

The Advocate

Renewal House, Fall 2020

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV)

Letter from Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Would it surprise you to know that New York State has one of the highest demands for domestic violence services in the country? National data collected in 2019 indicates that, on one day alone in New York, nearly 6,000 domestic violence survivors requested services. On that same day, nearly 800 requests for domestic violence services went unmet because of critical funding and staffing shortages across our state.

But that was last year, before the COVID-19 Pandemic began. Since March, many domestic violence programs across New York State have reported receiving more calls for assistance, and the requests for services are becoming more complicated and involved than ever.

New York's domestic violence programs responded quickly at the start of the Pandemic to ensure the continuity of services for domestic violence survivors and their families. Services that were typically provided in person were quickly transitioned to those that utilized remote technologies. As the world learned how to go virtual, so too did New York's domestic violence service providers. They accomplished miraculous feats in a very short time to ensure the continuity and accessibility of services for everyone who requested them.

But at the same time, funding for New York's domestic violence programs decreased, making it harder for service providers to purchase and utilize remote technologies so they could provide a broader range of services to support safety.

New York's method for dispersing funding to domestic violence shelters is based on the number of domestic violence survivors they serve in shelter daily. And because some shelter beds must remain open to comply with social distancing and quarantine protocols, several shelters are receiving less funding than before the Pandemic. Further, many domestic violence advocacy organizations have had to cancel significant fundraising events and activities which are critical supplements to available government funding.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. NYSCADV will be joining New York's domestic violence service providers, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, our state partners, and other allies and stakeholders to generate awareness about the needs of domestic violence survivors and their families, and the critical funding issues facing domestic violence service providers.

We invite you to join us—to give voice to the challenges domestic violence survivors face every day and to encourage a public conversation about how New York State can better ensure the accessibility of comprehensive, high-quality, trauma-informed services for everyone who needs them. Several activities are identified in NYSCADV's 2020 DVAM toolkit at nyscadv.org. In addition, please consider donating to NYSCADV or your local domestic violence service provider (Renewal House, slvrenewalhouse.org) so we can collectively continue to amplify the voices of domestic violence survivors and enhance services for them and their families.

All the best,

Connie Neal
Executive Director

It's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Don't stay silent. It's time to speak up all month long.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began in 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect battered women's advocates across the country.

Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status. It's not just punches and black eyes -- it's yelling, humiliation, stalking, manipulation, coercion, threats and isolation. It's stealing a paycheck, keeping tabs

online, non-stop texting, constant use of the silent treatment, or calling someone stupid so often they believe it.

Since the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994, we've come a long way. This landmark legislation, led by then Senator Joe Biden, combined new provisions that hold offenders accountable and provide programs and services for victims. Between 1993 and 2010, the overall rate of domestic violence dropped nearly two-thirds, and state laws have been reformed to address issues such as dating abuse in the workplace, stalking, employment discrimination and more.

Nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence. Now is the time to take a stand. Support survivors and speak out against domestic violence all month long.

If you need assistance or want to talk to someone about domestic violence, call 315-379-9845 to speak with a trained peer advocate.

Taken from breakthecycle.org.

We recommend that you check out this site as we often do!

Annual Dinner with Silent Auction—October 14th—Cancelled

Every year we invite our community to join us for our annual recognition dinner. This year, we felt we must cancel for the safety of everyone attending and for the staff at the Gran View.

Our program for the evening traditionally includes a message from our director, a guest speaker, a survivor who speaks, and the recognition of the year's honoree.

It is also a time when we have a silent auction to raise funds needed during the year.

We have often included an **empty seat at the table**; a tribute to

lives lost to domestic violence and/or to those who have worked to end violence in their community.

In place of the silent action, we kindly ask that you donate to our agency. Consider a **\$50 donation**, which would have been the cost to attend the dinner. Your donation would virtually provide a seat at the table showing your support of victims and survivors. With your support, our community can help save lives.

