The Coalition

The Wahington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a non-profit network of over 60 independent domestic violence victim advocacy programs, and over 120 organizational and individual associates, across Washington State. The Coalition was founded in 1990 by survivors of domestic violence and their allies. We are a voice for survivors and battered women's programs, promoting community accountability, and advancing the movement to end violence against women.

Mission

We are committed to ending domestic violence through advocacy and action for social change.

Principles of Unity

We affirm the right of each person to live without fear or the threat of violence. We oppose the use of violence as a means of control. We recognize that oppression in the form of racism, sexism, classism, anti-Semitism, imperialism, ageism, hetero-sexism, oppression of persons with disabilities and religious oppression, creates a climate of supremacy and ownership which enables domestic and sexual violence. We recognize that religious beliefs and practices are matters of personal conscience and individual choice. Therefore, no member shall promote or discourage a particular religious belief in the course of her/his work. We believe that all women have the right to autonomy and self-determination regarding all sexual and reproductive matters, lifestyles, finances, education and employment. We encourage the leadership of women in making policy and program decisions. We are accountable to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. To adhere to the Principles of Unity, each member of the Coalition shall ensure that institutional forms of oppression are not perpetuated in policies, practices, services, staffing, and distribution of resources.

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Board Meetings

January 15-16	SeaTac
March 13-14	Olympia
May 3	Spokane
July 16-17	Ellensburg
September 23-24	Wenatchee
November 5-6	SeaTac

Coalition Highlights for 2003

Public Policy

Coalition staff served on committees and organized work groups that followed legislative and Congressional activity on issues concerning domestic violence survivors and advocacy, including: state and federal funding, housing, reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, trafficking in women, immigration, child welfare collaborations, stalking, and data security. Coalition staff also participated in court rule-making activity on public access to court records and administrative policy relating to unemployment insurance, implementation of the Family Violence Option in WorkFirst, and immigration.

On April 26, 2003, Tacoma Police Chief David Brame killed his wife Crystal and then himself. As a result, task forces and workgroups were convened by concerned citizens, advocates, and law enforcement to examine the issue of officer-involved domestic violence. Coalition staff participated in many of these efforts, particularly with the Crystal Clear Workgroup, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. Our work focused on training for advocates on the unique challenges faced by victims of domestic violence perpetrated by law enforcement and the development of domestic violence policies for law enforcement personnel and a legislative framework for local law enforcement agency policies.

Refuse To Abuse™

The Coalition continued our partnership with the Seattle Mariners in developing and placing radio and print advertisements on domestic violence prevention. Pitcher Jamie Moyer and shortstop Carlos Guillen served as spokesmen for the media campaign. In June 2003, thanks to the Moyer Foundation's donation of a Safeco Field luxury suite, the Coalition hosted a "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" fundraising event attended by loyal Mariners fans and Coalition supporters.

Networking and Organizing

To promote connection among domestic violence programs, especially in rural areas, we traveled around the state to hold 3 membership meetings. The Coalition continued to support the activities of our constituent caucuses and networks: Survivors Caucus, Women of Color Caucus, Jewish Caucus, Women in Recovery Caucus, Queer Caucus, Immigrant Refugee Network, Kwuln Yamn

Training, Technical Assistance & Resources

Throughout the year, Coalition staff provided training and consultation to our Member Programs and allied professionals in Washington and nationally. More than 1,000 people attended Coalition-sponsored trainings on topics such as media advocacy, advocacy-based counseling, legal advocacy, employment law, economic justice, cross-disciplinary collaborations, and advocacy for immigrant refugee battered women.

Coalition publications in 2003 included our monthly *WSCADV Bulletin*, three issues of our advocacy journal *the A-Files*, and five *Model Protocols* for advocacy and service delivery.

Disability and Domestic Violence Advocacy Project

Since 1999, the Coalition has worked with domestic violence and disability advocacy programs and survivors to build a community-based and survivor-centered response to abuse of persons with disabilities. Given the high rates of victimization experienced by persons with disabilities, our goals are to build grassroots leadership, practical skills, and co-advocacy partnerships. In 2003, we produced a training curriculum and a 2-day training, published *Increasing Agency Accessibility for People with Disabilities*, *Model Protocol on Safety Planning for Domestic Violence Victims with Disabilities,* and *Model Protocol on Screening Practices for Domestic Violence Victims with Disabilities*. Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services was our lead partner, along with Washington Protection and Advocacy System and many advocates and survivors across the state.

Economic Justice Project

Economic insecurity is too often the biggest impediment to safety for victims seeking long-term freedom from abuse for themselves and their children. In our 2001 study, *Welfare on WorkFirst: Serving Domestic Violence Victims on Public Assistance in Washington State,* we found that 46.4% of Washington women applying for TANF reported that they were dealing with domestic violence or its after-effects. In 1999, we launched the Economic Justice Project to encourage local battered women's programs to address economic justice as a core element of their work, and to better understand how economics keeps women in abusive situations.

Our 2003 accomplishments include:

-Organizing a week-long advocacy and training program for 36 advocates from 23 domestic violence programs and 3 grassroots anti-poverty groups.

