

HISTORY OF THE MISSOURI COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

1980

THE MISSOURI COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (MCADV) FORMED

- ▶ The Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence was formed in 1980 to preserve the working relationships established in 1979 when an informal group of advocates gained passage of the Missouri Adult Abuse Remedies Law. MCADV was formed to create a network of individuals and organizations “concerned with domestic violence and the abuse of women.” This handful of women and men working in domestic violence programs began the difficult task of making the idea of a statewide domestic violence coalition a reality.
- ▶ The Board of Directors voted to officially incorporate MCADV and filed incorporation documents with the State of Missouri.
- ▶ Diane Huneke of Sojourner Truth Center in Caruthersville served from 1980-82 as the first Board Chair of the newly founded Coalition. Seven committees were formed to establish the structure of the Coalition.
- ▶ Chapter 455 created in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri (RSMo.): Abuse - Adults and Children - Protection Orders. Orders of Protection established with criminal penalties for violations.
- ▶ Law enforcement officers required to make the same response to domestic violence crimes as to other crimes between persons.

1981

COALITION MEMBERSHIP DIVIDED INTO REGIONS: EASTERN AND WESTERN

- ▶ Missouri Secretary of State issued MCADV its official incorporation papers on August 18, 1981.
- ▶ First MCADV logo and brochures created.
- ▶ MCADV published *Domestic Violence in Missouri: A Needs Assessment*.
- ▶ Membership report at MCADV Annual Meeting: 11 program members, 4 individual members and 5 supporting members.
- ▶ Meetings held to facilitate understanding and improve cohesiveness between rural and urban programs.
- ▶ Mileage reimbursement for the Annual Meeting at 15 cents per mile was provided to members. MCADV Treasurer reported a balance of \$595.33 in funds at first Annual Meeting.
- ▶ Board Administrative Committee developed plans for five-member staff of Coalition.

1982

AMENDMENT TO MCADV BYLAWS CREATES FIRST REGIONAL MEETINGS

- ▶ Regional meetings created to increase member participation, a shift from statewide meetings. Members discussed developing uniform accountability system for programs to be ready for state funding.
- ▶ First election of MCADV Board of Directors held. Membership categories were revised by definition, but remained as Organization, Individual and Supportive.
- ▶ Missouri Supreme Court upheld constitutionality of Adult Abuse Remedies Law and Orders of Protection. Dissenting Judge Warren Welliver wrote that the law will create nine new evils for every evil it seeks to correct.
- ▶ MCADV received tax exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) status from the IRS.
- ▶ Legislation passed allowing counties to pass ordinances to charge \$5 for marriage licenses and \$10 for dissolutions with funding designated for domestic violence shelters.
- ▶ Law established requirements for domestic violence shelters, including Board of Directors' composition that reflects the demographics of those served.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

1983 FIRST MCADV CONFERENCE HELD

- ▶ First MCADV Conference held at Camp Red Bud, Lake Ozark, and featured Lenore Walker, pioneer in the study of domestic violence and author of *Battered Women*. Conference participants were asked to bring pillows, sheets, a sleeping bag, towels, toilet paper, comfortable walking shoes, flashlights and insect repellent. Cabin space was limited, but primitive camping space was available.
- ▶ MCADV set goals that centered on the importance of networking among members: to share ideas and information on program design; to promote public policy through the collection of service statistics; to maintain a system of legislative monitoring; and to provide technical assistance to members and community groups.
- ▶ State divided into two MCADV regions: Eastern and Western.
- ▶ April 1983 newsletter reported 1982 statewide service statistics: 7 programs; 14,611 crisis calls; 17 full-time paid staff; \$420,703 total budget of all programs.

1984 MCADV FINALIZES STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- ▶ Annual Conference held at Camp Rising Sun.
- ▶ Statement of Purpose stated: "We oppose the use of violence as a means of control over others and support equality in relationships and the concept of helping women assume power over their own lives. We strive toward becoming independent, community-based groups in which women make major policy and program decisions."
- ▶ Committees formed that included funding, sexual assault, men's programs and legislation.