The most impactful portion of our dinner is listening to a survivor speak. Within the newsletter, you

will read about a survivor's journey. Although this person is not from our county, you will feel the impact that an abuser has on the lives of others.

And finally, we would like to recognize everyone who has assisted Renewal House during this pandemic so that we could effectively and efficiently continue to provide services to victims/survivors in need. Whether through donations or agents of service, you have been a tremendous help, and we are grateful.

Adopt a Family during the Holiday Season

Renewal House is once again sponsoring the Adopt-a-Family Program to benefit the adults and children receiving non-residential and residential services.

Client families will be paired with donor families based on the size of the family and the ages of their children. After being paired with a client family, a "Wish List" will be sent to the donors with the

receiving family's genders, ages, clothing sizes and their holiday wishes. From the list, the donor family chooses to purchase any or all of the items on the list, or substitute items they feel the client may enjoy.

This program is a source of happiness, joy and satisfaction for all involved, and with the help of the community, it is always a huge success!

If you have questions about the program or are interested in adopting a family this holiday season, please contact Renewal House at 315-379-9845 or email renewalhouse_cmdv@aol.com.

For an on-going list of residential and non-residential needs, email renewalhouse@verizon.net.

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Services Offered at Renewal House

Renewal House provides a variety of services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in St. Lawrence County. All services are free and confidential. Services include:

24-hour Crisis Hotline: Staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day by calling **315-379-9845**.

Regular office hours (temporary) are 8 am — 4 pm, Monday through Friday. If it is not an emergency and you would like **to leave a message, call 315-379-9878**. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Individual Counseling/Emotional Support: Short-term individual counseling in a non-judgmental atmosphere that acknowledges a person's ability and right to make choices. Help is available to consider options and plan for safety. Home visits are provided if needed.

Support Group: A facilitated self-help group for victims and survivors of domestic violence providing mutual support and understanding from others who have been abused and who share something in common. It has helped many victims feel less isolated, get useful information, and develop a safety plan. Transportation is provided if needed.

Economic Empowerment Program: Staff facilitate *Moving Ahead Through Financial Management*, a 5-module economic empowerment curriculum designed to identify and address financial abuse, develop budgeting strategies, and encourage financial security and independence.

Children's Program: Recreational/Support Group to help children understand what abuse is and to give them a safe space to talk about their feelings. Children are reassured that the abuse is not their fault. Individual counseling is also provided.

Safe Housing: 24-hour intake for emergency, temporary shelter for domestic violence victims.

Advocacy: Assistance in obtaining orders of protection, pressing criminal charges, and working with law enforcement. We also help in obtaining emergency assistance from Department of Social Services, Office of Victim Services and other community programs.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners: Specially trained medical professionals providing compassionate, knowledgeable assistance to a victim of sexual assault.

Community Education and Outreach: Presentations are available for any public or private group, school, business, or agency.

Campus Advocacy
Our Campus Advocate provides direct service, trainings, and presentations for all colleges in St. Lawrence County. We are currently at four colleges that are generously sharing their space with us:

Clarkson University, Tuesdays, 8:30—4:30pm, Education Resource Center (ERC),

Student Health and Counseling Center (SHAC), Suite 1300

SUNY Potsdam, Wednesdays, 9—5pm, Van Housen Ext, Room 390

SUNY Canton, Thursdays, 9—5pm, Payson Hall, Room 207

St. Lawrence University, Fridays, 9—5pm, Bewkes Science Hall, Room 323

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Although we do not have a dedicated space, we are currently providing training to all students, staff and faculty. All services are available upon request.

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During the pandemic, some services may be modified. Please call with any questions.

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Survivor Story: She'll Never Be Able to Come Home Again

One woman fled with her son and sought asylum in Costa Rica to escape horrendous abuse. Now, she's wanted for kidnapping, *Sep 21, 2020, by Amanda Kippert, domesticshelters.org*

Abigail Miller* grew up in Oregon. As of two years ago, the 42-year-old had never visited Costa Rica before. She certainly never imagined the country would soon become her permanent home, to little choice of her own. She never imagined once she left the United States, she'd never be able to come back. But as any mother knows, all bets are off when someone hurts your child.