-Promoting battered women's access to public assistance and other potentially life-saving economic programs. We coordinated with DSHS to support a project to place domestic violence advocates in welfare offices. From 19 pilot projects in 1999, the project expanded to 34 partnerships in 2003.

-Training advocates on economic justice issues, including living wage initiatives, tax fairness, housing and employment law.

Fatality Review Project

In 2003, project staff conducted domestic violence fatality reviews in King, Pierce, Clark, and Benton/Franklin/Walla Walla counties. We also presented the recommendations from our 2002 biennial report, *Tell the World What Happened to Me*, to community groups in King, Ferry, Mason, Thurston, Asotin, Yakima, Whatcom, Spokane, Clark, and Jefferson counties. With funding from the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, project staff provided training and technical assistance to other state coalitions that are coordinating or participating in domestic violence fatality reviews. In November 2003, we conducted a training for state coalition directors and staff in Miami, Florida.

Special thanks to Gayle Erickson and Heather Storer for their tremendous contributions to the Fatality Review Project. Gayle volunteers her time every week to keep our fatality statistics updated and accurate. Heather worked with us and the University of Washington to conduct research on the implementation of fatality review recommendations around the state. Thank you Gayle and Heather for your dedication, and for giving voice to the lives lost to domestic violence.

Thanks to WA State Patrol Employees for fundraising during October Domestic Violence Awareness Month to benefit local Domestic Violence projects across Washington.

Government Contracts and Grants

U.S. Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children & Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children & Families, Region X
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health Service, Region X
WA State Department of Social and Health Services
WA State Criminal Justice Training Commission
WA State Dept of Community, Trade and Economic Development – Office of Crime Victims Advocacy
WA State Administrative Office of the Courts

2003 Financial Statement

Assets	
Current Assets	$590,372
Fixed Assets	$5,039
Other Assets	$4,209
Total Assets	$599,980
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	$42,644
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	$0
Unrestricted Net Assets	$557,336
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$559,980
Total Public Support & Revenues	$1,350,331
Total Expenses	$1,201,694
Change in Net Assets	$148,637

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2003 Member Programs

Adams County Resource Center
Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services
Alcohol/Drug Help Line - DV Outreach Project
Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse
Asian & Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center
ASPEN of Central WA Comprehensive Mental Health
Citizens Against Domestic Abuse
Charlotte House
Connections/Ferry Co. Community Services
Consejo Counseling & Referral
Crisis Support Network
DAWN
Dorothy Place/Opportunity Council
Domestic & Sexual Violence Crisis Center
Domestic Violence Center of Grays Harbor
Columbia Basin Domestic Violence Services
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assualt Program of Jefferson Co.
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assualt Services of the San Juan Islands
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assualt Services of Whatcom County
Eastside Domestic Violence Program
Emergency Support Shelter
Families in Crisis
Family Crisis Network
Family Resource Center
Family Support Center
Forks Abuse Program
Healthy Families of Clallam Co.
Human Response Network
Inland Counseling Network
Island Domestic Violence Outreach Services
Jewish Family Services - Project DVORA
Korean Women's Association
Lower Valley Crisis & Support Services
Lummi Victims of Crime
New Beginnings
New Hope Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services
NW Immigrant Rights Project
NW Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse
Programs for Peaceful Living
Refugee Women's Alliance
SafePlace
Salvation Army - Catherine Booth House
Seattle Indian Health Board
Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services
Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assualt
Snohomish Co. Center for Battered Women
South Puget Inter-Tribal Planning Agency
St. James Domestic Violence Advocacy Program
The Support Center
Turning Pointe
Womencare
YWCA of Spokane, Alternatives to Domestic Violence
YWCA of Kitsap Co., ALIVE
YWCA of South King Co.
YWCA of Yakima
YWCA Lewiston/Clarkston
YWCA of Pierce Co.
YWCA of Clark Co.
YWCA - Seattle/King Co./ Snohomish Co.
YWCA of Walla Walla

Message from the Director

Dear Friends:

If I had to select keywords for 2003, they would be *leadership*, *passage*, and *commitment*. The Coalition's *leadership* in domestic violence advocacy and organizing is widely recognized, both here in Washington and nationally. We have some of the most progressive public policies, successful collaborations with state agencies, and strong alliances in the country. Staff are frequently consulted for our expertise on the many topics highlighted in this report. Our success rests squarely in the work of local advocates. We are proud to represent our membership in every arena.

The *passage* of time in our anti-violence movement was particularly striking in 2003. We lost two of our early leaders to cancer: Susan Schechter, author of *Women and Male Violence: The Visions and Struggles of the Battered Women's Movement*, and Sandra Camacho, former co-director of New York Women Against Rape and Board member of Alianza. Their contributions to our analysis of violence against women and to our vision of a national movement led by survivors are immesurable. May we pass on the many gifts Susan and Sandra have left for us.

And, finally, a few words about *commitment*. 2003 was not an easy year. The local consequences of the war in Iraq were significant: the deployment and return of our troops impacted families in every community; a depressed economy jeopardized funding; and fear and hatred targeted our most marginalized populations. Yet the dedication and hope of advocates and activists remained strong. Thank you for standing with us in this work.

We who believe in freedom shall not rest until it comes.

In peace,

Nan Stoops, Executive Director

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