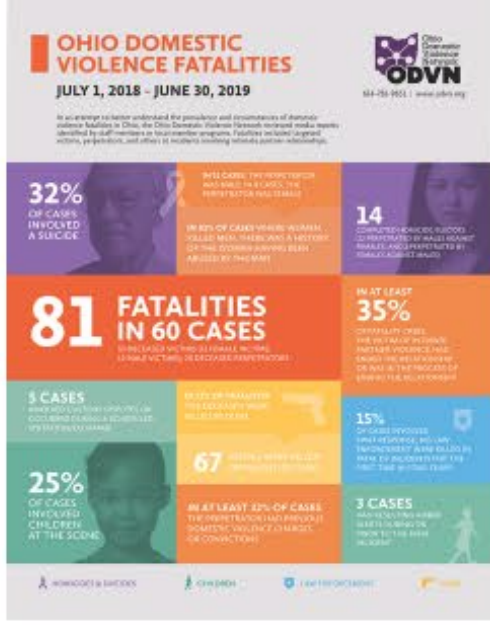




Network News

October 2019

ODVN Releases 2018-19 Ohio Domestic Violence Fatality Numbers



Ohio suffered 81 domestic violence fatalities in the year ending June 30, 2019, according to the Ohio Domestic Violence Network's fourth annual list of DV fatalities. The list of fatalities that occurred between July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 was compiled from media reports. Three fourths of the victims were killed by non-law enforcement guns, and children were at the scene in a quarter of the cases. In close to one in three cases, the perpetrator had previous domestic violence charges or convictions, and in 83% of cases where women killed men, there was a history of the woman having been abused by the man. Please click [HERE](#) to view ODVN's 2018-19 Ohio Fatality Data Infographic.

Rep. Laura Lanese honored at Domestic Violence Awareness Month Event

ODVN presented Rep. Laura Lanese with the Croucher Family Award for Outstanding Leadership at its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month event at the Statehouse on Oct. 1. The award recognized Rep. Lanese's successful effort to include \$1 million in the state budget for domestic violence services. Lanese and Sen. Stephanie Kunze presented proclamations from the House and Senate declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



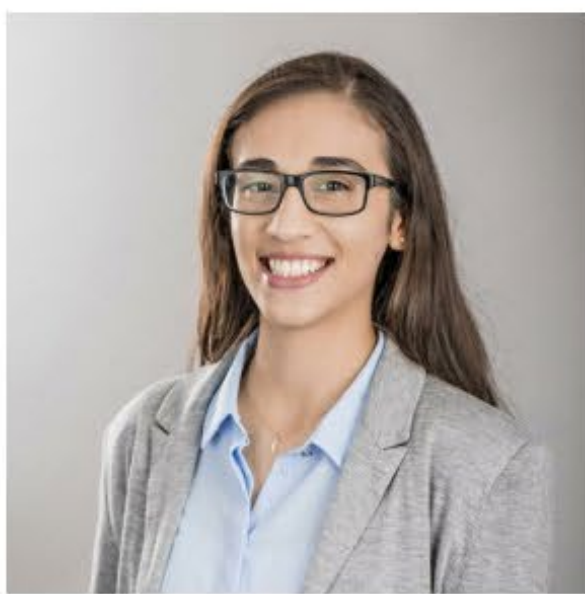
ODVN also spotlighted its clemency work with domestic violence survivors in prison. Thomia Hunter, a domestic violence survivor who served 15 years in prison for killing her abuser, and whose sentence was commuted by then-Governor John Kasich, spoke about her experience. Ms. Hunter was assisted in her request for clemency by a project founded by ODVN, with its partners the Ohio Public Defender and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center.

ODVN Welcomes Two New Employees

ODVN is thrilled to welcome two new employees: Glenn Harris and Rania Elkon.



ODVN welcomes Glenn Harris, our new Engaging Men Program Coordinator. Glenn's primary role is engaging men and boys in domestic and sexual violence prevention with Ohio Men's Action Network (OHMAN), and supporting the establishment of healthier definitions of masculinity. Glenn's background includes working in the arenas of responsible fatherhood, ex-offender re-entry, and youth mentoring. Additionally, Glenn serves as a board member with the Ohio Practitioners Network for Fathers and Families (OPNFF), the S.I.M.B.A. (Safe in My Brother's Arms) mentoring program, and the Central Ohio Restored Citizen Collaborative. Glenn is a graduate of Otterbein University with a Bachelor's Degree in both Business Administration and Religion.



Rania Elkon began volunteering at ODVN several months ago due to her passion for the issue. We are now happy to welcome her as the new part-time Administrative Assistant at ODVN. She provides valuable assistance in completing tasks and projects for the office, and manages ODVN's social media accounts. Rania is a recent graduate of the Ohio State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology, where she spent one year as a laboratory assistant researching conservation genetics at the Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology. Rania's goals for the future include dental school at OSU.

Please welcome Glenn and Rania to ODVN!

CareSource Donates \$5,000 to ODVN



ODVN was extremely gratified to receive a \$5,000 donation from CareSource Foundation in August to help fund the ODVN Relocation Assistance Program. The Relocation Assistance Program assists survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in relocating to safety. The check was presented by Karen Dawson, Community Marketing Representative. A huge Thank You to CareSource Foundation!

Please Donate to ODVN's LifeSaver Fund

You can help the Ohio Domestic Violence Network keep more survivors on the road to self-sufficiency by donating \$10 or \$25 or more to our *LifeSaver Fund* during the month of October. Every penny we raise will be used to provide direct assistance to survivors and their children.

If you can't make a donation, please help spread the word. It's as easy as "liking" the ODVN page on FB, or following @OhioDVN on Twitter. We appreciate anything you can do to help!

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