In 2018, Miller fled to the tropical tourist spot, the most visited country in Central America, known for its lush rainforests, pristine beaches, and a bevy of volcanos. But she was hardly there to zipline through the jungle — she wanted to hide. Her estranged boyfriend had been sexually abusing their son, Jack*, since he was 2 and the U.S. court system didn't believe her or her son, now 8. U.S. courts allowed the boy's father to continue to have non-supervised visitation rights.

"The more I fought for my son's rights, the more I was threatened by the U.S. courts that I would lose the custody I had. It was heading that way, which is why I left," Miller says.

So Miller took the boy and fled, which U.S. courts don't exactly consider legal, sought refugee status in Costa Rica, which she was eventually granted, and waited, knowing her ex-boyfriend wouldn't be far behind.

"Technically, I didn't kidnap him," she clarifies, of her son, speaking to DomesticShelters.org from Costa Rica. "I had custody, but I

left without permission."

Miller's voice is shockingly calm and collected given what she's endured, and what lies ahead. When she arrived in Costa Rica, which she'd made the split-second decision to flee to because she'd heard it "was big on children's rights," she arrived with no money, no solid plan, no place to live, and only a few contacts—friends of friends.

"I had a couple who helped us hide, lent us a car. These people who were struggling themselves said, 'take this and don't say no.'" She says she literally threw her and her son at the universe and said, "Please catch us."

The Beginning

Miller met her now ex-boyfriend when she was 15. He was 17 years her senior. Miller says she found his early attempts to court her strange.

"I don't think I really realized what was going on at first." He was a famous British artist, and she wrote his behavior off as par for the course in the art world. "According to him, he sort of decided to fall in love with me when I was 15."

He pursued Miller for many years, attempting to woo her with money and gifts while sabotaging other relationships she had. It wasn't until her late 20s that she acquiesced and found herself spending more time with him and his young daughter from another relationship. He wanted Miller to quit school, but she refused, finishing her Master's degree at 28 and getting a job in New York working in sustainability education. She agreed to move in with him.

It didn't take long for the romantic gestures to stop and his abuse to begin.

"He was always yelling at his daughter and putting her down. I would get in the middle and intervene. He was dismissive and condescending to me." She had her suspicions that he was abusing his daughter, possibly sexually, but says her ex blamed his daughter's sexualized behavior on the girl's mother.

"I had no experience with [this behavior], so I just assumed I was wrong," Miller says.

Still, Miller decided to rescind from her earlier decision to move in together. The couple continued to see each other. She says her ex's behavior turned "aggressive and violent" soon after.

"It was hard to admit to myself... I never thought of myself as that kind of person, a victim." She says her ex would blame her for not wanting the relationship to work, and Miller took on that blame. "I'll work on this," she thought at the time, and by 2010, the two were living together. Yet, her ex's abuse only escalated, and Miller moved out again. A year later, she was pregnant.

"When I found out I was pregnant, I was filled with dread. He was elated."

Miller moved back in with her abusive ex at 8 months pregnant. But the terror never ceased.

"I spent time with him and his daughter and my whole family during Christmas. He threatened to kill his daughter. They were chasing each other with knives." Another time, she says he grabbed her computer away from her and threw it across the room. Then he twisted her wrist and nearly broke it. When she went into labor, he forced himself on her. Yet, after she gave birth to Jack, she says her ex "kind of disappeared. It was really weird."

Two weeks later, she says he

returned and forced himself on her again after she put their son to bed. "He pushed my face into a pillow and the only thing I could think about was not wanting to wake up my son." After that, she would lock the bedroom door at night. Her ex slept in another room.

