



# NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). The intent was to connect battered women’s advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

In 1994 NCADV, in conjunction with *Ms Magazine*, created the “Remember My Name” project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then, NCADV has collected information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and have produced a poster for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in memory of those victims.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was created. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress.

The goals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month are to raise awareness about the prevalence and the cost of domestic violence, the need for prevention, and the availability of services for victims of abuse.

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### COLORADO ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

**October 2 - Rally Against Domestic Violence**  
Scheduled to be held on the west steps of the State Capitol from noon-2 p.m. Sponsored by the Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). The Community Impact Award will be presented.

**October 12—Silent Witness**  
Scheduled to be held at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum from Noon—1 PM.

If you would like to display a Silent Witness at your business, please contact Staci Woods at [swoods@tessacs.org](mailto:swoods@tessacs.org) or call 719-785-6808.

**October 18 - 14th Annual Beth Haynes Award**  
Scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Boulder Public Library, 1000 Canyon Blvd. This award recognizes the outstanding work of a Boulder County law enforcement officer in domestic violence.

**October 26 - Steps of Hope Candlelight Vigil**  
Scheduled to be held at 6:00 p.m. at Isaac Walton Park in Longmont. The community is invited to join Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley in remembering and honoring victims and survivors of domestic violence.

For more information, please call Safe Shelter at 303-772-0432.



**DVOMB TEST SITE PROJECT**

**PROPOSED REDESIGNED STANDARDS FOR TREATMENT**

In response to community input regarding the need for greater differentiation of DV offender treatment, the DVOMB created the Treatment Review Committee.

For the past two and a half years, this committee has reviewed the current *Standards* and redesigned them to allow for greater differentiation of offender treatment. Treatment would not be focused solely on the number of weeks, but on offender risk, responsivity, criminogenic needs, and behavioral change. These

proposed new standards identify a Multidisciplinary Treatment Team (MTT) comprised of, at a minimum, the treatment victim advocate, treatment provider, and supervising criminal justice entity. This model proposes that this team will work collaboratively with the goal of consensus for decisions regarding offender treatment and victim safety.

Offender competencies have also been developed to assist the MTT in evaluating the degree of offender behavioral change during

treatment. Offender re-assessments will also be required at identified intervals.

To determine barriers to the implementation of the proposed new model, several test sites have been implemented. Treatment providers participating in the test sites are implementing the new model only within the context of the existing standards. The new model will not impact the actual discharge of specific offender cases during this process. The goal is to examine

the feasibility of implementing the new model.

Test site locations are: southeastern Colorado (16th Judicial District), eastern Colorado (Kit Carson County, 13th Judicial District), southern Colorado (Fremont County, 11th Judicial District), Adams County (17th Judicial District), Jefferson County (1st Judicial District), and Colorado Springs (4th Judicial District).

**CHANGES TO PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS**

In June of 2007, the DVOMB approved the revised Section 9.0 of the Standards for Treatment with Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders (*Standards*) regarding Provider Qualifications.

During the process of revising provider qualifications, the DVOMB obtained input from community members, especially those most affected by the proposed revised standards.

The proposed revisions were created as a result of statewide general concern

about provider qualifications. Therefore, the revisions added an entry-level treatment provider status and training categories were expanded.

There are currently four levels of approval for Providers: entry level (introductory level), provisional level (designed only for communities with a demonstrated need for a Provider), full operating level (a Provider who has met all the necessary education, training, and experiential requirements), and DV Clinical Supervisor (full operating level

Provider who has obtained additional training and experience).

Another noteworthy revision is the new application process. The new application has been streamlined. In addition, DV clinical supervisors must verify the Applicant's trainings, experiential hours, ongoing supervision, and co-facilitation. In addition, they will review all clinical documentation submitted by the Applicant.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

In December 2006, the DVOMB approved "Best Practice Guidelines" for providing court-ordered treatment to female offenders and for domestic violence offenders in same-sex relationships.

These guidelines can be found in Appendix B of the *Standards For Treatment With Court Ordered Domestic Violence Offenders*.

They are also posted on our website at:

<http://dcj.state.co.us/odvsom>

Click on "Domestic Violence Management Board" and then on the "standards" tab.



**BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

We are pleased to spotlight Anne Tapp, Executive Director of Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence in Boulder, who has represented domestic violence victims and victim organizations on the DVOMB since its inception in July of 2000.

Anne is a proven leader in the field of domestic violence with her 20-year career dedicated to confronting injustice and oppression through public awareness, innovative service provision, and social change. In addition to her accomplishments as an advocate, organizer, trainer, leader, and administrator, she has held many community leadership positions. For example, she has served on the following Boards and

Committees: Domestic Abuse Prevention Project; State Commission for Domestic Violence Treatment Standards; National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; University of Colorado, Graduate School of Public Affairs, Domestic Violence Program; and the Boulder County Advocates for Transitional Housing.

In addition to being qualified as an expert witness on domestic violence in four judicial districts, Anne directed a national task force that addressed the needs of children from violent homes and has published manuals and curriculum on domestic violence issues.

As a balance to her professional life; Anne adores classical music, especially baroque and she is an avid cyclist, participating in 5 or 6 century rides a summer.

Anne's tenure with the DVOMB concluded this September. Her invaluable insights and her dedication will be missed. However, Anne has stated that she will stay involved in committee work.

We hope that she will one day pursue her dream of living in Paris with Jill, her partner of 16 years, writing books and enjoying good wine and strong coffee.



Anne Tapp



**Become a member of this committee because ... you CAN make a difference!**

**DVOMB STANDING COMMITTEE**

Currently, the DV Treatment Review Committee is the only committee that is scheduled to meet. This Committee was formed to revise the treatment standards to allow for greater differentiation of treatment.

The Committee meets the second Thursday of each month from 10 AM–2PM. For the October, November, and December meetings in 2007, the location for the meeting is:

700 Kipling Street, first floor conference room

For the meetings scheduled for January–June 2008, the location for the meeting is:

710 Kipling Street, third floor conference room, #308

Lunch is provided for attendees free of charge if they RSVP to Dana LaPointe at 303-239-4528 at least two days in advance of the meeting date.

**SUNSET REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Bruce Harrelson, Director of the Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform (OPRRR) within the Department of Regulatory Agencies has been performing a sunset review of the DVOMB for the past several months.

State agencies are reviewed according to a statutory review schedule and according to statutory criteria. A sunset review discusses whether the agency

under review should be continued without changes, continued with changes or be terminated. Reviews also examine an agency's efficiency, effectiveness and accountability. OPRRR will make recommendations in these and other areas to the General Assembly.

Sunset reviews are based on nine statutory criteria that can be found on the OPRRR website at the following

website: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/opr/sunsetcriteria.htm>.

The review is scheduled to be submitted to the General Assembly on October 15, 2007. At that time it will be available to the general public and posted on the DVOMB and OPRRR website.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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 Domestic Violence Offender Management Board  
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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Appointed by</u>	<u>In County</u>
Jennifer Ahnstedt . . . . .	Public Defenders . . . . .	Colorado Public Defender . . . . .	Arapahoe
Sgt. Howard Black . . . . .	Law Enforcement . . . . .	Colorado Department of Public Safety . .	El Paso
Gregory Cheyne . . . . .	Rural Coordination of Criminal . . . . Justice & Victims Services	Colorado Department of Public Safety . .	Alamosa
David Harrison . . . . .	Private Criminal Defense Attorneys	Colorado Department of Public Safety . .	Boulder
Denise Washington . . . . .	DV Victims & Victim Organizations	Colorado Department of Public Safety . .	Denver

## NEWLY-APPROVED PROVIDERS

Between January 2007 and September 2007, there have been eight applicants who have received full approval to provide services throughout the state. Their names and locations of current practice are listed below.

<u>Last Name, First Name</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Banuelos, German	Carbondale, Eagle, Leadville
Bauer, Theresa	La Junta, Lamar, Manzanola, Ordway
Belloso, Carolina	Greeley
Campbell, (La Wanda) Sue	Burlington, Cheyenne Wells
Lindholm, Peggy	Lakewood, Northglenn
Maruyama, Kazuo	Denver
Morris, Ryan	Broomfield, Greenwood Village, Lakewood, Thornton
Slotkin, Ira	Aurora, Brighton, Denver, Thornton