1985 PLANNING BEGINS FOR FIRST STATEWIDE DIRECTORY

- ▶ MCADV contracted with lobbyist to help advocate for state domestic violence funding.
- ▶ Finance report for January 1985 showed a balance of \$1,408.99.
- ▶ 13 program members of MCADV.
- ▶ Annual Conference held at the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson City.
- ▶ Planning began on statewide directory and state plan.
- ▶ Governor John Ashcroft declared October 6-12 as Domestic Violence Awareness Week.

1986 STATE FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS SOUGHT FROM LEGISLATURE

- ▶ Amendments to Adult Abuse Act passed in larger bill by Missouri General Assembly. Larger bill declared void as "catastrophic error" eliminated the law against rape.
- ▶ Program standards created. Monthly newsletter distributed.
- ▶ First copier donated to MCADV by St. Louis United Way. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence holds national conference in St. Louis.
- ▶ Bylaws revised. Members voted to retain organization name, defeated proposal to become the Missouri Council Against Domestic Violence.
- ▶ Annual Conference held in Jefferson City with keynote speech by Rep. Claire McCaskill on amendments to Missouri domestic violence laws.

1987 MCADV EXPANSION PLEDGE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR STAFFED OFFICE

- ▶ MCADV Expansion Task Force set campaign goal of \$49,900 to open a staffed office; member programs contributed extra funds, grants written for foundation funding.
- ▶ Annual Conference attended by 72 members, largest audience for MCADV conference.
- ▶ MCADV achieved passage of first law in the nation to allow testimony in court on Battered Woman's Syndrome as a defense for battered women who kill in self-defense.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Missouri Attorney General John Ashcroft established Blue Ribbon Domestic Violence Commission with MCADV Board members Deb Page-Adams and Sue Else as members. State hearings held.
- ▶ MCADV Legislative Committee began drafting amendments to Adult Abuse Act to remove protection order filing fees, allow probable cause arrest, expand scope of law.
- ▶ Legislation passed to create Child Orders of Protection.

1988

MCADV GAINS FIRST OFFICE SPACE AND PAID STAFF

- ▶ MCADV gained funding to open first office at 331 E. McCarty, room No. 22 in Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services shelter and hired Susan Frain as Executive Director and Rhonda Flynn as Administrative Assistant.
- ▶ *In the Name of Love* published as report of state Blue Ribbon Domestic Violence Commission with recommendations for funding services, enhancements to domestic violence laws, law enforcement and court responses.
- ▶ Legislative Committee finalized draft bill to significantly amend Adult Abuse Act and gains support for bill from Blue Ribbon Commission, judges, law enforcement agencies and prosecutors.
- ▶ Colleen Coble hired as Executive Director in December.

1989

MCADV GAINS PASSAGE OF SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF ADULT ABUSE ACT

- ▶ MCADV achieved passage of Senate Bill 420. Missouri became 10th state to enact probable cause domestic violence arrest law; expanded Orders of Protection, eliminated protection order filing fees, prohibited dual arrests and mutual protection orders.
- ▶ MCADV published first resource publications: a statewide directory of domestic violence programs and *A Resource Manual for Trainers*.
- ▶ Membership regions expanded to five: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest.
- ▶ MCADV Women of Color Task Force established.
- ▶ Executive Director began work with national domestic violence organizations and other state domestic violence coalitions.
- ▶ MCADV received \$8,000 grant from Chicago Resource Center to help eight communities open domestic violence programs and shelters.

1990

MCADV RECOGNIZED AS STATEWIDE AUTHORITY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES

- ▶ MCADV gained passage of \$200,000 in first state funding for domestic violence services; funds vetoed by Governor John Ashcroft.
- ▶ Legislation passed that required custody and visitation be ordered in a manner that protects the child, a parent and any family member from domestic violence.
- ▶ All state circuit clerks trained by MCADV through project with Office of State Court Administrator.
- ▶ *A Resource Manual for Trainers*, second expanded edition, published by MCADV.
- ▶ MCADV received first computer—donated. Annual conference budget set at \$1,000.
- ▶ Risk of closing office offset with donation from Eagles Auxiliary Club of Desloge.

