility of high quality, culturally relevant, violence against women services and prevention programs.
- Encourage the leadership of women.
- Build capacity for community specific solutions to ending violence against women.



Member program services and activities include:

- Comprehensive, community-based, social change efforts to end violence against women
- 24-hour crisis intervention hotlines
- Counseling and support groups
- Outreach and public education
- Legal advocacy/court accompaniment
- Forensic nurse examiner programs
- Emergency shelter
- Children's programming

In 2007, the MCADSV statewide network of programs provided emergency shelter services and/or crisis counseling to 63,857 survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence, and responded to 104,664 crisis calls from individuals seeking support.

Our vision is to be a catalyst for creating empowered, transformed individuals, partnerships, communities and societies committed to respectful collaborative processes that promote a lasting legacy of equality, peace and social justice!

Vision Statement of the 15 State DELTA Collaborative Between State Coalitions and the Division of Violence Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



MCADSV's Building the Safety Net Project

MCADSV announced the inception of the Building the Safety Net Project, a three year technical assistance and capacity building program for a growing network of domestic violence service providers serving survivors in Detroit and surrounding areas. The Building the Safety Net Project was made possible through the generous support of the McGregor Fund and Michigan State Housing and Development Authority. The Building the Safety Net Project aims to strengthen community-based efforts to build and sustain lasting solutions to the daunting need for domestic violence services in Detroit. Paula Callen was appointed Project Director, managing the Project through the MCADSV satellite office in the Samaritan Center in Detroit. Program partners participating in the collaboration include the Detroit-based programs YWCA Interim House, Serenity Services, Looking for My Sister, La VIDA, ACCESS and New Visions based in Ann Arbor.

LGBTQI Needs Assessment Project

MCADSV obtained a seed grant from the Michigan State University Violence Against Women Initiative to launch a needs assessment project aimed at measuring the gaps and barriers survivors from the LGBTQI communities face when reaching out for help. This assessment process is the first step in a larger, more comprehensive project sponsored by the MCADSV LBG & Allies Task Force. Building on this effort, in 2008 project leaders look forward to finalizing a partnership with the Arcus Foundation. Partners from the domestic and sexual violence service provider community will benefit from an extensive training and technical assistance program to assist them in their efforts to become inclusive of LGBTQI individuals.

Training on Hip-Hop and Violence Against Women

Negative images of communities of color and women continue to be mainstays in all forms of media including music. Gangster Rap, a sub-genre of Hip-Hop, perpetuates myths and stereotypes that are detrimental particularly to Black communities. The MCADSV Women of Color Task Force took on the issue by hosting a critical dialogue on the topic with advocates from across the state titled Hip-Hop and You Don't Stop: An Exploration of "Gangster Rap" and The Movement to End Violence Against Women. The workshop was held April 6, 2007 in Okemos and addressed some of the elements and history of Hip-Hop using the film, Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats & Rhymes by Director Byron Hurt. Co-facilitated by Women of Color Task Force steering committee member Kalimah Johnson and MCADSV staff Chéree Thomas, the workshop was a coordinated effort to explore the genre and the messages that often spew misogyny and homophobia and perpetuates violence toward women and children of color. The co-facilitators assert that the messages put forth by Gangster Rappers may not necessarily represent the views of those artists. The messages of racism, sexism and homophobia are a direct reflection of those who control the music industry and profit from promoting stereotypical images of African American women and men. The use of their privilege allows producers and industry moguls to send messages of hatred to marginalized communities without repercussion. Immediately following the workshop several Task Force members attended the Hip-Hop Summit scheduled in Detroit on April 14, 2007 to make their presence known and call for an end to the destructive images of women of color in Hip-Hop and Gangster Rap.

New Initiatives



Building the Safety Net Partner Meeting



Institute on Domestic Violence in African American Community Conference



Courage and Action: The Survivors' Giving Circle

The Survivors' Giving Circle, an economic justice program made possible by the Allstate Foundation and the John and Faith Knight Foundation blossomed 2007. The program became firmly established in local communities as an essential resource for survivors facing economic barriers to safety and justice. In addition, the leadership potential of the survivors participating grew exponentially with several opportunities for them to share their stories with key policy makers at the state and national level.