When their son was three months, Miller witnessed her ex shaking him. The baby didn't suffer any serious injuries. "I knew I needed to leave him but I didn't have the strength. I had no money, I had nothing and my family was not supportive." Miller was scared of both her ex and his daughter, now 8, who would often come over in a rage.

She wanted him to kill my son ... she kept telling people." Miller says she worries her ex's daughter's rage arose from the sexual abuse she suspects her ex committed when his daughter was young.

Temporary Freedom

Miller started secretly stashing away money in a savings account after paying off bills and when Jack was 1, she decided to leave.

"I had proof [her ex] had started a different relationship, so I told him Jack and I would move out of the city and he could visit whenever he wanted. I tried to make it as amicable as possible and he agreed to it. It was a start of freedom."

For the first time in a long time, Miller wasn't afraid at night. Unfortunately, her peace didn't last long.

"He hardly ever came over at first, but then he started coming more and acting aggressively in front of our son, pushing me in the kitchen, yelling at me. I remember our son stepping

between us and shaking his finger at his dad."

When her ex's new relationship ended, he showed up again, begging Miller for another chance. She refused. That's when he turned to the courts and filed an order for full custody.

"He said I was trying to kidnap our son and wasn't allowing him to see him. I was completely naïve to the whole family court system. I had no understanding of how parental alienation syndrome worked and how people used it."

Miller wasn't allowed to bring up domestic violence in court because she had no concrete proof to back it up, things like police reports or hospital records, a barrier many survivors of verbal, psychological and sexual abuse face. As a result, her ex was granted non-supervised visitation rights.

It was soon after this that Miller says her ex began to sexually abuse their son when the child was with him. At three years old, he told his mother that his father made him play something horrific called "the penis game." But since the boy wouldn't open up to authorities, it was difficult to make a case.

Some Background

According to the Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACE study, 22 percent of U.S. children are sexually abused before they reach 18. The Meier study found courts typically only believe 15 percent of child sexual abuse reports from protective mothers, and only 2 percent when the father accuses the mother of parental alienation. According to former attorney and advocate Barry Goldwater, the Bala study found mothers make deliberate false reports of abuse less than 2% of the time.

"This means the courts are

getting a large majority of sexual abuse cases wrong and the mistakes are tilted toward helping sexual predators and risking children," says Goldstein. "Courts make these tragic mistakes because they fail to use scientific research and rely on experts who are unqualified to [review] domestic violence or child sexual abuse."

Courts Ignored Complaints

At three, Jack acted out a sexual game with a friend, typically a clear sign of sexual abuse. But a court evaluator chalked up the incident to the boys "playing doctor." Jack continued to act out inappropriately at school, with teachers reporting sexually themed games, but Miller's complaints in court fell on deaf ears.

"I'm not sure what's worse," says Miller, "seeing how much your child is suffering or the fact that you know that the person you had a child with is doing this. Of all the things I had to survive, this was the absolute worst."

The boy's father would retain unsupervised visitation rights for years, despite Jack's accounts of abuse. Miller was reaching the end of her rope, saying her situation highlights how well abusers know and manipulate their victims' weaknesses.

"He knew that ... the one pillar of strength I had was my son. He knew I wasn't going to come back. So [my son] was the one thing he could attack."

"Just because an abuser is no longer in your home doesn't mean the abuse stops. It made me wish I had never left because if I had stayed, he would only have abused me. I never understood before why women didn't leave, but now I do. That's one of the biggest things people don't get."

After Abuse

It would be three more years of trying to fight the system before Miller fled.

The Future Is Uncertain

Google Miller's real name and a bevy of stories about how she kidnapped her son pop up. Jack was "abducted by his non-custodial mother" one reads. A private investigator is following her. Her son's father is in Costa Rica as well, and demands to see his son, which he was allowed to do for a brief time, Miller explains.

"He [her ex] was awarded supervised visitation by a family court judge here who has now been found in contempt of violating [Jack's] human rights. The visitation rights were revoked and there is now a restraining order against his father that prohibits him from seeing Jack."