1991

MCADV GAINS PASSAGE OF LAW TO MAKE MARITAL RAPE A CRIME

- ▶ Marital rape became a criminal offense when MCADV gained passage of HB 566.
- ▶ MCADV provided first statewide training of Missouri judges on domestic violence and provides first week-long training at Missouri State Highway Patrol Academy.
- ▶ MCADV published fundraising manual for members, held fundraising conference.
- ▶ Offices moved to 331 Madison Street, Jefferson City with two full-time staff members.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

1992 MCADV AGAIN GAINS PASSAGE OF STATE FUNDS THAT GOVERNOR ASHCROFT VETOES

- ▶ State funding of \$250,000 for domestic violence programs passed by legislature; vetoed by Governor Ashcroft.
- ▶ MCADV annual operating budget increased to \$76,547.92.
- ▶ Legislative priorities of MCADV passed: child protection investigators mandated to receive domestic violence training and determine if parent abused; municipal and county court fees established to fund domestic violence shelters, domestic violence crimes to be reported to state Uniform Crime Index.
- ▶ MCADV continued to provide intensive on-site training and ongoing technical assistance to start-up domestic violence programs.

1993 MCADV GAINS FIRST-TIME STATE FUNDING OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

- ▶ State funding of \$125,000 for domestic violence services passed by legislature and signed into law by Governor Mel Carnahan.
- ▶ Stalking made a crime and a cause for getting a protection order.
- ▶ Needs assessment conducted with MCADV members.
- ▶ MCADV established "Professionals in Partnership" project that provided trainings for health care providers' response to domestic violence.
- ▶ MCADV published *A Blueprint: A Manual of Guidelines for Domestic Violence Services* and a revised edition of the *MCADV Training Manual: An Anthology of Training Materials for Missouri Domestic Violence Programs*.
- ▶ MCADV staff worked with other state coalitions to draft federal Violence Against Women Act.
- ▶ Missouri Supreme Court appoints MCADV staff to Gender Fairness Committee to address gender bias in courts.

1994 FEDERAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- ▶ MCADV received nation's first federal disaster relief funds for domestic violence services. Funding distribution plan designed by MCADV awarded equal funding in federal grants to domestic violence programs.
- ▶ Coalition members document ongoing flood affects in demand for services: nearly 12,000 women and children turned away from shelters that were full.
- ▶ Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) passed.
- ▶ MCADV obtained \$400,000 in state funding for domestic violence services in state budget to replace federal disaster relief funding.
- ▶ For the first time, full funding obtained at the start of a fiscal year to support the MCADV annual operating budget.
- ▶ MCADV published *The MCADV Five-Year State Plan* with goals to stabilize programs, restructure funding, ensure access to services, coordinate services, ensure access to justice.

1995 MCADV STAFF GROWS TO FIVE

- ▶ Five staff members employed by MCADV. Executive Director received award from women legislators of Missouri and elected as founding member to Board of National Network to End Domestic Violence.
- ▶ MCADV publishes research paper on the long-term effects of a natural disaster on battered women; presented at international research conference on domestic violence.
- ▶ Monthly newsletter, *The Latest*, published; *MCADV Legislative Update* published monthly during legislative session
- ▶ Membership regions expanded to seven with Kansas City and St. Louis Metropolitan Regions established.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

- ▶ MCADV established joint statewide task force with drug and alcohol treatment programs to address needs of domestic violence victims seeking substance abuse treatment.
- ▶ Legislation passed that increased state domestic violence funding to \$1.15 million. MCADV received first STOP grant.
- ▶ MCADV established public campaign to seek clemency for imprisoned stalking victim.

