



HELP END ABUSE





Dear Friends

From birth until old age, I think each of us hopes to have a life that is filled with love, kindness and possibility. It's true for all of us that from the moment we are born, we are all aging; though for a wide variety of reasons, not all of us will reach old age.

Culturally, we often see infants and older adults as among the most vulnerable in our society. And though all humans may be subject to violence and abuse in their lives, sometimes the vulnerability of age (whether young or old) limits access to certain resources and options that those in the 18-50 age range may have. To be old and abused, can be isolating, frightening, and extremely dangerous. Older adults are most commonly abused by a spouse or by an adult child (most commonly a son). And as the older adult is being abused, they are also often heavily dependent on the very person who is harming them, leaving them to feel as though they have no place to go or no other person to help care for them. Or they may be providing emotional and financial support for a loved one, such as an adult child or grandchild with mental illness or a disability and may feel there are no options for themselves and their loved one.



In the 1990s, End Domestic Abuse WI (End Abuse) became known nationally for its expertise on the issue of abuse in later life. WI became one of the first states to develop programming and resources specifically geared towards serving older abused adults. In 1999, End Abuse initiated the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), a national training and education resource center focused on the very specific needs of older victims of familial domestic and sexual abuse.

Since its formation, NCALL has trained thousands of law enforcement, prosecutors, adult protective services workers, health care workers, and advocates throughout the United States and the US territories. NCALL also supports communities to develop coordinated responses to abuse in later life by assisting them to develop policies and practices to identify elder victims and to respond appropriately. By creating videos featuring older survivors and subject matter experts, NCALL celebrates the strengths and resiliency of this population.

The theme of this year's annual report is aimed at both educating readers about abuse in later life and celebrating twenty years of NCALL's historical work to challenge and change society's response to abuse in later life.

NCALL has been a project of End Domestic Abuse WI since its inception and continues to form a cornerstone of all of our work to ensure that across the lifespan all people age and grow in ways that allow them to fulfill their potential, and that all lives are filled with love and kindness.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Patti Seger in blue ink.

Patti Seger, Executive Director

Our Why

For advocates, survivors and allies, End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin is the only statewide coalition led by social policy advocates, attorneys and experts working to support, connect, equip, empower and lead organizations for social change to end domestic abuse because everyone deserves dignity and safety.

OUR MISSION: We promote social change that transforms societal attitudes, practices and policies to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, abuse and oppression.

OUR VISION: We envision communities fully mobilized to ensure the safety and dignity of all.

OUR VALUES:

Survivor Centered: Honor humanity, respect the wishes and needs of survivors in all facets of our work.

Equity: Recognize how individual and systemic oppression biases and privileges affect our work and strive for inclusion.

Disruption: Proactively challenge and transform systems that do not support those we serve or our movement.

Integrity: Leading within, upholding everyone's dignity, and measuring our impact across communities.

Our Programs



THE ASHA PROJECT is a culturally-specific project of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin located in downtown Milwaukee, with staff who are trained to provide unique advocacy services that are culturally relevant for African American populations.

THE COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE (CCR) PROGRAM supports teams of key players in community systems, usually on a county-wide basis, to develop strategies and procedures in systems response to domestic violence and sexual assault.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PREVENTION AND OUTREACH supports local domestic violence programs to support children by offering training, information, and networking opportunities for those working with youth exposed to domestic violence and/or dating violence, works to prevent violence before it begins through youth education, and provides leadership development.

THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM, with support from the Allstate Foundation, supports survivors to build financial independence by addressing their unique economic needs.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE RESEARCH & REPORTING PROJECT works to inspire community members to get involved in efforts to prevent domestic violence.

HOMICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM supports communities to develop evidence-based responses that aim to prevent future homicides in their communities.

THE IMMIGRATION AND POVERTY LAW PROGRAM works to address the unique barriers facing immigrant victims and low-income families.

LGBTQ COMMUNITY OUTREACH promotes the social change necessary to end sexual and domestic violence in the LGBTQ community.

THE LEGAL PROGRAM at End Abuse examines the impact of the legal system on victims and provides training and information to advocates and legal professionals throughout Wisconsin.

THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON ABUSE IN LATER LIFE (NCALL) works at the national level to improve victim safety, increase abuser accountability, and expand coordinated community responses to abuse in later life.

The **PREVENTION PROGRAM** equips local, community-based organizations to shift attitudes and beliefs away from the root causes of violence and towards the values of mutual respect and equality that will create a peaceful future. End Abuse also leads by spreading prevention messaging and awareness across the state through our Dare 2 Know Campaign (d2kwi.org).

Our Programs

The **REACH PROGRAM** works to improve the responsiveness of domestic violence service providers, legal and health systems, and others to the needs of people of color, the LGBTQ community, immigrants, people with disabilities, deaf people, elders, and other underserved communities. The REACH Program also works to build the leadership capacity of advocates of color and survivors through the year-long WE LEAD academy.

PUBLIC POLICY ADVOCACY mobilizes advocates, survivors, and concerned citizens to effect policy changes that will support survivors and end domestic violence.

RISE LAW CENTER provides direct legal representation to immigrant victims of domestic and sexual violence, primarily in the Southern Wisconsin area.

The **TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM** conducts regional and statewide training events, web-based seminars, and customized on-site training for staff and boards of domestic violence programs.

