



Network News

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Increasing State Funding for DV Services is ODVN's Top Legislative Priority

ODVN will ask the General Assembly to include \$5 million in annual general fund support for Ohio's DV programs when legislators write the state's operating budget this Spring.

In 2019, legislators—for the first time— included \$1 million for DV programs in the state budget.

The increase would bring Ohio's support of its programs in line with other states. Among the 33 states that provide state support for DV services, Ohio's support is the lowest on a per capita basis. Ohio spends 9 cents per capita, compared to \$1 in Michigan, \$1.40 in West Virginia, \$1.49 in Pennsylvania, and \$1.50 in Kentucky.



Top Left: Representative Laura Lanese, Top Right: Representative Sara Carruthers, Bottom Left: Senator Stephanie Kunze, Bottom Right: Senator Nickie Antonio.

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OHMAN Launches Healthy Masculinity Campaign for Young Men and Boys: Know Better. Do Better. Be Better.



The Ohio Men's Action Network (OHMAN) has launched a social media campaign to establish healthier definitions and norms surrounding gender-based violence. And in March OHMAN will begin hosting a quarterly webinar series, *Courageous Conversations with Ohio Men*.

The first event, Engaging Men and Boys on March 9th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., will feature internationally known educator, activist, and author Tony Porter who is recognized for his work to prevent violence against women by promoting healthy, respectful manhood.

An advisor to major league sports such as the NFL, NBA, NHL, and MLB, Porter is the author of *Breaking Out of the Man Box* and *NFL Dads: Dedicated to Daughters*. GQ magazine named his Ted Talk one of the "Top 10 Ted Talks Every Man Should See."

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The Ohio State University Honors The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury

Ohio State University's College of Public Health honored ODVN with the 2020 Champions Organization Award for work addressing and increasing recognition of brain injury among domestic violence survivors.

The award recognizes ODVN's trust and willingness to engage in research with the College of Public Health to uncover the prevalence of brain injury, a central driver of many current social ills and health disparities.



ODVN's Rachel Ramirez, LISW-S, RA
Founder and Director, The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury

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Applause and Thank You to New Donors: The City of Columbus City Council and PNC Community Development Banking



City of Columbus City Council Member Mitchell J. Brown and President Pro Tem Priscilla R. Tyson awarded ODVN a \$22,500 CARES Act grant. The funds helped ODVN recover from losses and

costs due to COVID-19 and provided much needed alternate shelter in hotels, food, and transportation for domestic violence survivors and their children in Columbus.



PNC Community Development Banking awarded ODVN a \$7,500 grant to support relocation assistance for domestic violence survivors in central Ohio. The grant supports the efforts of advocates

who help survivors and their children to safety with assistance for rent, utilities, or moving expenses.

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