

Partnering for Progress.....One Survivor at a Time

Dear Friends,

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) celebrates our partnerships in 2012 and the expansion of our network of organizations and individuals working to end domestic violence in Ohio. Although, like many other nonprofits, we are “doing more with less,” our collaborations are having greater impact in shifting public policy and raising awareness about domestic violence.

We continue to be thrilled with the ongoing support from diverse communities in our state: from men taking leadership in our OH-MAN project, to attorneys assisting victims with civil legal needs, to animal rescue organizations stepping up to help beloved pets of families in crisis. Clearly, 2012 has demonstrated that Ohioans are increasingly better informed about domestic violence and are more committed than ever to becoming involved in our goal of ending domestic violence in America.

In this annual report, we showcase several snapshots of the success of our many local, statewide and national partnerships.

ODVN’s achievements are made possible by the continued participation of our member programs, board members, individual donors, and community partners who have helped us move forward in such a strong way. We will continue to build our partnerships and rely on your involvement and financial support as we once again commit our resources and our energy to continuing the vision of peace and safety in all our homes.



Nancy Neylon
Executive Director



ODVN Mission Statement

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network advances the principle that all people have the right to an oppression and violence free life; fosters changes in our economic, social and political systems and brings leadership, expertise and best practices to community programs.

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Impacting Families Across Ohio...

ODVN is making progress for families through statewide collaboration and outreach. One of our stellar programs in 2012 was the launching of the Ohio Men's Action Network (OH-MAN). As a network of concerned and caring men and women, they are working diligently to engage and support men and boys to take an active role in efforts to prevent all forms of violence against women.



OH-MAN seeks to create communities where everyone can live free of violence and share a commitment of respect, safety and equality in their relationships.

A joint project of ODVN and the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, OH-MAN created a special website to provide a structure to identify and create resources, share and learn from one another, and increase the capacity of local programs in engaging men and boys in prevention. To become a member of the OH-MAN network, you just need to log onto

www.mensactionnetwork.com.

Protecting Endangered Children...

A critical goal for ODVN is to improve the safety and well-being of children exposed to domestic violence. The Family Systems Advocacy Program at ODVN provides a two-pronged approach to effecting positive changes in family-serving organizations at the state and local level. We are partnering with the Ohio Intimate Partner Violence Collaborative in the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the National Center on Adoption Law and Policy, the Healthpath Foundation and multidisciplinary professionals from across Ohio. Together, we are working to improve the response to domestic violence for families involved with Children's Protective Services through the development of a new statewide model program.



ODVN currently provides special training and technical assistance to enhance the domestic violence competency of local public children's services agencies and to encourage the development of agency partnerships with local domestic violence programs. The ODVN Family Systems Advocacy Director has developed and tested a comprehensive community readiness assessment that serves as a locally adaptable tool for preparing and planning community-based initiatives to improve responses to families and children impacted by domestic violence.

Linking with Lawyers to Help Survivors...



ODVN is making progress by partnering with attorneys throughout Ohio, offering civil legal assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Help is extended to survivors who have a low income and are not eligible for legal assistance through other resources in Ohio. In 2012, a total of 429 survivors accessed legal assistance for a wide range of needs including: divorce, custody, visitation, child support, housing issues, consumer issues, employment issues, immigration and civil protection orders. We heard from many survivors that, without the support of their ODVN-

provided attorney, they would have faced their abusers alone in court. ODVN applauds the 57 attorneys who last year provided reduced fee or pro bono assistance in domestic violence civil cases. They tell us that this is among the most important work they do in their law practices.

"I can't thank you and your program enough. My attorney was fantastic and a wonderful help. I was given shared parenting back and have my son back in my life. My gratitude to you is beyond words. What you all are doing can and will change many lives." A Survivor

Keeping Family Pets Safe...

ODVN is making progress by ensuring that the pets of victims of domestic violence are safe. Critical Statistic: 68% of survivors in domestic violence shelters reported violence towards their animals. A total of 87% of these incidents occurred in the presence of the victims and 75% in the presence of children.

Through a funding partnership with the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a KeyBank Trust, ODVN's *Domestic Violence Program Guide to Pet Support* was developed and produced in 2012. This important manual offers practical information and specific guidelines for domestic violence shelters regarding accessing off-site housing for shelter residents' pets. Materials available on ODVN's website include sample Memos of Understanding (MOUs) between animal shelters and domestic violence shelters, contracts between foster families and pet owners, and safety planning for pets. For example, The Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in Ravenna, Ohio, last year initiated a new partnership with ODVN. "Barns of Love" is a unique program designed to provide foster care for farm animals at risk in domestic violence situations.



Training for Trauma Informed Care...

