

***Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence***

# **2001 Annual Report**

***Mission: Advocacy and Action for Social Change***



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Founded in 1990 by domestic violence survivors and their allies, the Coalition is a non-profit, statewide network of 64 member programs that serve victims of domestic violence in rural, urban and Indian Country communities of Washington, plus 117 individual and organizational associates. The mission of the Coalition is to promote advocacy and action for social change.

The Coalition, through its leadership and networking, supports individuals and organizations to increase their capacity to provide quality services for domestic violence victims, community education, and advocacy for individual, institutional and social change.

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**Inside front and back covers:** *Refuse To Abuse* campaign 2000/2001 print ads. The Coalition teamed up with the Seattle Mariners, corporate partners, and government agencies to produce an innovative domestic violence prevention campaign with a positive message, targeting men, youth, and baseball fans.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Coalition members, supporters, and friends:

2001 was a busy and transitional year for the Coalition. We celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, started some exciting new programming, and experienced a change in leadership.

In the Spring, we bid a fond farewell to our founding executive director, Mary Pontarolo, whose leadership and vision grew the Coalition from a file box in her VW Beetle into an organization of 64 member programs, hundreds of associate members and supporters, 14 staff in 2 offices, and innovative projects that are highly regarded nationwide.

Throughout the transition, and with your participation and support, we continued our statewide advocacy and education work on behalf of battered women and their children. We hired a public policy coordinator to develop a proactive policy program addressing welfare reform, housing, immigration, budget cuts, and other initiatives related to domestic violence. We began a ground-breaking partnership with 17 disability and domestic violence advocacy programs to develop a training curriculum on promoting safety and independence for people with disabilities who are abused. And, we developed and produced *Caminando En Sus Zapatos*, a community education tool for use in Latino communities.

We deepened our commitment to building alliances with other social justice movements and making connections across issues. Most notably, we worked diligently with *Kwuln Yamnc?t*, an inter-tribal network of Native advocates from over 30 tribes, bands, Indian Nations and urban Indian programs in our state, to prepare for a 2 ½ day training during our annual conference in the Fall. We also provided leadership to the “Color of Violence: Building a Movement” national conference that was held in Chicago and sponsored by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence.

We are proud of the accomplishments documented in this report. We are humbled by the changes and challenges they represent. We are grateful for your support throughout.

It is impossible to recount the Coalition’s activities in 2001 without also placing them in a larger memory of 9/11 and its impact on our collective effort to end domestic violence. Words that battered women have always used entered the public lexicon on September 11: terrorism, brutality, vulnerability, shock, trauma, fear. In the months since, popular sentiment and public policy have added more: accountability, justice, security, solidarity, freedom.

We are not strangers to violence and the threat of violence, to how violence occupies consciousness and controls actions, or to the destruction and grief it produces. Sadly, 9/11 gave us the opportunity again to think globally about our local work. So much remains to be done.

For peace,



Nan Stoops  
Executive Director

## 2001 COALITION PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Public Policy Advocacy:** We promote public policies and institutional changes that increase safety and justice for battered women and their children.

**Fatality Review Project:** Promoted cooperation, communication and collaboration among agencies investigating and intervening in domestic violence; identified patterns in domestic violence-related fatalities; and made recommendations regarding the investigation, intervention and prevention of domestic violence. In 2001, we conducted four fatality reviews, established one new review panel in Clark County, and continued to distribute “*Honoring Their Lives, Learning From Their Deaths: Findings and Recommendations from the Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review*” (12/2000).

**Economic Justice Project:** Advocated for better policies and practices by the state welfare system to support victim safety. Please see the *Spotlight on the Economic Justice Project* below.

**Civil Justice Project:** In partnership with Columbia Legal Services, the Coalition hosted a one-day gathering of advocates, attorneys, courthouse facilitators, pro bono program coordinators, and funders to identify strategies for improving access to the civil legal system for victims of domestic violence. Among the recommendations were: enhanced partnerships between attorneys and advocates, regular training for advocates, judges and others, increased access to the court system for underserved populations and increased accountability for parenting evaluators.

**Committees and Task Forces:** In Washington State and nationally, we provided a leadership voice on policy issues related to domestic violence. Coalition staff work with a variety of groups, including: the Byrne Grant Advisory Committee, Child Death Review, Economic Services Advisory Committee, Gender and Justice Committee, Housing Trust Fund, Perinatal Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Washington State Violence Against Women Act Advisory Committee; and nationally, the Asian and Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence, Battered Women’s Justice Project, Jewish Advisory Committee of the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, National Network to End Domestic Violence, and the National Network on Behalf of Battered Immigrant Women.

**Training & Technical Assistance:** We support best practices among domestic violence programs and their allies. In 2001, we trained more than 250 domestic violence workers around the state last year, on topics such as court watch, advocacy-based counseling, and non-profit management. We trained 21 teams of law enforcement, prosecutors and advocates from local communities around the state to help build a coordinated community response to domestic violence. We provided on-site consultation to domestic violence programs, and published our advocacy journal, *The A-Files*, on emerging topics such as welfare reform.

**The Native Advocacy Project:** Provides an opportunity for inter-tribal networking and training to develop and promote best practices for Native domestic violence advocacy and sovereignty of Native women. In 2001, Native advocates and their allies formed an inter-tribal domestic violence network under the auspices of the Coalition, naming the group *Kwuln Yamnc?t* (say “cool-lem ya-men soot”), a Salish term meaning “gathering of family.” The Coalition was honored to work with a team of Native advocates to produce a 2 ½ day training on advocacy in Indian Country at our annual conference.

