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North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence Announces New Executive Director

The North Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence (NCCADV) announces that Rita Anita Linger has been named Executive Director. Rita Anita has a wealth of experience in domestic violence work including nonprofit and government positions in Arizona and New York.

In Arizona Rita Anita served as the Arizona Supreme Court Program Manager: Domestic Relations, the Director of Advocacy Services at the Center Against Sexual Abuse, the Senior Program Manager for the Arizona Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Network, the Regional Project Protocol Manager for the Arizona Attorney General's Office, the Co-Executive Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice, and Director of Diversity and Community Engagement at Gateway Community College.

During her time in New York Ms. Linger served as Executive Director of Chances and Changes Domestic Violence Program, Program Director of Apple Core Transitional Housing Program, Founder and Director of Gateway to the Courts Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention Program. She also served as the Program Director /Coordinator of the Community Dispute Resolution Center.

Rita Anita currently serves as Adjunct Professor at Peace College where she teaches Foundations of Leadership/Leadership and Social Change. She has extensive experience in program development, management and evaluation, grant writing, public policy, strategic planning and community outreach and is a survivor of domestic violence. Additionally Ms. Linger is currently in the process of completing her PhD. degree in Human Science with concentrations in Social Transformation, Health and Organizational Systems from Saybrook Graduate School and Research Center in San Francisco, California.

NCCADV Board Chairs Jackie Goodwyn and Karen Parker Thompson welcome Ms. Linger to the Coalition. "Rita Anita's skills and experience provide the perfect match with NCCADV as we enter this next phase of service to domestic violence survivors and programs throughout North Carolina."

"I am honored to be part of this great organization. We are dedicated to working on enhancing and re-defining access to systems which act as the gatekeepers to support, empowerment and violence-free lives for women and their children who are victims and survivors of domestic violence throughout the state of North Carolina. NCCADV's staff is committed to serving as social change agents and believe that through the venues of education, advocacy, and the mobilization of all aspects of community toward transformative change, we can together move toward actualizing a domestic violence free state. I look forward to the challenges and successes that lie ahead, " says Linger.

The mission of NCCADV is to create social change through the elimination of the institutional, cultural, and individual oppressions that contribute to domestic violence.