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

Earlier this month, Ohio’s Supreme Court ruled in ODVN’s favor in a landmark decision that determines the constitutionality of a 2010 law that allows judges to limit the amount of money a defendant is required to deposit for bail. The unanimous decision requires judges to consider the defendant’s economic status when setting bail. The Ohio Coalition for Victims of Crime and ODVN filed the appeal in 2019.

If you wish to support ODVN’s efforts to protect public safety, click here to make a donation today.

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

ODVN’s new webchat feature is live in October. Because calling ODVN is not a legal option for services who are monitored, stabbed, or cheat with alcohol, the webchat provides a public, another way to seek information and resources. Survivors and others who visit the website can complete the HelpLine request with a staff member during ODVN’s office hours between 9 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.

ODVN Staff Updates

Maxine Yarb, ODVN’s staff Family Violence Program Manager, has been promoted to Assistant Director. Maxine is a trained domestic violence advocate and has worked in the field for 10 years, including as project director of Family Violence Services and as a board member of ODVN. She is a seasoned advocate who will serve as the primary point of contact for staff members and external partners.

Lena Stahl, ODVN’s Legal Self-Defense, is the new training director. Lena will provide legal self-defense training to survivors at the ODVN Training Academy.

Thank You for Supporting Our Work

Everytown for Gun Safety Support: 2021 Report card

Last week, ODVN received the final draft of the national Everytown for Gun Safety Support (Everytown) 2021 report card that documents the progress of state-level gun violence prevention initiatives. Ohio received an “A” grade on four of the six indicators: death toll, legislative victory, community gun violence reduction, and media coverage. Through the gun violence prevention fund, the Ohio Department of Health, ODVN, and two other organizations, the ODVN will receive a $25,000 check.

ODVN Staff Events

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you next year in 2023.

Happy Holidays from the ODVN Staff

Thank you for supporting our work on behalf of survivors in 2022.