**Domestic Violence & Disabilities Project:** We developed an education and resource manual entitled *Enough and Yet Not Enough: An Educational Resource Manual on Domestic Violence Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities*. We also began developing an intensive training curriculum, and a 17-person faculty team of domestic violence and disability advocates, service providers, survivors of domestic violence, and persons with disabilities.

**Public Awareness:** We educate the public about the realities of domestic violence, challenge popular myths about battering, and provide educational tools for community-based domestic violence programs.

**Refuse To Abuse Campaign:** In 1997, the Coalition teamed up with the Seattle Mariners in an innovative public education campaign to prevent domestic violence. Highlighting the campaign are media advertisements featuring Mariners players, currently Carlos Guillen and Jamie Moyer. The ads are aired throughout the major league baseball season. The campaign is the first effort nationally to engage credible, professional male athletes in speaking out about domestic violence.

**Educational Resources:** The Coalition is proud to develop and distribute high quality, innovative educational tools about the real-life experiences of women living with domestic violence. In 2001, we published *Caminando En Sus Zapatos* (“Walking in Her Shoes”), a simulation where participants move, do, think, experience the lives of diverse battered women. This publication reflects the challenges faced by real-life Latina survivors of domestic violence. We distributed *Caminando En Sus Zapatos* to all member programs and to organizations in South, Central and North America.

**Leadership Development:** In accordance with our Principles of Unity, we continued to support six constituent groups of domestic violence workers and to provide opportunities for leadership development, networking and training. In 2001, these groups were: the Jewish Network, Immigrant & Refugee Network, Lesbian/ Bisexual/ Transgender/ Gay Network, Native Network, Survivors in Service Caucus, and Women of Color Caucus.

## ***Spotlight on the ECONOMIC JUSTICE PROJECT***

Battered women tell us that not having access to enough money, and other basic resources, has everything to do with their abusers' power and control over them.

Lack of income is one of the most commonly given reasons that battered women stay with or return to an abusive partner. A few of the most critical economic issues are living wage jobs, safety on the job from abusers, public benefits that provide critical services and resources, and decent, affordable housing.

The Economic Justice Project addresses these economic issues of critical concern to battered women, through education, public policy advocacy and collaboration. Currently, much of our effort is focused on welfare. Government agencies and women's advocates are working collaboratively to address the intersection of poverty and violence against women. Our efforts are improving the safety and well-being of battered women and children on welfare - those living in poverty as well as those living in violence because of the fear of poverty.

In 2001, our accomplishments included the following:

- Implementation of a pilot site training and technical assistance model for 18 DSHS community service offices state-wide, working with battered women's advocates to educate them about the singularly powerful role of victim advocacy within the public benefits and employment arenas, and with individual DSHS workers to educate them about how they can make a difference, within their existing role and resources.
- Analysis of WorkFirst practices and domestic violence. We found that 46.4% of Washington women applying for TANF reported, when asked by a DSHS worker, that they were dealing with domestic violence or its after-effects.
- Publication of a report to the State Department of Social and Health Services on how it is succeeding and failing with its current efforts to provide economic assistance to battered women and children. *Welfare on WorkFirst: Serving Domestic Violence Victims on Public Assistance in Washington State*, is available at [www.wscadv.org](http://www.wscadv.org).

We are optimistic about our efforts to help government be more responsive - within its own stated goals and guidelines - to battered women and children. But creating and maintaining an economic safety net will require much more than this. It will require educating the public about the value of anti-poverty government efforts, and the impact that eliminating or reducing these benefits has on battered women's chances for escaping abuse. It will also require radicalizing government bureaucracies by firing up the service recipients to tell the agencies how to run programs that do, in fact, help save their lives.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**JANUARY – DECEMBER 2001**

**REVENUE & EXPENDITURES 2001**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Contributions and	\$57,764
Membership fees	
In-kind contributions	\$353,451
Grants from government agencies	\$1,174,167
Training revenue	\$61,673
Sales	\$11,096
Interest	\$6,613
Gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets	\$3,037
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,667,801</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Membership services	\$474,428
Community education	\$575,792
Public policy	\$303,484
Organizing	\$110,735
Management and general	\$159,010
Fundraising	\$48,740
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,672,189</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$4,388)</b>

**BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 2001**

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	\$307,972
Property & equipment	\$29,073
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$337,045</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	\$24,465
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$24,465</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted balance	\$305,630
Temporarily restricted funds	\$ 6,950
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$312,580</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$337,045</b>

Independent Audit by Peterson Sullivan  
P.L.L.C., Certified Public Accountants

**Coalition Celebrates “Refuse To Abuse” T-shirt Night**



Just a few of the 20,000 fans who received a Refuse to Abuse T-shirt!

Over 550 people from domestic violence programs around the state and friends joined us at SAFECO field for the second annual *Refuse To Abuse* T-shirt give-away night on June 9, 2001. Howard Lincoln, Seattle Mariners CEO, threw out the “first pitch,” in recognition of the Mariners efforts to prevent domestic violence and their strong support of the “Refuse To Abuse” campaign. Our television ads, featuring pitcher Jamie Moyer and shortstop Carlos Guillen, were aired on “the big screen” in the ballpark, as well as on FOX Sports Net.

## **DONORS & FUNDERS**

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the following organizations and individuals. Financial support from our community helps keep our efforts alive. Thank you.

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### **Board Meetings**

In 2001, the Board of Directors traveled around the state to meet with local communities and learn how the Coalition could best partner with them.

Jan. 10 -11, Vancouver  
March 14 -15, Oak Harbor  
May 9 - 10, Seattle  
July 11 -12, Spokane

Sept. 24, Annual Membership Meeting,  
Wenatchee  
Sept. 25 - 26, Wenatchee  
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## **STAFF 2001**

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*List includes staff as of December 2001.*

Our deepest thanks to former Coalition staff who served in 2001:

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