

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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ADVOCACY

On behalf of our members and the individuals they serve, ICADV advocates for resources and collaborations to assist communities to become more responsive to families that experience domestic violence. The primary purpose of developing community responses is to promote victim safety and abuser accountability. Advocacy is available at the local, state and federal level with elected officials and professionals at every level that can affect better understanding and more efficient responses

TRAINING

Since its inception, ICADV has provided training to domestic violence advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, social workers, child welfare professionals, educators, medical professionals and others to increase understanding and improve skills. ICADV provides training events in person, via webinar and most recently via the web. ICADV has built an on line training management system that includes modules of foundational information about domestic violence, the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, historical development of services, working with diverse populations, lethality assessments and safety planning, dating violence, prevention. Future training modules will be added on a variety of issues and topics to improve and expand knowledge and skills for responding to victims and abusers of domestic violence.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance (TA) is provided on an on-going basis by all ICADV staff and takes many forms. Primarily, ICADV provides individual TA by phone and email and in person to programs funded by ICADV and by DHS. Issues covered include financial reporting, InfoNet use, service documentation, interaction with other service providers, legal advocacy, etc. TA is also provided to users of services in resolving problems accessing those services. TA requests often lend themselves to training modules or events.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

ICADV offers over 45 different pieces of resource materials available for purchase including brochures, booklets, and posters that cover a variety of topics related to domestic violence. Over 170,000 pieces of public education materials are requested and distributed throughout the United States annually. Nearly all of these public education materials, which cover a variety of issues related to domestic violence, are available in English and Spanish