ODVN is making progress on the local level by improving the effectiveness of advocates and agency programs. In 2012, ODVN offered 125 trainings providing new knowledge and skills to over 3,500 people. During 2012, we focused on providing specialized training and technical assistance on building awareness of and promoting the implementation of trauma-informed practices. Chronic traumatic situations such as domestic violence are those that occur repeatedly over time. These experiences trigger a range of responses including intense fear, a loss of trust in others, a decreasing sense of personal safety, helplessness and a loss of control.

“What is critical to understanding trauma is that traumatic responses are a NORMAL reaction to ABNORMAL events. Anyone can experience traumatic responses if they experience a traumatic event. Trauma-informed practices are not a specific type of service, but rather a set of principles that place trauma at the center of our understanding of domestic violence survivors,” says Rachel Ramirez, ODVN Training Coordinator.

Building on ODVN’s ground-breaking manual, *Trauma Informed Care: Best Practices and Protocol for Ohio’s Domestic Violence Programs*, we increased the effectiveness of advocates in Ohio’s domestic violence programs by providing state-of-the-art skills-focused training. During 2012, we assisted programs throughout the country and conducted trainings in California, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Minnesota.



“I always walk away encouraged and challenged in how I am caring for and working with families affected by domestic violence after a training with ODVN.” Agency Coordinator

“I did want to thank you for all of the work and energy you have put into the trauma-informed care research, manual and training, as we are going over it at our weekly staff meetings. It is such valuable information that will hopefully help us only continue to improve the care and services we offer to the women and children that come to our shelter,” Shelter Director

Ensuring Safety for All Survivors...

ODVN is making progress by ensuring our programs are safe and welcoming to all survivors... regardless of their race, gender, age or sexual orientation.

In collaboration with the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO), and the ODVN LGBTQ Task Force, we initiated the Safe Zone Project. The Safe Zone Project expands the capacity of domestic violence

agencies to provide culturally competent services to the LGBTQ community. The training and technical assistance is designed for an agency to holistically reflect on their assumptions and belief systems and revise policies, procedures, and outreach efforts for this community.



Making a National Impact...

ODVN is making progress by partnering with several national initiatives.



Collaborating closely with partners across the country, including: the National Network to End Domestic Violence, and the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women, ODVN and our member programs worked tirelessly to secure passage of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Since its original passage in 1994, VAWA has dramatically enhanced our nation's efforts to address domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence and stalking. Comprehensive programs at the state and local level reduce violence, protect lives, hold perpetrators accountable, and save money. VAWA saved nearly \$12.6 billion in net averted social costs since its initial passage in 1994 according to studies conducted by the Department of Justice. The reauthorization of VAWA led to significant improvements in safety and accountability for Native American and LGBTQ survivors.

The National Intimate Partner Prevention Council was formed in 2012 by state domestic violence coalitions and national partners to advance a comprehensive national prevention agenda, build leadership, and enhance the capacity of domestic violence programs to engage in effective and sustainable primary prevention and collaborate with national partners around prevention efforts that intersect with intimate partner violence. The immediate goals of the Council are to develop tools and resources that promote evidenced-based practice in prevention and disseminate them through technology and social media. ODVN is proud to have Rebecca Cline, Prevention Programs Director, elected to serve on the inaugural board.

Financial Information

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30

INCOME STATEMENTS

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

	2012	2011
GOVERNMENT GRANTS / CONTRACTS	1,353,630	1,289,447
PRIVATE FOUNDATION / OTHER GRANTS	263,721	164,944
MEMBERSHIPS / DONATIONS	37,340	49,395
TRAINING / CONFERENCE INCOME	30,700	46,321
OTHER INCOME	87,034	(13,504)
TOTAL REVENUE	1,772,425	1,536,603

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	1,542,303	1,450,026
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	129,851	137,304
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	21,404	7,867
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,693,558	1,595,197
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	78,867	(58,594)

BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

	2012	2011
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	104,072	146,263
CASH HELD FOR OTHERS	1,324	2,458
RECEIVABLES, GRANTS	324,243	299,146
RECEIVABLES, ACCOUNTS	23,019	1,872
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS, NET	495,371	417,506
DEPOSITS	1,917	1,917
TOTAL ASSETS	949,946	869,162

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	97,853	120,308
DEFERRED REVENUE, NET	115,076	90,704
NET ASSETS	737,017	658,150
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	949,946	869,162

ODVN is considered a low-risk auditee with no findings under Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133. ODVN has never had an audit adjustment or material weakness identified on its annual audit.

