

November 2021

ODVN honors 8 legislators who championed increased funding for DV services



Sen. Matt Dolan, Rep. Laura Lanese, Sen. Stephanie Kunze, Rep. Cindy Abrams, and Rep. Rick Carfagna were honored during ODVN's Domestic Violence Awareness Month press conference at the Capitol on October 5, 2021. Sen. Nickie Antonio accepted her award virtually. Rep. Phil Plummer and Rep. Janine Boyd were also honored.

ODVN honored eight legislators who led legislative efforts to increase Ohio's domestic violence line item at its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month event in the state capitol in October. More than 80 attended the event and 120 participated virtually.

Guest speaker Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost celebrated Ohio's increased state funding for domestic violence programs, the result of a successful grassroots advocacy campaign organized by ODVN. Ohio's 2-year budget includes \$7.5 million for DV services, a significant increase over the last biennium.

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In a Victory for Survivors, ODVN and OCVJC Win Appeal at the Ohio Supreme Court

Earlier this month, ODVN and the Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center (OCVJC) won an appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court. The decision affirmed that victims of crime have Marsy's Law constitutional rights that extend beyond the criminal trial to other matters related to the offense.

"It is our hope and expectation that this case will help restrict firearms for dangerous domestic abusers and strengthen the right to safety for victims of crime," said Micaela Deming, Policy Director and Staff Attorney, who argued the case with Elizabeth Well, OCVJC's Legal Director.



Micaela Deming, ODVN's Policy Director and Staff Attorney

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ODVN Launches Webchat, a New Way for Survivors to Seek Help

ODVN added a webchat feature to its website in October because calling ODVN is not a realistic option for survivors who are monitored, stalked, or never left alone. The new feature also gives the public another way to seek information and resources. Survivors and others who visit the website can connect via webchat with a staff member during ODVN's office hours between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

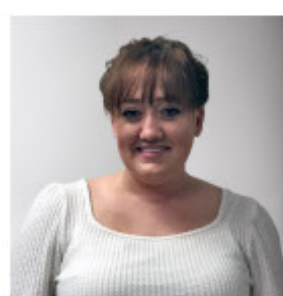


ODVN Staff Updates



Lisa DeGeeter, JD, was promoted to Family Systems Advocacy Director. She works to improve how survivors engage

with various systems, particularly child welfare and various court systems.



Maria York, MPA, RA, is the Family Systems Advocacy Assistant Director and LSCYOY Project Coordinator. She works closely with

project partners and key stakeholders on the implementation of Ohio's strategic plan to improve responses to child and youth crime victims.



Leah Stone, MSW, LISW-S, is the new Training Coordinator who facilitates and coordinates trainings on

multiple topics for the ODVN Training Academy.



Caroline Anderson, BA, will serve as our AmeriCorps VISTA member for the next year in the role of

Communication Coordinator.

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Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund awarded a \$10,000 grant to ODVN to improve data collection and analysis for the ODVN's annual fatality report. ODVN will explore the role of firearms, perpetrator history, and the disproportionate impact of homicides on communities of color.



Peoples Bank continued its support for ODVN's direct services. Peoples' representatives Alex Stanley and Husain Habhab delivered a \$2,000 check on October 20th.



Happy Holidays from the ODVN Staff

Thank you for supporting our work on behalf of survivors in 2021



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