



Network News

April 2020

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, a Legal Advocate Check-In meeting, and a Prevention and Community Outreach meeting.



Every Tuesday at 2:00 PM, Sonia Ferencik, ODVN's Youth Advocacy and Trauma-Informed Services Coordinator, facilitates a virtual Youth Advocate Support Meeting.

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ODVN Advocates for Safe Releases to Reduce Prison Population



ODVN strongly supports the recent [letter from the ACLU](#) 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 populations 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 release 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.



Hotel Assistance Program

ODVN is providing funding for hotel stays for survivors and their families to help Ohio's domestic violence shelters remain open and accessible during the COVID-19 outbreak. This program is intended to facilitate social distancing and help reduce the number of residents at our member programs.

Eligible applicants should be relatively independent of staff support and close to leaving shelter. Survivors at high risk of COVID-19 are also eligible. ODVN will cover 14 nights in a hotel. Survivors must be able to return to shelter or access other housing at the end of their hotel stay.

Please submit completed Emergency Fund Request Forms to Cassie Baker at CassieB@odvn.org.

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COVID-19 Information on ODVN Website

ODVN is committed to providing Ohio domestic violence programs with up-to-date, ongoing and comprehensive resources related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This site will be updated daily, so please check back regularly.

Last Updated: April 21, 2020 at 3:00pm

Shelter/Program Guidance

- ODVN Shelter Guidance re: COVID-19 for Shelter Programs, March 26
- ODVN COVID-19 Case/Incident/Chy, Prevention and Provision of Alternative Services Guidance for Programs
- ODVN Stay-At-Home Order Guidance
- Coronavirus Guidance for DV Programs (COVID-19)
- COVID-19 and Shelter Confidentiality Video (COVID-19)
- Fundraising Strategies for Local DV Programs in Response to COVID-19 (National Resource Center on Domestic Violence)

Pandemic-Related Support For Survivors

- ODVN Hotel Funding Guidelines
- ODVN Hotel Funding FAQ
- ODVN Survivors' Emergency Fund Request Form
- ODVN How to Get Your Stipend Payment
- Other Hotel and Lodging Assistance Funds Willing to Help LAC (Conditions on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio - COVID-19)
- ODVN FAQs for Benefits, Wellness, Guidance, Child and Adult Protective Services, and Child Support
- Guidelines for Establishing Healthy Work or Isolation, Quarantine, Receipt or Emergency Shelter Conditions on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio - COVID-19
- Release Checks (Recovery Release) for Non-7/26s

Information Sheets For Public Posting For Shelters

• [Workshop Release and Waiver of Publicity](#)

ODVN has created a [COVID-19 informative web page](#), which is being continually updated.

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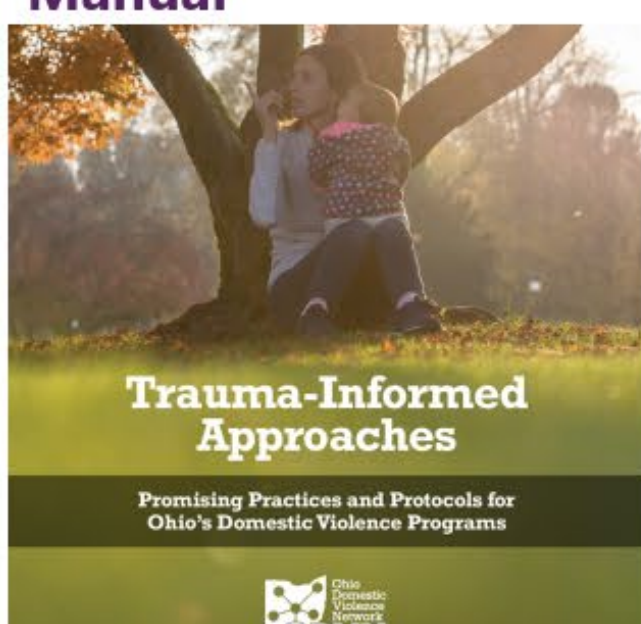
ODVN Welcomes Darlene Hills-Clinkscale

Darlene Hills-Clinkscale, 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 newest member of our Prevention Team, working with Glenn Harris and Rebecca Cline as an Engaging Men 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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