Major Funding Partners:

The Allstate Foundation

HealthPath Foundation of Ohio

Futures Without Violence

Ohio Attorney General

Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Office for Victims of Crime, Training and Technical Assistance Center

Verizon Foundation

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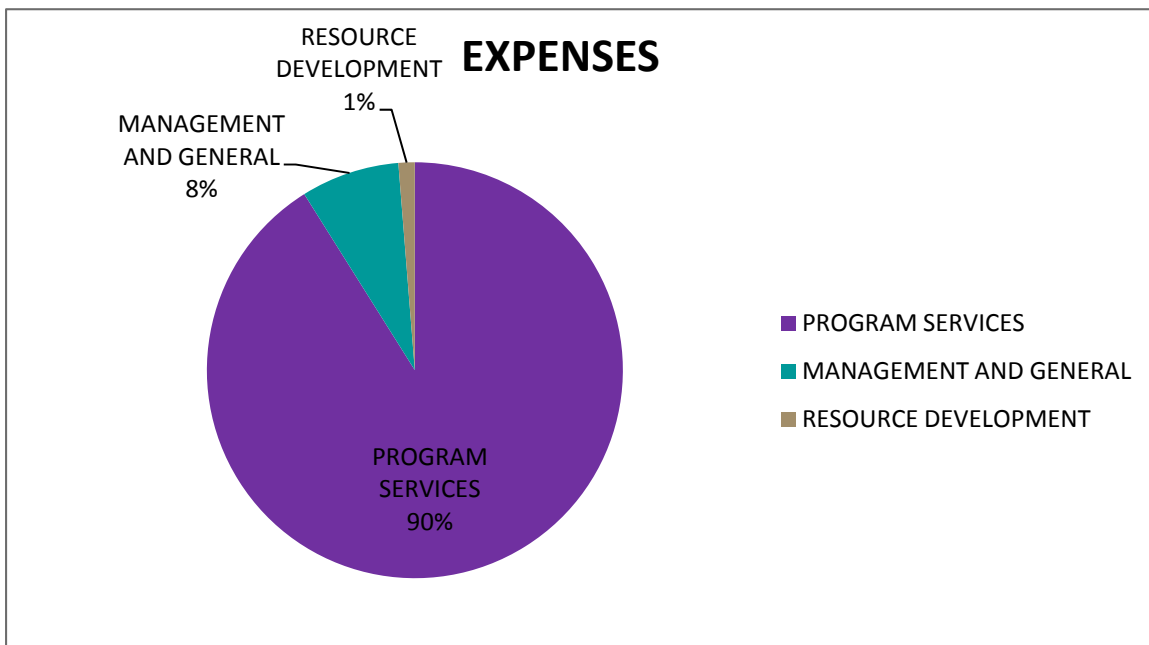
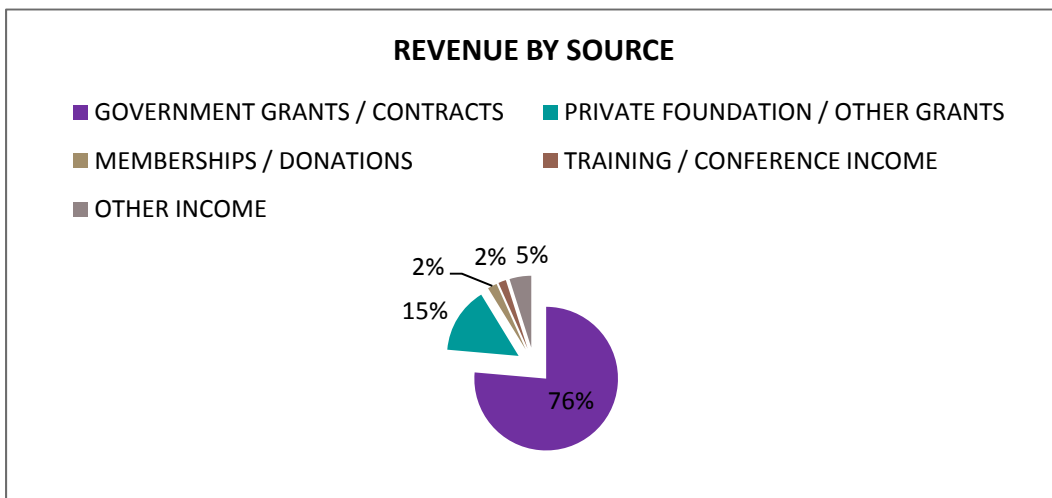
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Looking Ahead – ODVN Priorities for 2013...

In the year ahead ODVN will continue to work in partnership with survivors, domestic violence programs, allied professional and policy makers to ensure survivors have the services they need to end violence in their lives and the lives of their children. ODVN will promote training and technical assistance that builds the capacity of advocates and allied professionals to provide culturally competent, evidence-based programming. We are looking forward to Ohio’s first Healthy Masculinity Summit in October of 2013. Through a grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, ODVN will partner with the Ohio Poverty Law Center and the private bar to produce and disseminate Pro Se Manuals for survivors and provide legal education classes to incarcerated victims of domestic violence. As we strive to ultimately prevent violence, ODVN’s leadership will bring a strong voice for positive change in policies, laws and institutions that impact domestic violence survivors. We ask that you join us as we move toward our vision of peace and safety in our homes and communities.



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