For the most part, Miller says Costa Rica's child services are keeping the two safe. The courts there believe Jack's accounts of the abuse, says Miller.

Still, there are hurdles to overcome. Jack, now 8, has trust issues with others, has struggled in school, as it means he has to be separated from his mother for a few hours, but pre-pandemic, he was in therapy to help. Miller says she sometimes grieves the loss of the son she had before all this. She's working on forming a new relationship with him, "where he is now."

Only recently did Miller start coming to terms with the fact that she can never return to the U.S. or she will be arrested, and her son could be given back to his abusive father.

"It's just starting to sink in that this is where I have to be. I've never had time to grieve. The thing that's hardest for me about that is my mother. Not being able

to take care of her and be near her. Knowing I won't be able to go to her funeral when she passes."

Part distraction, part self-care, Millers' next goal is to figure out what she can do to be of service to others. A children's book, maybe, on childhood trauma. She wants to get involved with the Battered Mother's Custody Conference from where she is.

"I just need to be a little less broken before I can be of service."

**Names changed for safety.*

After Abuse, Everyone Has an Opinion

After leaving an abuser, some people will share judgement, opinions—here's why you shouldn't listen. *Sep 23, 2020, by Shelley Flannery domesticshelters.org*

If you told anyone during your relationship about the abuse you were experiencing, you probably received some judgy questions (*Why do you keep going back?*), unsolicited advice (*You should just leave!*) and some shaming opinions (*I would never let someone treat me like that*). Maybe you were expecting that—it's why a lot of survivors are afraid to disclose. But now, what's really blindsided you is the judgement you've faced since leaving an abuser.

Marriage is for life. You two should just go to counseling. Your children need their father. There are two sides to every story.

At a time when you need unconditional support, it's hurtful when friends and loved ones make their opinions known in no uncertain terms. And

more importantly, it can get in the way of your healing.

"Judgement can further traumatize and victimize a survivor, who already usually has a huge sense of guilt and shame around the relationship," says Stacie Freudenberg, licensed psychologist with Luminare Psychological Services. "It's hard to overcome trauma when you're still being traumatized."

The good news is there are ways to deal with criticism without having to hide your feelings or unfriend everyone you know.

Getting Support from Loved Ones

During your relationship with an abuser, you may have experienced isolation or been forced to distance yourself from friends and family. But now you need people to lean on. If the people who are still in your life are judgmental, it can be difficult to connect with them on a deeper level.

Freudenberg suggests starting by having a conversation to get them to understand what it is you're going through.

"There is still so much stigma that has been present for such a long time around domestic violence," she says. "One reason people are judgmental is probably a lack of understanding. In many cases, it can help to explain to a loved one what's transpired and how they can be supportive."

Therapy, Freudenberg says, can be hugely helpful.

"I'm always an advocate for working with a therapist," she says. And that can be on your own or with a loved one to help you open up the lines of communication or better relay your needs when it comes to their support.

Turning to Peers

Whether or not you've got the support of loved ones, they may not ever fully understand what you're going through. That's why it's helpful to talk to other survivors.

"Breaking the silence and maintaining that broken silence is extremely valuable," Freudenberg says. "Peer support groups, which are usually offered through domestic violence agencies are very helpful. There can be some community, and sharing your experience can be very validating, which is so important for healing and surviving after trauma."

Do What's Best for You

It's up to you how much judgement you can take from loved ones. If you're lucky enough to have multiple support people in your life, reserve sharing the details of your situation only with those who have your back.

For everyone else, nip judgmental comments in the bud. One technique *Psychology Today* recommends for dealing with judgmental people is to say thank you, as in:

I appreciate your input. THANK YOU.

I'm okay with the ways I'm handling this, but THANK YOU.

I'm happy with my decision, but THANKS!

If that doesn't work, you may need to distance yourself from people who aren't being supportive, at least until you work through the stages of recovery after trauma.