MOBILIZING AND EDUCATING TEENS builds opportunities for teens to lead social change, promoting healthy relationships in their schools and communities. Teens participate in a statewide Teen Council that both advises End Domestic Abuse WI and contributes to the development of a statewide Teen Summit, where 400+ teens/youth come together to build a non-violent future.





THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON ABUSE IN LATER LIFE

The Story

In 2019, The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), a project of End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (End Abuse), celebrates its 20th anniversary. For the past 20 years, NCALL has learned from the stories and lived experiences of older survivors and used that knowledge to inform the project's national leadership in ending abuse in later life.

NCALL at a glance

1990: With funding from the Milwaukee Foundation, End Abuse created a report based on interviews of 21 older female survivors who had been abused by their spouses or partners. Bonnie Brandl, NCALL Director, leveraged the lessons learned from those survivors to start a national dialogue on abuse in later life.

1994: End Abuse became one of six national demonstration projects funded by the Administration on Aging (AoA), charged with creating curricula and providing technical assistance on working with victims of abuse in later life.

1996-1999: The AoA disseminated the projects' results throughout the country. This project also became the very foundation for the scope of NCALL's work at the intersection of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse.

1999: End Abuse created NCALL with funding from the U.S. Department of Justice's (US DOJ) Office of Violence Against Women (OVW).

2002: NCALL became the Training and Technical Assistance provider for OVW's Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program. Since then, NCALL has become a leader for this program in developing training curricula and resources and serving as supports as communities navigate developing Coordinated Community Responses to elder abuse that make sense for their populations of focus. This work has increased the capacities of communities of all kinds to gain knowledge, raise awareness, and improve systems to better respond to the unique and complicated needs of older survivors.

2008: With funding from The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and in partnership with Terra Nova Films, NCALL created and released *In Their Own Words: Domestic Abuse in Later Life*, a 2 DVD set and training guide featuring older survivors of abuse sharing their stories.

2014: NCALL's Bonnie Brandl co-authored *The Elder Justice Roadmap*, funded by U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This initiative, based on input from 750 stakeholders, offers a set of strategic priorities aimed at advancing elder justice.

2016: NCALL joined the Vera Institute of Justice's OVC funded National Resource Center on Reaching Victims. The NRC is a collaboration among 10 partners aimed at enhancing the crime victims' fields capacity to identify, reach, and serve all victims, particularly those in the margins. NCALL serves as the collaborative's lead on reaching older victims of crime.

2017: The OVC funded NCALL and Terra Nova Films to create another video project, *Lifting Up the Voices of Older Survivors of Abuse*, highlighting the stories and experiences of older survivors of abuse and financial exploitation.

2018: In its 16th year as the TA Provider for the OVW Abuse in Later Life Grant Program, NCALL will be working with 14 grantees, including a new statewide project in Wisconsin.



20 YEARS OF IMPACT: CENTERING THE VOICES OF OLDER SURVIVORS

Over the past 20 years, NCALL's collective impact has paved the way for meaningful change. For two decades, NCALL staff have authored countless articles, curricula, and resources for various audiences related to abuse in later life and the unique issues facing older adults and survivors of abuse. Staff have also trained and successfully engaged professionals from various fields of work and communities throughout the country to elevate the issues that affect older survivors and to generate critical collaboration across disciplines to create lasting social change. Through policy development, including recent work on the reauthorization of VAWA, NCALL has worked to center the lived experiences of older survivors in the national dialogue on enhancing responses to domestic violence and sexual assault. NCALL currently serves as liaison to the National Task Force to End Domestic and Sexual and Domestic Violence and has advocated for the development and enhancement of language and public policy that enhances breadth of services and support for older survivors.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

As allied partners in the National Resource Center for Reaching Victims (NRC), NCALL is expanding its capacity to include an inclusive framework aimed at meeting the needs of every survivor, especially those most marginalized. NCALL is using this platform to continue its work of lifting up the stories of survivors by developing a video series centering the voices of older African American victims of crime and abuse. This work is critical in providing perspective and a lens in which professionals can challenge their assumptions and adjust their approaches to be more inclusive. Through work with the NRC, NCALL will provide leadership in supporting victim service providers, culturally specific organizations, criminal justice professionals, and policymakers in enhancing their ability to provide healing services and avenues for justice to communities that do not have equitable access.

Values of inclusion, respect, and social justice are true for all who work in this movement and for each survivor, especially survivors at the margins. End Abuse and NCALL staff embrace the opportunity to continue to work with professionals and entities who focus on survivors of marginalized populations to shape and shift the national dialogue on what it means to do social change work through an intersectional lens while being inclusive and focusing on equitable outcomes.



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END DOMESTIC ABUSE WI 2017 FINANCIALS

EXPENSES

Program Support, Training and Technical Assistance	\$3,376,724
Policy and Legislation	\$76,620
Membership	\$19,131
Management and General Operations	\$53,768
Fundraising	\$97,174
Supporting Activities	\$750,942
Total Expenses	\$4,223,417

REVENUE

Government Grants	\$3,575,459
Other Grants	\$50,042
Membership	\$36,165
Contributions/Events/Other Unrestricted Income	\$457,501
Released Restricted Assets	\$110,652

TOTAL REVENUE \$4,229,819

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) \$6,402

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