MCADSV Brings the Voice of Survivors to Washington D.C.

The Voices of Courage and Action Project brought several of the Giving Circle members to Washington D.C. to share their stories with members of Congress. The Michigan Congressional delegation was given the opportunity to listen to these amazing and powerful women as they shared their stories of courage and survival. Giving Circle members shared the individual challenges they met on the road to safety and justice. Barriers identified included housing, transportation, lack of access to attorneys, the fear of uprooting children, perpetrators owning firearms, any other deadly barriers. Survivors were also able to share how crucial the services they received from domestic violence advocates and programs. Of the many highlights, a personal tour of the Capitol was very memorable.

MCADSV Policy Team in Action

It was a busy and active year of advocacy on behalf of survivors in Michigan by the MCADSV Policy team. Led by Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV Executive Policy Director, victories in the policy arena included securing desperately needed funding to support services for survivors.

MCADSV Brings the Voice of Survivors to Coalition for Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund

MCADSV joins the Coalition for Michigan's Housing and Community Development Fund, a new coalition of 30 community development groups, community action agencies as well as Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), Habitat for Humanity of Michigan and others. The coalition supports the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund which received its first allocation by the legislature of \$2.2 million. MCADSV brought the voice of survivors to this important economic justice initiative. The MCADSV Survivor Giving Circle members participated in Advocacy Day in May 2007, bringing their stories of economic hardship to the Capitol. Finding affordable and supportive housing is a critical first step in building options for survivors of domestic and sexual violence on their path to safety and justice. In addition, housing is instrumental to Michigan's economic future. Increased funding for affordable housing and for sustaining neighborhoods in the state's more distressed areas is essential for Michigan's revitalization.

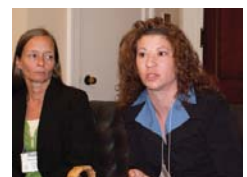
*Voices of Courage and Action:
Advancing MCADSV Public Policy through the Survivor Giving Circle*



Survivor Giving Circle
Greeting National
Spokeswoman for
Allstate Economic
Justice Project
Barbara Stanny



Survivor Giving Circle
Tour Nation's Capitol



Survivor Giving Circle
Members Sharing
Their Stories

Continued Collaboration to Further Housing Options for Survivors

MCADSV continued its ongoing work with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), Office of Supportive Housing and Homeless Initiatives to advance the housing needs of survivors of domestic violence and their children through its Domestic Violence Housing Initiative. MSHDA allocated another four million dollars in 2007 targeted to the development of permanent supportive housing for victims of domestic violence who are homeless. For this initiative, MSHDA has partnered with MCADSV, Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) and Department of Human Services (DHS). This initiative is intended to build upon the strength of existing local partnerships in order to create permanent housing solutions for victims of domestic violence who are homeless.



Apple Blossom Award Recipient Honored

The MCADSV Apple Blossom Award was presented to Vickie Frederick-Toure, Program Services Director for SAFE House Center in Ann Arbor. The Apple Blossom Award honors domestic violence and sexual assault advocates who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to end domestic and sexual violence against women in Michigan, with a particular emphasis on statewide impact and advancing the mission of MCADSV. Vickie has been employed since 1995 at SAFE House Center. She previously served as the Family First Supervisor during which time she provided intensive, direct home-based prevention services to multi-problem families coming to the shelter. "I have had the honor to work with Ms. Frederick-Toure in a variety of capacities both in Washtenaw County, and on a statewide basis. We worked as co-chairs for the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Women of Color Task Force. We served in this leadership capacity for five years, and worked to build the capacity of the Women of Color Task Force and develop leadership from within to take over the reins in 2002," says Denise Diggs-Taylor. Vickie is a quiet, compassionate leader and her commitment to children and families living with domestic violence is unwavering. As a current trainer for the MCADSV New Service Provider Training, she shares her wisdom and experience with many new workers in the field.

