



ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Our mission . . .

The Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence is a group of social change activists who work together to challenge the root causes of domestic violence at the individual, organizational, and institutional level.

Our vision . . .

Our goal is to end domestic violence.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2007 - 2008

- The 2007 Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence (ECCAFV) Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held at Shanghai Red's Restaurant on June 6, 2007. Teresa A. Miller, JD, Professor from the University of Buffalo – School of Law and her students were the invited Keynote Speakers for the event. Over 120 people attended.

- 2007 ECCAFV Award Winners were:

William B. Hoyt Award
Exemplary Service Award
Volunteer Service Award
Sr. Karen Klimczak Award

Karen Colquhoun
 Holly Tucker
 Suzanne Kelly
 Citizen's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

- The ECCAFV continues to offer its Education and Training Institute throughout the year. There is clearly a significant need for ongoing training for community-based professionals as well as interested member of our community in the area of domestic violence. Since the inception of the Education and Training Institute began, there are almost 400 people who have attended. Training session dates and number of participants for 2007-2008 were as follows:

Training Session	Date	Location	Attended
DV 101	7/31/07	Buffalo, NY	29
Oppression Model and DV - Karen Edmond	10/10/07	Buffalo, NY	44
DV 101	1/24/08	Grand Island, NY	31
Legal Services for Adult Victims of Domestic Violence	6/4/08	Buffalo, NY	29
Total Participants			133

- The ECCAFV co-sponsored the 5K Run in June 2007 in Amherst, NY. There were 175 donors for this event which raised \$4,500. The event was honored to have Susan Still attend and speak to the audience. The Coalition was presented a check for \$1,000 from the event at the August meeting.
- Amy Barasch, the newly appointed Executive Director of the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence attended the September meeting and presented her vision and priorities for the work of the Office.
- The ECCAFV sponsored SPOT – Light on Domestic Violence on Saturday October 13. Teen Reality Theater performed as well as eight local poets and musicians; performances also by Searchlife to a packed house with approximately 150-200 people in attendance.
- The ECCAFV co-sponsored a public viewing of short documentary films produced by the law students of Teresa A. Miller, JD, Professor from the University of Buffalo – School of Law. The films highlighted the experiences of victims of domestic violence.
- The ECCAFV participated in a training collaboration with the Tri-County – A Day of Learning: Elder Abuse and Mistreatment at SUNY Fredonia. Sixty-four people attended the training event.
- The ECCAFV was excited to have Stacie Dopko as its first MSW Intern from the University of Buffalo – School of Social Work. We thank her for her commitment to the work of the Coalition during the past semester.
- The ECCAFV became a member of the New York State Coalition for Fair Access to Family Court – an advocacy group for the expansion of the definition of family for those seeking relief and protection from Family Court in New York State.
- On March 11, 2008, ten representatives of the ECCAFV traveled to Albany, New York to participate in the Domestic Violence Awareness Day sponsored by the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Representatives had the opportunity to meet with eight legislators and five aides; two media interviews were also held including appearance on Assembly Update with Dennis Gabryszak. Art created for the day by Haven House Art Empowerment group was used as visual aids for the visits. Many of the Legislators voiced their support of the pending Fair Access to Family Court legislation.
- Members of the ECCAFV participated in the discussion on Gender and Domestic Violence on March 25, 2008 with thirty-two people in attendance. The event was co-sponsored by Child and Family Services Haven House and the UB Gender Institute.
- The ECCAFV began distribution of a new publication called the “**Quarterly Update**”. The Update will highlight activities and events of the Coalition on a quarterly scheduled throughout the year. Please look for a copy of the “Update” at monthly meetings of the Coalition and on the website: www.eccafv.org
- The ECCAFV was invited to present at the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference in Albany, NY on April 28-30, 2008. “**Back to our Roots: One Coalition’s Process of Recommitting to Social Change Work**” was presented by Kristen Luppino, Remla Parthasarathy, Diane Bessel, and Amy Fleischauer as part of the conference workshop offerings.

This presentation will be repeated at the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 30th Anniversary Conference to be held in Washington, DC in July.

- The 2008 Annual Meeting and Luncheon “*Commemorating 30 Years of Advocacy, Collaboration, and Social Change Work in Erie County*” will take place on June 19, 2008 in Harry’s Harbour Place Grille. The Theatre for Change will present “And Things Go Bump in the Night” written and directed by Darleen Pickering Hummert.
- Greg White will end his role as Community Relations Chair position after four years of service in that capacity and one year as Vice-Chair of the ECCAFV.
- Two new Executive Committee members will begin their term at the Annual Meeting. They include: Remla Parthasarathy, Community Relations Chair and William Zelazny, Finance Chair. Currently the Communications Chair position is vacant.
- 2008 ECCAFV Award Winners are:

Sr. Karen Klimzak, SSJ Peace & Justice Award
Exemplary Service Award
Volunteer Service Award
William B. Hoyt Award

Diane Bessel
Miguel Santos
Dennis Zarzweski
Debbie Jaeger

ERIE COUNTY COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE
JULY 1ST 2007 – JUNE 18TH 2008
FINANCE CHAIR'S REPORT

STARTING BALANCE: 10,231.35

REVENUE:

Membership Dues:	\$840.00
Annual Meeting:	\$2280.00 (as of 6/16/08)
Donations:	\$1156.00
Education and Training Institute:	\$1975.00
Sales (T-Shirts, Pins, etc.):	\$255.00 (as of 6/16/08)

Revenue Narrative:

- Membership Dues: 8 Individual and 24 Agency-Level Paid Memberships
- Annual Meeting: 30 Paid Registrations for Annual Meeting (as of 6/3/08)
- Donations: Amherst 5K Run; Gender Institute Sponsorship of Gender and DV Training; Cash Donation
- Education and Training Institute: Registration Fees
- Sales: T-Shirts, Pins, Bracelets, Magnets, Window Clings

EXPENSES:

Administration:	\$608.02
Annual Meeting:	\$308.73 (as of 6/16/08)
Education and Training Institute:	\$825.56 (as of 6/16/08)
Advocacy Committee:	\$836.19
Domestic Violence Awareness Month:	\$466.63
NYSCADV Conference Sponsorship:	\$935.08
Eve Ensler Sponsorship:	\$250.00
Gender and DV Training:	\$250.00

Expenses Narrative:

- Administration: Website, Postage, Office Supplies, Monthly Meeting, Refreshments, Post Office Box Rental, Banking Fees
- Annual Meeting: Food, Program, Favors, Decorations, etc.
- Education and Training Institute: Refreshments, Postage, Speaker Honorariums
- Advocacy Committee: Legislative Awareness Day, Legislator Outreach
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Teen Reality Theatre, Sound System, Postage and Supplies, Bracelets
- NYSCADV Conference Sponsorship: NYSCADV Sponsorship, Hotel and travel expense
- Eve Ensler Sponsorship: Speaking Engagement at UB hosted by UBSofem
- Gender and DV Training: Molly Dragiewicz Honorarium

PASS THROUGH HOLDINGS:

Council on Elder Abuse	(\$619.02)
LGBT Domestic Violence Committee	(\$551.00)

CLOSING BALANCE : 11,832.85 (AS OF 6/18/08)

**Respectfully Submitted,
William S. Zelazny, ECCAFV Finance Chair**