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## ODVN's Legal Services Outreach for Marginalized Survivors Program Celebrates One Year



*Project Coordinator Tasha Jones processes with a client.*

Racism complicates the path to safety for domestic violence survivors of color. Because racism has a well-documented impact on income, many survivors of color are also impacted by poverty. Racism and poverty status both generate a wide range of civil legal needs, including issues related to benefits, subsidized housing, transportation and child support collection, among others. In addition, survivors of color have historically been underrepresented among the clients who are served by ODVN's Legal Assistance Program.

To ensure low-income survivors of color receive needed legal help, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network is working to address these crucial issues by providing legal outreach to low-income survivors of color via the *Legal Services Outreach for Marginalized Survivors* project, led by Tasha Jones, Project Coordinator. [Read More](#)

## ODVN and State Health Leaders Collaborate on National Project Funded by Futures Without Violence

ODVN is working to improve the health and safety outcomes of survivors of IPV and human trafficking in a new project with the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Association of Community Health Centers, and Futures Without Violence. The project will build on ODVN's work with survivors who have incurred brain injuries caused by domestic violence. Ohio's team began their work earlier this month at a meeting at the Futures Without Violence headquarters in San Francisco. [Read More](#)



*The Ohio Project Catalyst team - From left to right: Cathy Mockus (Ohio Department of Health), Dr. Julianna Nemeth (The Ohio State University), Dr. Dana Vallangeon (Ohio Association of Community Health Centers), Lindsay Weaver (Ohio Association of Community Health Centers), and at bottom, Rachel Ramirez (ODVN)*

## ODVN Welcomes Cassie Baker



Cassie Baker began her internship at ODVN in July of 2019, and took a position as the AmeriCorps VISTA member in October of 2019. Cassie has worked on several grants, and also acts as ODVN's Communications Coordinator, focusing on increasing ODVN's social media presence and community engagement. Cassie is pursuing her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Denver's Online MSW program.

## New Roles at ODVN!

Congratulations to Micaela Deming, Emily Kulow, Shelley Marsh and Rachel Ramirez on new or expanded roles within ODVN!



Micaela Deming has accepted a position as ODVN's Policy Director. In this role, she will inform domestic violence-related policy and legislative efforts at the state and national levels. In addition, she will continue in her capacity as ODVN Staff Attorney, providing technical assistance to domestic violence advocates and attorneys.



Emily Kulow has been named Assistant Director of Training and Program Support. In this capacity, she will oversee the day-to-day functioning of the ODVN Training Academy and Training Team, and provide training and support for local domestic violence agencies. She will continue to coordinate the Meaningful Access Project, assisting local domestic violence agencies with providing accessible services to survivors.



Shelley Marsh is now the Director of Training and Program Support for ODVN. She will continue to provide program support and assistance to Ohio domestic violence programs, and will now also oversee the overall functioning, structure and scheduling for the Training Team. Shelley will serve as one of the trainers for the Training Academy, and will continue to provide individual domestic violence program training as requested.



Rachel Ramirez is the Founder and Director of the newly developed Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury. This project within the Ohio Domestic Violence Network provides statewide, national and international leadership to raise awareness on the emerging area of brain injury caused by domestic violence. The Center works to increase collaboration in and among multiple systems that interact with domestic violence survivors, and provides training, technical assistance, consultation, research, best practice responses, and resource development for direct service providers and researchers.

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