



Message from Commissioner

Cecile Noel

March is Women's History Month

Each year during Women's History Month we celebrate the enormous contributions of women to the development of important technological advancements, political movements and social programs. Women have been at the helm of various social movements and causes as well, such as the creation of policy, programming, and the amplification of efforts to raise awareness of domestic violence.

We have women leaders to thank for the first domestic violence shelters and safe houses for survivors, the first national conferences that highlighted domestic violence as a pressing issue, the first organizations dedicated solely to supporting survivors, and the first lawsuits that led to sweeping policy changes that continue to have an impact on how domestic violence survivors receive services, and how these programs are funded.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. This prevalent societal issue remains a key area to drive leadership to, and support leadership of women.

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OCDV Announces New Youth Leadership Council

OCDV is excited to announce the launch of our Youth Leadership Council (YLC). The YLC will bring together young people from around New York City to lead the charge in raising awareness about Teen Dating Violence (TDV) and Healthy Relationships. The YLC members will work to engage their peers in discussions about TDV and Healthy Relationships to assess the needs and concerns of our young people. Armed with their insight, the YLC members will advise OCDV on programming and ensure that youth voices are heard. OCDV is currently accepting applications from young people, ages 13-18, from all boroughs of NYC. Applicants should have an interest in TDV, Healthy Relationships, community engagement, social change, policy work and/or peer

education. Each YLC member will have the opportunity to gain meaningful experience while working to address the needs of their peers and their city. Apply [here](#).

OCDV Is Recruiting for “Voices”, A New Survivor-led Leadership Group

OCDV is launching VOICES, a survivor-led committee that works to inform policies and programs at OCDV and the FJCs and support survivor leadership. Committee members will have the opportunity to provide a survivor’s perspective on the office’s programming initiatives, and outreach and training efforts. Members can also volunteer to speak to media and engage with current clients, sharing their stories of courage, hope, and empowerment. The group will begin convening this spring; and OCDV is currently recruiting potential members who have received services at the FJCs. If you would like to refer someone please contact Saloni Sethi at ssethi@ocdv.nyc.gov.

OCDV and John Jay announce The Hidden Crime: Covering Domestic Violence

This workshop for NYC-area journalists sponsored by John Jay College’s Center on Media, Crime and Justice, and OCDV will bring journalists covering justice, gender issues and related issues together with experts in the field of intimate partner violence. Up to 30 spaces are available for journalists to participate as Reporting Fellows in the two-day workshop, which will be held on the main John Jay campus at 524 W. 59th St. Successful applicants should be journalists in the tristate area working for U.S.-based publications (print, online and broadcast outlets), who cover politics, government affairs, health, crime, police, courts, and related topics. Freelance journalists are also eligible to apply.

Read more about the program [here](#).
Apply [here](#).

OCDV and The NYC Domestic Violence Task Force Will Host Restorative Approaches Conference

Please save the date for a day of sharing perspectives, exploring alternatives and expanding options for survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. This convening will bring together advocates, survivors, legal and criminal justice professionals, community healers, restorative justice practitioners, and researchers.

SAFETY. ACCOUNTABILITY. SUPPORT: A Convening Exploring Restorative Approaches to Intimate Partner Violence

The Mayor's Domestic Violence Task Force invites you to a day of dialogue, bringing together domestic violence and restorative justice communities to explore the use of restorative approaches to support people impacted by intimate partner violence.

DATE	LOCATION
Friday, March 16th, 2018	City University of New York School of Law
TIME	
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	2 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101

RSVP

<http://tiny.cc/SAS-Conference>

If you have any trouble registering, please call (212) 788-3156

Breakfast and lunch to be provided. Space is limited—please register early. Open and welcome to all!



CUNY School of Law is wheelchair accessible (including entrance and restrooms). If you require any other accommodations, such as ASL interpretation, please contact Heba Khalil at hkhalil@ocdv.nyc.gov upon registration and no later than three business days prior to the event date.



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Upcoming Trainings

Family Justice Center (FJC) trainings and workshops

These workshops are geared towards service providers.

Queens FJC

- **Intimate Partner Violence and NYC Human Rights Law Workshop**
Presentation by NYC Commission on Human Rights
Thursday, March 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at QFJC
126-02 82nd Avenue, Kew Gardens, NY 11415
Please RSVP to Marissa Beckett marissab@fjcnyc.org

Staten Island FJC

- **Intimate Partner Violence Dialogue**
Facilitated by NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Policy and Training Institute
Monday, March 26, 2018, 10:00 – 1:00 PM
- **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE)**
Facilitated by NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Policy and Training Institute
Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 10:00 – 12:45 PM
- **Risk Assessment and Safety Planning**
Facilitated by Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Policy and Training Institute
Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 2:00 – 4:30 PM
- **Engaging Trauma Survivors**
Facilitated by NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Policy and Training Institute
Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 1:30 – 5:00 PM
- **Cultural Conversations: Tools for Supportive Practice**
Facilitated by Arab American Family Support Center
Thursday, March 29, 2018, 2:00 – 4:30 PM
- **Criminal Justice Response to Intimate Partner Violence**
Facilitated by New York City Police Department and
The Richmond County District Attorney's Office
Friday, April 20, 2018, 9:30 – 12:00 PM
- **Introduction to Family & Matrimonial Law**
Facilitated by New York Legal Assistance Group and Staten Island Legal Services
Monday, April 23, 2018, 10:00 – 1:00 PM
- **Introduction to Immigration Law**
Facilitated by New York Legal Assistance Group and Her Justice
Monday, April 23, 2018, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

- **Shelter Options for Intimate Partner Survivors**
Facilitated by Safe Horizon
Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00 – 12:00 PM
- **Economic Empowerment for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence**
Facilitated by NYC Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence
Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
- **Affordable Housing Options for Intimate Partner Violence Survivors**
Facilitated by New Destiny Housing, HousingLink
Thursday, April 26, 2018, 10:00 – 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Articles

NYC City Council holds hearing on sexual harassment and introduces several bills

Among the Council proposals is a bill requiring city agencies to administer anti-sexual harassment training twice per year. The lead sponsor of the bill is Council Speaker Corey Johnson.

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The NYPD says that reports of rapes are up

The NYPD says the number of rapes being reported to police has been on the rise for six months straight, but it could be a side-effect of media attention on celebrity cases.

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IPV remains pervasive in Connecticut despite awareness efforts

In the last fiscal year, 29,290 victims sought counseling from the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s (CCADV) 18-member organizations, a 30 percent increase over FY 2016.

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Oregon closes ‘Boyfriend Loophole’, protecting dating partners from domestic violence

The law, HB 4145, expands existing state laws to prevent intimate partners, regardless of marital status, from purchasing and possessing guns if they have been convicted of domestic violence.

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Actress and activists testify before Congress on sexual assault

A handful of witnesses, including actress Evan Rachel Wood, shared their stories before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations

during a hearing about the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights Act. While the bill was passed in 2016, activists want the federal legislation to be implemented at state level.

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