New York May Ban Abusers from Using Internet Gizmos to Spy on Victims

New York is considering a bill to broaden protective orders to allow judges to forbid abusers from using webcams, home security systems, and other Internet-connected gizmos to spy on their victims or harass them.

Source: New York Post, New York

More Reports of DV Calls Down and Up

In April 2019, Dayton, Ohio, police responded to 142 DV assault calls. A year later, in the midst of the pandemic, that fell 25% to 126. However, in Tomkins County in upstate New York, the Sheriff reports an increase in DV in March through May 1st with DV arrests up 20.5%. Across the entire state of New York, DV cases were up 30% in April 2020 compared to April 2019.

Homicides are up in Milwaukee, 56 compared to 26 the year before. Almost half, 40% of the murders were committed by abusers. In Dallas, Texas, police responded to 918 DV calls in February, 1,169 in March, and 1,200 in April. In the first two months since the Oregon Governor issued stay-at-home orders, law enforcement and DV organizations have not seen any increase in DV. There has been no surge of victims seeking shelter, and DV calls to police have fallen in some towns and risen in others.

Source: Dayton Daily News, Ohio; Ithaca.com, New York; Milwaukee Sentinel, Wisconsin; CBS-DFW, North Texas; East Oregonian, Umatilla County, Oregon.

Indianapolis Police Hold Accused Officer Abuser Immediately Accountable

When police responded to a DV call, they found the suspected abuser to be a four-year veteran of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. The officers immediately notified a supervisor. A Special Investigations Unit responded, arrested the officer, and retrieved his equipment. The officer was suspended without pay, pending termination. The Police Chief expressed disappointment and said the behavior would not be tolerated, declaring his commitment "to holding police to the highest ethical standards while protecting the community we serve." Let's hope this is the beginning of a new post-George Floyd Murder era, where police officers who abuse their partners are finally held accountable. The county prosecutor will review the criminal charges.

Source: Indianapolis Star, Indiana

More Than A Third of Middle Aged Men Blame DV on Wives

A New York poll found 38% of men, 36 to 45 years old, believed that wives who talked too much were responsible for them being DV victims. The survey of 3,000 people was conducted by the women's Leadership Institute at the College of Saint Rose and the Times Union magazine, Women at Work. Only 26% of men between 26 and 35 agreed. Surprisingly 12% of women also agreed. The specific survey question was: "Wives could avoid being beaten by their husbands if they knew when to stop talking."

Source: WNYT, Albany, New York

2019

	DV	SA	Total
Total individuals served (unduplicated)	805	187	992
Adult Females	617	103	720
Adult Males	45	17	62
Adult Gender Nonconforming	3	2	5
Children/Youth	140	65	205
Safe Housing (safe dwelling only)	84	(individuals) Average length of stay was 22 days	
Denial of Safe Housing	34	Safe dwelling is full, family size too large for bed space available, etc. Other placement options are offered as an alternative to the safe dwelling.	
Hotline Calls	4,598	4,079 during office hours, 519 after hours	
Types of Service	Individuals Served	Number of times service was provided	
Emotional Support/Counseling	643	3,165	
Phone Counseling	707	4,079	
Personal Advocacy	550	3,537	
Criminal Justice Support	301	1,609	
Transportation	314	3,424	
Information	505	2,186	
Referral	343	856	
Child Care/Child Recreation	102	347	
Group	17		
Forensic Sexual Assault Exams Provided by a SANE	41		
Presentations (school-based & community)	7,144	166	
	Hours	Number of Volunteers	
Volunteers	2,722	9	

2020 Update

From March 1—October 1, 2019, Renewal House provided residential services to 30 families (unduplicated).

From March 1—October 1, 2020, Renewal House provided residential services to 39 families (unduplicated). This is a **24% increase** from the previous year.

Since October 2019, Renewal House **staff has been reduced** by 2 due to funding cuts.

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