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ODVN Creates Virtual Spaces and Resources for DV Programs

Amid the COVID-19 crisis, ODVN strives to stay connected with and provide the most up-to-date information to its member programs. As such, ODVN has prioritized creating virtual support and information forums for DV programs. These spaces include an Executive Director meeting, a Youth Advocate Support meeting, ODVN’s Young Advocates and Teen/Preteen Services Coordinator, and a virtual Youth Advocate Check-in meeting, and a Prevention and Community Outreach meeting.

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ODVN Advocates for Safe Releases to Reduce Prison Population

ODVN strongly supports the recent letter from the AG on eliminating and others to immediately reduce prison populations in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic. ODVN recently wrote the Governor in support of efforts to reduce the incarcerated population in Ohio. We support the use of domestic violence risk assessments for anyone charged with a domestic violence or related offense who is considered for humanitarian release. We also advocate that the Governor releases women ODVN recommended for release via parole or clemency in 2017. These women were incarcerated for acts committed in the context of their own domestic violence victimization.

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ODVN Emergency Hotel Assistance

If a survivor working with a local domestic violence program requires a 14-day period of isolation or quarantine, either for preventive or social distancing reasons, or because they are in a high-risk category, the program may submit a request for funds to ODVN for emergency hotel assistance.

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COVID-19 Information on ODVN Website

ODVN has created a COVID-19 information webpage, which is being continually updated.

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ODVN Welcomes Darlene Hills-Clingscale

Darlene Hills-Clingscale M.S. Ed. has been a part of the movement to end domestic violence for over twenty years as a prevention advocate, speaker, and educator. Darlene is the author of thousands of pamphlets, articles, and reports, working with Glen Reps and Rebecca Olson as an Emerging Women Specialist.

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ODVN’s Updated Trauma-Informed Approaches Manual

The ODVN Trauma-Informed Approaches, Promising Practices and Protocols for Ohio’s Domestic Violence Programs Manual that you know and love is updated, and even has a new look!

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