2007 Harmony Award Recipients

The Harmony Award was presented by the MCADSV Women of Color Task Force to honor and recognize two outstanding women who have achieved tremendous leadership capacity not only among their peers but within their organization. The 2007 Harmony honors were presented to Cathy Brown and Migdalia Goralewicz. These two exceptional women were recognized by their colleagues as women who give unselfishly to this movement. Cathy Brown of Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services in Three Rivers and Migdalia Goralewicz of Every Woman's Place in Muskegon have been doing this work for a combined total of over 20 years.

Inaugural Seedling Award

The MCADSV Children's Task Force was proud to announce Ms. Adrienne Gasperoni as the recipient of the first annual Seedling Award. The award was developed to honor professional staff at domestic violence and sexual assault service provider agencies who have demonstrated outstanding children's advocacy within their agency and/or community by "cultivating and nurturing the voice of children." The award acknowledges the unique and special role children's advocates play in the healing of individuals and families that have experienced domestic and sexual violence. Adrienne is currently the Director of Youth and Family Programs at Turning Point, Inc. in Mt. Clemens.



Survivor Giving Circle
on Capitol Steps for
Housing Trust Fund



Survivor Giving Circle at Capitol

Apple Blossom Award Winner Vickie Frederick-Toure is pictured with Jackie Burse, Mary Keefe and Kathy Hagenian



DELTA Project

DThe MCADSV Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances (DELTA) project successfully completed its fifth year of CDC funding for this groundbreaking national demonstration program on prevention. This project enables MCADSV and 13 other states to provide training, technical assistance and funding to four local communities to support their primary prevention initiatives. These four communities are: the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (Dearborn), the Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (Ottawa County), LA VIDA/Southwest Detroit Partnership to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence Against Latina Women, and New Visions: Alliance to End Violence in Asian/Asian American Communities (Ann Arbor).

Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence

MCADSV continues to support the implementation of primary prevention activities in local communities and across the state of Michigan through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Community Health. Primary prevention is the prevention of first time perpetration or first time victimization. MCADSV staff participated in national and regional trainings and meetings and contributed to individual and organizational capacity building for member agencies. To support this capacity building staff facilitated a number of primary prevention training and technical assistance opportunities to MCADSV members and community partners, including: Program Planning and Logic Model Development, Conducting Needs Assessments, Engaging Diverse Communities in Preventing Violence Against Women, and Incorporating Prevention Into Our Daily Lives.

Beyond Taking a Stand

The Beyond Taking a Stand initiative incorporates an important commitment to increasing the visibility and the role of men in the work to end violence against women and children. This initiative asks men to move beyond “taking a stand” and into taking action against violence against women. In addition, MCADSV and the Batterers Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan co-hosted a keynote presentation by Ted Bunch of A Call to Men. The mission of A Call to Men is to develop a national movement of men committed to ending violence against women by working together to challenge the social norms that support sexism and violence in our communities. Through opportunities and efforts like these, MCADSV is working to support local and statewide organizing, building on successes in local communities who have hosted similar trainings and presentations while encouraging other communities to launch men as allies campaigns.

MCADSV Vision for Prevention in Michigan:

Every community in Michigan will be intolerant of acts of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse against women.

DELTA Partner LAVIDA Art Show



DELTA Partner LAVIDA Art Show Collages

Good Questions on Healthy Relationships at DELTA Partner New Visions Teen Theatre



Skill Building Training Programs

MCADSV provides comprehensive issue-based training and technical assistance to advocates, allied professionals, and local and state organizations to improve the delivery of services to domestic and sexual violence survivors. During 2007, 649 individuals received training through the following professional training opportunities: New Service Provider Training, Leadership Institute, Professional Development Institute, Women of Color Institute, Building on the Basics, as well as Advocacy Works and Conflict Management that were created in response to the needs of service providers. The Advocacy Works training was designed under the premise that advocacy is the heart and foundation of our work. A commitment to using our organizational power to make sure survivors get what they need is what sets us apart from traditional social services. The two-day training focused on reconnecting us to the power of individual and systems advocacy and developing advanced strategies for navigating complex systems on behalf of survivors. The Applying Empowerment Principles While Managing Conflict training was created to assist advocates in managing conflict while going about their day to day work in the midst of crisis, and in communal living situations, support groups or in attempting to provide one-on-one advocacy.

