

2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

VIOLENCE FREE MINNESOTA



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Violence Free Minnesota (formerly Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women) works with our member programs and allies across the state to develop an informed legislative agenda. This process incorporates the knowledge, experience, and analysis of advocates and victim/survivors working to end relationship abuse.



PROACTIVE EDUCATIONAL AGENDA

- Robust funding commitment needed for:
 - Crime victim services and victim/survivor advocacy programs statewide;
 - Domestic Abuse Transformation Programming (DATP) to change perpetrator behavior;
 - Prevention programming to stop violence before it begins.
- Understand the intersectional nature of criminal/legal justice and economic justice legislation with domestic violence:
 - Criminal justice reforms must have meaningful and accurate ways to assess and provide for victim and family/household safety, including victim notification;
 - Survivors need workplace, housing, and financial supports for long-term stability and safety.



SUPPORTIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Lift the restrictions on the Minnesota Department of Health to research and collect data on firearms
- Continued support for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force
- Stalking statutes (working group, potential legislation)
 - Address the recent Minnesota Supreme Court decision around the use of electronic devices for stalking
- Conversion “therapy” ban
- Institutional audits of state departments
 - A tool to strengthen departmental responses to gender-based violence
- Child support changes for incarcerated parents
- Alternatives to incarceration for primary caregivers of minor children
- Oppose mandatory 50/50 parenting time

THE COALITION TO END RELATIONSHIP ABUSE

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*360 Communities/Lewis House, Dakota, Carver, Goodhue, Hennepin, Ramsey

Advocates for Family Peace, Itasca, Northern St. Louis Co

Advocates for Human Rights, International

*Alexandra House, Anoka

*American Indian Community Housing Org., St. Louis,

Koochiching, Lake, Cook, Itasca

*Anna Marie's Alliance, Sherburne, Benton, Stearns, Mille Lacs, Wright

*Asian Women United of MN, Hennepin, Ramsey

Battered Women's Justice Project, National

Becker County Attorney's Office, Becker

Bluff Country Family Resources, Fillmore, Houston

Bois Forte Victim Services, Nett Lake, Koochiching, St. Louis

Breaking Free, Ramsey

Brown County Crime Victim Services, Brown

*Casa de Esperanza, Hennepin, Ramsey

City of St. Paul Attorney's Office, Ramsey

*Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Brown, Nicollet,

Blue Earth, LeSueur, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan, Faribault

Community Health Service, Polk, Norman, Clay, Pennington

Community University Health Care Center, Hennepin

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicios (CLUES), Hennepin & Ramsey

*Cornerstone Advocacy Services, Hennepin

Crime Victim Resource Center – Mayo Clinic, Mower

Crisis Resource Center of Steele Co., Steele

Division of Indian Work, Hennepin

Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, St. Louis

Domestic Abuse Project, Hennepin

East Side Neighborhood Services, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey

*Equay Wiigamig, Red Lake Reservation, Beltrami

Family Safety Network of Cass County, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard

Freeborn County Crime Victim Crisis Center, Freeborn

Friends Against Abuse, Koochiching, Lake of the Woods

Gender Violence Institute, Statewide

Global Rights for Women, International

Hands of Hope Resource Center, Morrison, Todd

Hmong American Partnership, Ramsey

Healing Opportunity Provided Equally (HOPE), Aitkin, Crow Wing

Hope Center, Rice

*Hope Coalition, Goodhue, Wabasha

Indigenous Women's Life Net, Ramsey, Hennepin

Isaiah's Domestic Violence Task Force, Statewide

Karen Organization of Minnesota, Statewide

*Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, Becker and surrounding area

Le Sueur County Victim Witness Program, LeSueur

Mahnomen County Victim Services Office, Mahnomen

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Statewide

Martin County Victim Services, Martin

Men and Masculine Folk Network, Statewide

Men as Peacemakers, St. Louis

*Mid-Minnesota Women's Center, Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena

Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Statewide

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Hennepin

McLeod Alliance for Victims of Dom. Violence, McLeod

*Missions, Inc./Home Free, Hennepin

New Horizons Crisis Center, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Redwood

Nobles County Attorney's Office, Nobels

North Shore Horizons, Lake

*Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter, Beltrami, Cass

Oasis of Love Crisis Intervention, Hennepin

OutFront Minnesota, Statewide

Pearl Crisis Center, Mille Lacs

Phumulani, Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington

Pillsbury United Communities, Hennepin

Praxis International, National

Rape & Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead, Clay, Wilkin

*Refuge Network – A Program of Family Pathways, Chisago, Isanti, Kannebec

Rivers of Hope, Wright, Sherburne

*Safe Avenues, Kandiyohi, Swift, Chippewa, Lac Qui Parle,

Renville, Meeker, McLeod

*Safe Haven Shelter & Resource Ctr, St. Louis, Carlton, Aitkin, Itasca, Lake,

Cook, Koochiching

Safe Journey at North Memorial, Hennepin

SEWA-AIFW (Asian Indian Family Wellness), Hennepin, Ramsey

Sexual Violence Center, Hennepin, Carver, Scott

*Sojourner Project, Hennepin, Carver, Dakota, Ramsey

Someplace Safe, Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Douglas,

Traverse, Wilkin, Otter Tail, Wadena

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Southern MN

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, Carver, Scott

Southwest Crisis Center, Noble, Pipestone, Rock,

Cottonwood, Jackson

St. Paul and Ramsey County Intervention Project, Ramsey

Standpoint, Statewide

Stevens Co. Victim Witness, Stevens

The No. 1 Ladies Advocacy Agency, Beltrami

ThinkSelf, Statewide

*Tubman, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington

Transforming Generations, Hennepin, Ramsey

*Violence Intervention Project, Red Lake, Pennington, Marshall, Kittson, Roseau

Violence Prevention Center, Cook

White Earth DOVE Program, White Earth Reservation, Mahnomen, Becker,

Clearwater

Winona County Attorney's Office, Winona

WISE, Statewide

*Women of Nations, Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington

*Women's Advocates, Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott,

Washington

Women's Resource Center, Winona

Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Lincoln, Lyon, Yellow Medicine, Redwood

*Women's Shelter, Inc., Dodge, Fillmore, Olmsted and surrounding counties

Yellow Medicine County Victim Services, Yellow Medicine

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