1996

MCADV SECURES \$3 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS FOR SHELTER CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ MCADV gained passage of \$3 million to fund domestic violence shelter renovation and construction and obtained increase in state domestic violence funding to \$2.3 million.
- ▶ Department of Social Services adopted MCADV plan for state grants that provided equal funding to domestic violence programs.
- ▶ Four staff employed by MCADV.
- ▶ Training curricula developed by MCADV granted certification by Police Officers Standards and Training Commission.
- ▶ MCADV began work to develop new domestic violence policies and protocols with child protection services in Department of Social Services.
- ▶ National Domestic Violence Hotline opens; MCADV director named to Hotline Board.
- ▶ Federal funding for state domestic violence coalitions authorized in the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

1997

MCADV PUBLISHED START-UP MANUAL

- ▶ First edition of the *MCADV Start-Up Manual* published; requests for manual received from advocates in foreign countries.
- ▶ Findings from statewide MCADV research and evaluation project published in report: *Forging Coordinated Community Responses to Domestic Violence in Missouri*.
- ▶ Legislation passed requiring domestic violence homicides to be tracked.
- ▶ Federal grant funded MCADV partnership with Child Support Enforcement that developed safety protocols, screening and increased child support collections for domestic violence victims.
- ▶ MCADV gained \$2.3 million in state funds for domestic violence programs.

1998

MCADV DEVELOPS TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- ▶ MCADV finalized new domestic violence policies and procedures for child protection services, child support enforcement, public assistance TANF programs.
- ▶ MCADV published domestic violence training manual and completed train-the-trainers project with Coalition members to train state child protection, child support enforcement and TANF staff.
- ▶ Second edition of *The Start-Up Manual* published; manual distributed nationally and to additional foreign countries.
- ▶ MCADV employed six staff members.
- ▶ Law enforcement agencies required to determine and then report instances where a homicide is related to domestic violence.

1999

MCADV TRAINS 6,000 CHILD PROTECTION, CHILD SUPPORT, TANF WORKERS

- ▶ MCADV training teams presented 59 two-day domestic violence trainings to 6,000 Department of Social Services staff.
- ▶ Missouri House of Representatives' Interim Committee on Domestic Violence appointed with MCADV staff as ad hoc member; hearings held statewide.
- ▶ *The Nature and Dynamics of Domestic Violence* and *And Justice for All: Court Advocacy with Victims of Domestic Violence* published by MCADV.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Statewide needs assessment of domestic violence programs conducted by MCADV.
- ▶ Missouri Battered Women's Clemency Coalition founded with membership of MCADV and all Missouri law schools to gain clemency for imprisoned battered women.
- ▶ MCADV gained passage of law to require other states' Orders of Protection to be enforced even if the order is not registered with Missouri courts.

2000

MCADV GAINS PASSAGE OF 22 NEW SECTIONS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS

- ▶ MCADV gained passage of omnibus domestic violence bill to address issues from needs assessment, House Interim Committee hearings.
- ▶ Confidentiality of information and records is added as a requirement to be eligible for shelter funding.
- ▶ Adults in current or past dating relationships are eligible for Orders of Protection.
- ▶ Three separate crimes for domestic assault established.
- ▶ Federal Violence Against Women Act reauthorized.
- ▶ MCADV held five-day *Cultural Considerations* training with National MultiCultural Institute.
- ▶ Clemency petitions for 11 imprisoned battered women submitted to Governor Mel Carnahan by Missouri Battered Women's Clemency Coalition.
- ▶ MCADV worked with State Auditor's office on statewide audit to document misuse of marriage license and dissolution fees legally required to fund domestic violence shelters.
- ▶ MCADV published results of needs assessment in *Issues of Importance to Domestic Violence Service Providers in Missouri*.

2001

MCADV BOARD UPDATES FIVE-YEAR STATE PLAN

- ▶ MCADV Board created updated five-year state plan to focus on organizational structure, quality of services, funding stability/diversity, training and education.
- ▶ State domestic violence funding totalled \$3.8 million after MCADV gained a \$1 million increase; Governor Bob Holden vetoed an additional \$1 million for outreach services.
- ▶ MCADV designed the structure and mission of the Governor-appointed Missouri Domestic Violence Task Force appointed by Gov. Holden; MCADV staff and members appointed to Task Force.
- ▶ Missouri Attorney General selected MCADV to distribute funding from a federal lawsuit to member domestic violence programs.
- ▶ Second revised edition of *And Justice for All: Court Advocacy with Victims of Domestic Violence* published.

