

Women of Color Task Force Mission Statement

The Women of Color Task Force of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence pledges a deep commitment to establishing a supportive system for all women of color who are affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

We resolve to continue to work toward positive social change by acknowledging and confronting the issues of oppression and victimization of battered women and their children, as well as victims of sexual assault.

As women of color in the domestic violence movement, we will work toward the affirmation and empowerment of all people. We pledge to celebrate our diversity and yet value the unity of all who work to end domestic violence.

The Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence

is a statewide nonprofit coalition of agencies and individuals, working to stop domestic violence.

The Coalition supports equality in relationships and encourages victims of abuse to assume control over their own lives.

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valuing the unity of all who work
to end domestic violence*

Please complete if you are interested in being a member of the Women of Color Task Force. Please mail or fax to the address listed below:

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Statement of Purpose & Goals

Research shows that nearly 25% of women have been raped and/or physically assaulted by a current or former spouse, cohabitating partner, or date at some time in their lives. The Women of Color Task Force of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence recognizes the isolation, frustration, anger, lack of representation, and invisibility felt by women of color in the domestic violence movement and pledges to work toward the following goals:

- To educate through training, prevention, and availability of resources.
- To advocate by removing barriers and connecting with national organizations.
- To empower through education.
- To network through outreach and making contacts with others who share our experience, philosophy, and goals.
- To be proactive by identifying opportunities for collaborative efforts.

Membership

The Women of Color Task Force is open to all women who self-identify as women of color. Women who are interested in issues of violence against women as well as survivors of domestic violence are welcome to join the Task Force. For meeting information, ideas, and other questions contact DCADV staff at **302-658-2958**.

Who we are

The Women of Color Task Force is a committee of the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The Task Force first met in November 1999 and has been meeting regularly since then to discuss and develop strategies regarding the outreach and delivery of domestic violence services to communities of color. The Task Force strives to increase public awareness of domestic violence through support, education, and training.

Accomplishments:

The Task Force's main accomplishments have been

- On-site domestic violence trainings for religious groups and communities of color.
- A tribute in honor of victims/survivors of domestic violence in 2001.
- The showing of the film "NO!"- a documentary on the silence around sexual assault in the African-American community.
- Organizing the "Ya No Mas: A Community Speaks Out Against Domestic Violence" conference, which addressed domestic violence and the Hispanic Community.

Who are women of color?

Women of color are defined as "women who have claimed the power to name and define themselves and their experiences through their culture and diversity."