Innovation through the Nonprofit Legal and Management Assistance Program: Strengthening Capacity for Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs

The Nonprofit Legal and Management Assistance Program (NLMAP) provided confidential legal services and management consultation to MCADSV member programs. NLMAP continues its aim to educate and prepare agency directors to manage the risk of employment and operational liability, allowing the program to better serve survivors within the state of Michigan. During 2007, the NLMAP Program Director provided over 1182 hours of management and legal consultation to member programs through on-site visits, telephone consultation, e-mail, teleconferencing, and web-based seminars. This unique program has significantly advanced the MCADSV strategic goal of enhancing the capacity of local programs to provide culturally competent, high quality services for survivors.

Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

The Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence enhances the capacity of individuals and organizations to prevent violence against women and strengthen service delivery for survivors. This unique collection of books, videos, journals and other media promotes awareness and increases accessibility of educational information and resources for the state of Michigan. Fiscal year 2007 was a strong year for the Resource Center with access being enhanced through an online database. Increased outreach activities and new marketing initiatives led to increased resource requests and over 7,957 web hits in 2007. The collection is managed by the MCADSV as a collaborative project with the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.



MCADSV at NNEDV Lobby Day
Congressional Breakfast



VERIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STABILITY

Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence audited statement of revenue and expenses for fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

MCADSV ended the fiscal year in a strong financial position, with net assets of \$827,651 at the end of the year.

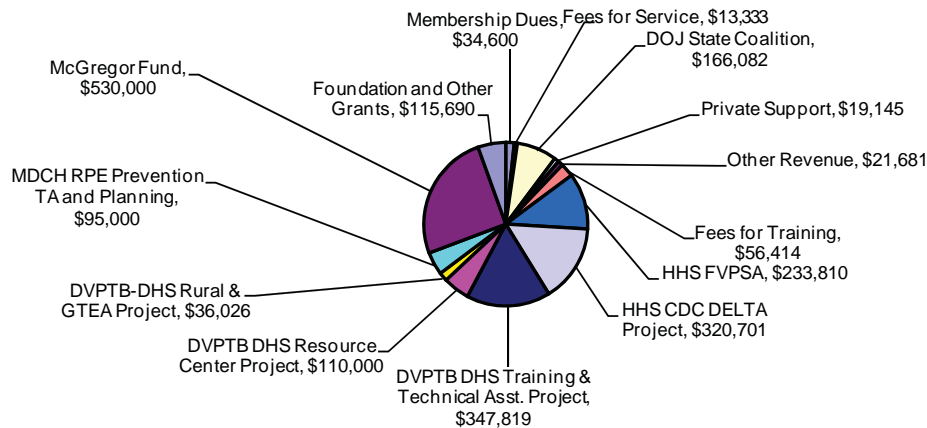
Total Revenue: \$2,080,616

Total Expenses: \$1,612,776

From Audited Statement for year ending September 30, 2007

Revenue	
Membership Dues	\$34,600
Fees for Service	\$13,333
DOJ State Coalition	\$166,082
Private Support	\$19,145
Other Revenue	\$21,681
Fees for Training	\$56,414
HHS FVPSA	\$233,810
HHS CDC DELTA Project	\$320,701
DVPTB DHS Training & Technical Asst. Project	\$347,819
DVPTB DHS Resource Center Project	\$110,000
DVPTB-DHS Rural & GTEA Project	\$36,026
MDCH RPE Prevention TA and Planning	\$95,000
McGregor Fund	\$530,000
Foundation and Other Grants	\$115,690
	\$2,100,301

Revenues Fiscal Year 2007



Financial Information



Mary Keefe and Congressman Mike Rogers Discussing Full Funding for VAWA

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