2002

MCADV ACHIEVES STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING INCREASE TO \$4.3 MILLION

- ▶ Thirteen regional and six statewide trainings presented to MCADV members; 48 regional meetings held.
- ▶ MCADV achieved state domestic violence funding increase to \$4.3 million.
- ▶ Staff expanded to seven employees.
- ▶ MCADV paid off loan for office building at 415 E. McCarty St. in Jefferson City.
- ▶ MCADV Board adopted Code of Ethics; Membership categories revised in Bylaws.
- ▶ U.S. Attorney John Ashcroft appointed Executive Director Colleen Coble to National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women.
- ▶ MCADV awarded private collaboration grant for health care responses to domestic violence; federal grant for statewide coordination of law enforcement, courts and services responses.
- ▶ Changes to Adult Abuse Act regarding filing fees, termination of orders, foreign orders and uniform petitions passed.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

- ▶ Voters who were victims of domestic violence granted confidentiality of residential address on public voter records.

2003

MCADV LAUNCHES WEB SITE AND MEMBERSHIP LISTSERVS

- ▶ MCADV launched first Web site at www.mocadv.org, Listservs for members; technical assistance calls averaged 140 per month.
- ▶ Seven regional and 14 statewide MCADV trainings were attended by 576 advocates; 500 advocates attended 39 regional meetings.
- ▶ Spanish language edition of *The Nature and Dynamics of Domestic Violence* published.
- ▶ Eight employees on MCADV staff.
- ▶ MCADV began training partnership with Missouri Division of Workforce Development.
- ▶ MCADV gained passage of law that exempted petitioners from including their Social Security number on Order of Protection forms.

2004

MISSOURI SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONFIDENTIALITY LAW

- ▶ MCADV trained 865 advocates in 24 days of statewide trainings; 38 regional meetings attended by 547 Coalition members; more than 500 technical assistance messages posted by staff on Coalition Listservs.
- ▶ Office moved to 718 E. Capitol Street in Jefferson City.
- ▶ Missouri Supreme Court upholds domestic violence confidentiality law in *Hope House* case; first domestic violence confidentiality law upheld by state high court.
- ▶ Americans for Gun Safety and MCADV collaboration produced brochures and manual on federal domestic violence firearms laws and advocacy strategies.
- ▶ Legislation passed to allow teens to receive domestic violence shelter and advocacy services without requirement of written consent of parents or guardians.
- ▶ MCADV and Clemency Coalition advocacy with Governor Bob Holden achieved clemency for two imprisoned battered women.
- ▶ MCADV gained passage of legislation to stabilize and increase funding through State Services to Victims Fund grant program.
- ▶ Laws against human trafficking created.
- ▶ Child custody and visitation law modified to prohibit courts from awarding custody or unsupervised visitation to a parent convicted of child sexual abuse.

2005

MCADV ACHIEVES 25 YEARS OF ADVOCACY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

- ▶ New MCADV brochure produced.
- ▶ MCADV provided 21 days of training to 643 advocates; 39 regional meetings attended by 599 members; 1,200 technical assistance calls answered.
- ▶ MCADV protected domestic violence state funding from across-the-board state budget cuts; \$4.3 million funding retained.
- ▶ Batterer intervention program standards produced and adopted by MCADV.
- ▶ Time limits eliminated in state law for local passage of fees to fund domestic violence shelters.
- ▶ The MCADV Board of Directors voted unanimously on December 9 to expand the mission and membership of the Coalition to address both sexual violence and domestic violence.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

