

November 2022

112 People Died from DV Last Year including 22 Young Victims, according to Annual Count

2 Advocates Honored with Croucher Family Award

ODVN released its [seventh annual Domestic Violence Fatality Report](#) at its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month event at the Capitol on October 12. The report found that 112 people died from domestic violence in Ohio during the fiscal year 2022 and that more youth fatalities occurred than in any year since ODNV began counting.

ODVN also honored two long-time advocates for their work. Bridget Mahoney and Kimberly Stanley received ODNV's annual Croucher Family Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Guest speaker and survivor Kellie Elliot, of Preble County, whose abuser killed Kellie's two children and then himself in January, spoke about her struggles to keep her children safe amid multiple system failures.

About 125 people attended in person and 135, virtually.



Pictured left to right: Mary O'Doherty, ODNV's Executive Director; Bridget Mahoney, Award Recipient; Kimberly Stanley, Award Recipient; and Donya Buchanan, ODNV's Board Chair.



Click the image to view this year's fatality report.

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ODVN Seeks \$20M for DV Services in State Budget during Fall Advocacy Day

At least one in five survivors who seeks help at an Ohio domestic violence shelter is turned away every day on average.

To address that gap in services, more than 50 ODNV staff and advocates from member programs urged legislators and their aides to increase funding to improve services for survivors during our Fall Advocacy Day on October 13.

ODVN has asked Gov. Mike DeWine to include \$20 million for domestic violence services in his [next operating budget](#).

Advocates, who met virtually with more than 50 legislators or their aides, said they were encouraged by the lawmakers' responses: About half the legislators (15 Democrats and 11 Republicans) said they supported increased funding for DV services although not necessarily \$20 million.

In 2021 the General Assembly included \$7.5 million in support for DV services in the FY21 biennium. On a per-capita basis, Ohio is last in funding domestic violence services compared to all surrounding funded states.

Artemis Center honors ODNV with Peacekeeper Award

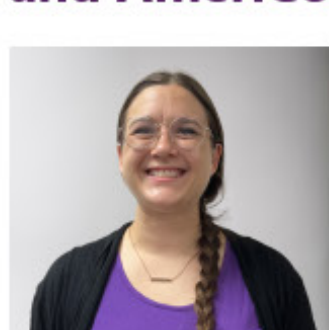


Pictured left to right: Felicia Robinson (ODVN), Leah Stone (ODVN), Bernadette Rieger (ODVN), State Representative Willis Blackshear, Jr., Mary O'Doherty (ODVN), and Jane Keiffer (Artemis Center)

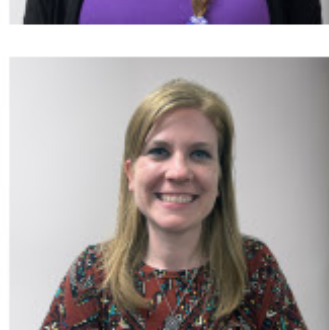
Artemis Center in Dayton honored ODNV with the Peacekeeper Award at its annual Breaking the Cycle Breakfast, on October 13. The award is designated for people or organizations who go above and beyond to make the world a better place for survivors and their children. ODNV was recognized for its relocation, hotel, and legal programs, which Artemis Center advocates have tapped to help survivors.

"Your innovated programming has been instrumental in helping survivors in our community increase their safety," said Jane Keiffer, Artemis Center's Executive Director.

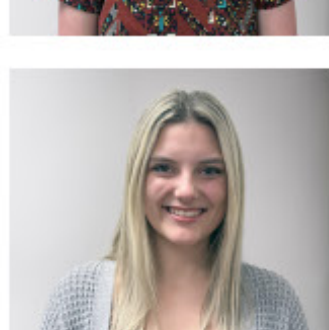
ODVN Announces New Hires and AmeriCorps Members



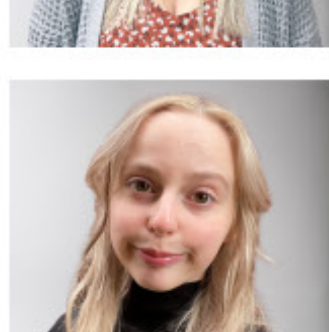
Kasey Holderbaum is the Health and Disability Project Coordinator. She works with the Ohio Forensic Nursing Network, Inc., and the Brain Injury Association of Ohio to strengthen pathways and services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and brain injury.



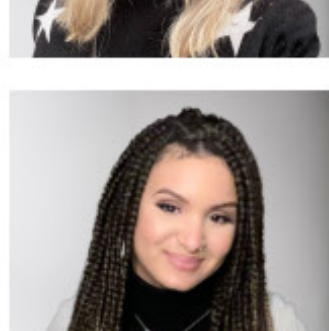
Sarah MacLennan is the AmeriCorps Program Coordinator and oversees several AmeriCorps members serving at ODNV and across the state who focus on youth, housing, and financial empowerment.



Aubrey Roese is the AmeriCorps Legal Empowerment Specialist for ODNV. She works with the Legal Assistance Program to help survivors with financial needs and educate them about the basics of finance and budgeting.



Bryna Grubbs is the AmeriCorps Education Empowerment Specialist with the Training Team. They assist the Training Coordinator with training preparation, registration, advertising, and communication for all trainings as well as help to create resources for member programs.



Naleese Strickland is the AmeriCorps Youth Empowerment and Training Specialist working with ODNV's Training Team and the Youth Advocacy and Trauma-Informed Services Coordinator. She is helping to develop materials to be shared with member programs for youth empowerment.

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Thank you to the American Honda Motor Co., Inc. for its \$10,000 contribution in support of ODNV's Relocation Assistance Program.




Thank You
for your generosity and support during Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

We surpassed our goal by raising over **\$20,000** for our LifeSaver Fund to help survivors and their families get back on their feet. The staff and ODNV Board of Directors appreciate your support.