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New State Budget includes \$1 Million in Annual Funding for DV Programs



Rep. Laura Lanese led efforts to create the line item for DV programs.

For the first time ever, Ohio's budget includes \$1 million in annual funding for the state's more than 70 domestic violence programs.

The funding was championed by Rep. Laura Lanese, (R-Grove City), who led efforts to create the line item for domestic violence services. The staff of ODNV and our member programs greatly appreciate the support of all the legislators who supported the appropriation.

Last year Ohio's domestic violence programs served more than 60,000 women, men and children in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

The lack of state funding has left communities – particularly those in rural areas – far short of the resources they need to support women, children, and men who must leave their homes to find safety and

rebuild their lives. The programs offer court advocacy, counseling, housing advocacy, prevention and other services for survivors of domestic violence.

Meanwhile, at least 32 states, including all of the states surrounding Ohio, provide general fund support for their domestic violence programs, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Ohio's DV programs have relied on competitive federal grants, funding from marriage, divorce and other license fees levied by the state and counties and philanthropic support which can be limited for shelters in rural counties, especially those far from an urban population center.

Becky Mason is ODNV's new Director of Administration

In her new role, Becky is responsible for human resources, fiscal coordination of programs, grant administration, and managing ODNV's vendors. She provides IT support to staff, facilitates ODNV's computer network and is the liaison to the agency's IT vendor. She's also responsible for the membership program, provides support to the Board of Directors as well as many other tasks.

Becky has worked at ODNV since 1995 and is our longest serving employee.

Please congratulate Becky on her promotion.



ODNV Welcomes Two New Employees

ODNV is thrilled to welcome two new employees: Sarah Martin and Rodney Nussbaum.



Sarah Martin, avid DV and sexual violence victim's advocate, joins our legal team as the new Legal Assistance Program Case Manager. Sarah has worked with survivors for more than five years.

"I have spent the last five years standing beside survivors, whether it be by connecting them with attorneys, supporting them through the court process, or providing hope and education for their journey," Sarah said.

As an advocate for Clinton County Alternatives to Violence Center, Sarah served as a victim court advocate, facilitated the batterer's intervention program and helped operate a 24/4 crisis line. Sarah also worked for two years at Clinton County's Prosecutor's office as the Victim/Witness Coordinator. Before joining ODNV, Sarah was Director of Victim Services and Victim Advocate at Wilmington College where she coordinated assistance to survivors of sexual assault, dating violence, harassment and stalking on campus, along with supervising the Peer Support Team and provided awareness and educational programming to the campus and community.

Sarah graduated from Berea College with a Bachelors of Arts in Child and Family Studies and is currently pursuing a MS in Human Services at Purdue University Global.



Rodney Nussbaum is ODNV's graphic designer and technology specialist. He worked for KMI Learning, a company that develops eLearning products, for over eight years. As a Content Developer and Quality Control, he created numerous eLearning modules for clients in the business sector, assist fellow developers with projects and acted as a trainer for new developers when needed.

"I'm excited to utilize my skills and expertise in graphic design and developing engaging eLearning courses to help ODNV continue to bring this important issue to the forefront," said Rodney.

Rodney graduated with a BS in Technology in Visual Communications, focusing in Print and Interactive Media, from Bowling Green State University. At BGSU he was the Marketing Director of the Visual Communication Technology Organization, as well as the Vice President College of Technology Ambassadors.

Please welcome Rodney and Sarah to ODNV!

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