2006 MISSOURI COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE LEGALLY CREATED

- ▶ The MCADSV Board of Directors unanimously approved Bylaw changes to create the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) on April 3.
- ▶ The U.S. Department of Justice designated MCADSV as a dual-issue coalition and therefore eligible for the FY2006 Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions.
- ▶ MCADSV developed a master's of social work internship program and hosted its first intern in spring 2006.
- ▶ Two new positions were created, which increased the staff size to 10.
- ▶ MCADSV achieved a \$200,000 increase in state funding for domestic violence services and a \$1.5 million increase for grants through the State Services to Victims Fund.
- ▶ MCADSV created a members-only section of the Web site to allow members to submit their Monthly Services Report data and register for trainings online as well as access detailed training records.
- ▶ MCADSV provided 21 days of statewide training to 689 advocates; 39 regional meetings attended by 640 members; 1,391 technical assistance calls answered; 626 messages posted on MCADSV listservs.
- ▶ MCADSV published revised edition of *The Nature and Dynamics of Domestic Violence* and produced Spanish and Bosnian translations of heavily distributed sections.

2007 MCADSV GAINS PASSAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL VIOLENCE LAWS

- ▶ MCADSV achieved passage of legislation with the most comprehensive advancement of responses to sexual violence victims as had been passed in the previous 20 years.
- ▶ MCADSV staff responded to more than 1,800 requests for technical assistance; provided 25 days of statewide trainings for 1,044 advocates; and provided 33 on-site trainings with member programs, training an additional 557 advocates.
- ▶ State funding of \$250,000 for sexual assault forensic exams was passed in the state budget, along with a \$250,000 increase in state funding for domestic violence services, bringing the total to \$4.75 million.
- ▶ MCADSV staff increased to 12 full-time employees.
- ▶ The MCADSV Board of Directors created the Immigrant and Refugee Workgroup.
- ▶ MCADSV participated as one of four pilot states in the national Documenting Our Work and Federal Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Outcomes project.
- ▶ The Shelter Rules Project, which became a national model for woman-defined structures of operating residential services, completed its first year with seven programs participating—one from each of the Coalition's geographic regions.

2008 MCADSV CONTINUES INTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

- ▶ Coalition membership increased to 109 domestic and sexual violence programs.
- ▶ MCADSV staff increased to 13 full-time employees.
- ▶ MCADSV published and distributed the first edition of *The Nature and Dynamics of Sexual Violence*.
- ▶ Standards for sexual assault services were created by MCADSV.
- ▶ Missouri Department of Public Safety adopted requirements for programs receiving state and federal grant funding.
- ▶ MCADSV Monthly Services Report collected sexual violence data for the first time.
- ▶ The Language Access Project, modeled after The Shelter Rules Project, completed its first year.
- ▶ CEO, Colleen Coble, presented The Missouri Model, a model of coalition leadership that provides a hands-on opportunity for domestic violence programs to address ongoing, new and/or emerging issues to better meet the needs of survivors, at the Women Against Violence-Europe conference in Slovakia.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

- ▶ The Shelter Rules Project continued mentoring by adding more programs in its second year.
- ▶ MCADSV achieved \$2 million in additional state funds to pay for the costs of forensic evidence exams.
- ▶ MCADSV coordinated five statewide trainings on *Enhancing Coordinated Community Responses* as a part of a statewide multidisciplinary effort funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. The trainings were attended by 699 individuals, including batterers intervention program staff, prosecutors, court personnel, judges, victim advocates, law enforcement officers and corrections personnel.
- ▶ MCADSV hosted six interns from a variety of academic areas, including pre-law, law, public health, social work, communications and journalism.
- ▶ MCADSV's CEO, Colleen Coble, completed 20 years of service with the Coalition. During that time, MCADSV grew from a donated, one-room office with a collapsing ceiling, 13 program members and a staff of 1.5 people, to more than 100 program members and a full-time staff of 13.

2009

MCADSV STARTS PREVENTION AND CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECTS FOR MEMBERS

- ▶ Two new "Missouri Model" intensive technical assistance projects with member programs began. One project focused on primary prevention of violence against women, and the other focused on enhancing sexual assault services in programs that provide both sexual and domestic violence services.
- ▶ MCADSV advocacy protected state funding for domestic violence services despite significant state budget reductions by the legislature and subsequent cuts by the Governor.
- ▶ MCADSV launched a new series of professional development workshops, focused on specific topics and job responsibilities for staff of member programs. The 2009 series addressed management, finances, communications and fund development.
- ▶ Coalition staff increased to 15 and included the new positions of prevention coordinator, program services director and senior editor.
- ▶ MCADSV offered two-day trainings with program leaders and advocates on personal and community transformation through addressing racism and oppression as inseparable from advocacy to end violence against women.
- ▶ Service standards for dual domestic and sexual violence programs were created.
- ▶ MCADSV continued its internship program with students from Missouri law schools and schools of social work.

2010

MCADSV CELEBRATED ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADVOCACY

- ▶ MCADSV celebrated its 30th anniversary, growing from its initial membership of fewer than 10 Missouri domestic and sexual violence programs to a network of more than 120 programs.
- ▶ Coalition public policy advocacy led to the restoration of full state funding for domestic violence services after it was reduced by 50 percent by legislators during significant state budget cuts.
- ▶ MCADSV bought its office building and opened a new Training Center: more than 2,700 advocates were educated in 126 trainings and MCADSV staff responded to 1,887 requests for technical assistance.
- ▶ MCADSV successfully advocated to gain the release of \$2 million in grant funds for sexual and domestic violence services that had been held in a state crime fine reserve fund.

HISTORY OF MCADSV (CONTINUED)

- ▶ At MCADSV's request, Attorney General Chris Koster established the Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence, appointed MCADSV's CEO to the Task Force, held statewide hearings to review and identify needed enhancements to domestic violence laws enacted during the past 30 years and made recommendations for enhancements to those laws.
- ▶ Four intensive technical assistance projects continued: Building Capacity for Sexual Assault Services; Prevention Capacity Building; Language Access; and Shelter Rules.
- ▶ MCADSV created a national manual on how to reduce shelter rules to enhance communal living and services. The manual will be published in 2011 through a partnership with the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.
- ▶ A new partnership was developed by the Coalition with Washington University and Westminster University to train students to advocate at the Capitol on issues of sexual and domestic violence.
- ▶ A Statewide Sexual Violence Prevention Strategic Plan was developed by MCADSV in coordination with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to identify priorities for funding sexual violence prevention programs.
- ▶ MCADSV conducted Sexual Violence Counts, the first-ever one-week census to identify the number of services provided by sexual violence programs in Missouri.

2011

SPIKE IN TRAININGS; OVERHAUL OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS

- ▶ MCADSV educated 3,307 individuals in 136 trainings, a 20 percent increase in the number of advocates trained per year. MCADSV also provided 1,597 people with problem-solving information, fulfilling technical assistance requests on a broad range of domestic and sexual violence prevention and advocacy issues.
- ▶ Through MCADSV's leadership, the Missouri General Assembly unanimously voted to revise and strengthen all state domestic violence laws. The governor signed the comprehensive bill into law. MCADSV also obtained state funding to ensure the solvency of the government program that pays for sexual assault evidence exams. MCADSV gained the restoration of state funding for domestic violence services.
- ▶ MCADSV created a nationally-heralded and -distributed publication, *How the Earth Didn't Fly Into the Sun: Missouri's Project to Reduce Rules in Domestic Violence Shelters*, to improve the experiences of survivors in the communal living setting of domestic violence shelters. The manual features a history of how Missouri's project became a living laboratory, the principles used to overcome common challenges, and strategies to implement organizational change.
- ▶ MCADSV created 39 educational publications. More than 5,000 copies of these and other MCADSV-produced training manuals and materials were distributed to advocates and community members.
- ▶ MCADSV continued its national pilot program for prevention education with middle school students. MCADSV crafted a curriculum development and community implementation project in partnership with Green Dot, a leading national prevention education program.