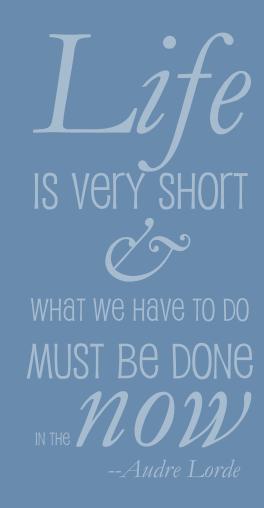
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A MESSAGE FROM

KRISTI VANAUDENHOVE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Peace Begins at Home license plate: an embodiment of our long-range planning for the future. Available at www.dmv.virginia.gov

HOLDING THE BALANCE: NIMBLE RESPONSIVENESS and STRATEGIC PLANNING

More and more, we find ourselves feeling the urgency of our work—namely the work of moving forward Virginia's response to sexual and intimate partner violence. In 2014, we worked hard to respond to crisis calls on our hotlines, the urgent demands of our public policy work, and calls for technical assistance from professionals, just to name a few.

And yet, we know that our best work is done when we take the time to start our planning from a vision: how do we want things to be different in the future?

Five years ago, we began a plan with this vision in mind: prevention programs to end sexual and intimate partner violence will be adequately funded across Virginia.

When we made this plan, fewer than a third of Virginia's crisis centers received federal prevention funding. That number has since dropped to 1 in 10. Virginia devotes \$0 to funding prevention programs.

In 2014, we happily celebrated a significant milestone in our long-range plan: the launch of Virginia's "**Peace Begins at Home**" license plate. The Peace Begins at Home license plate is Virginia's only license plate to help fund prevention of sexual and domestic violence.

Fifteen dollars from each plate goes toward programs that help children learn about healthy relationships and other ways to stop violence before it starts. Twenty Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies across Virginia helped make the plates a reality, and will share the revenue generated amongst their prevention efforts.

The vision driving this plan: prevention programs that teach children how to engage in healthy, respectful relationships will be adequately funded across Virginia.

We believe Virginia's "Peace Begins at Home" license plate is the only one of its kind in the country. Many other states have reached out to us to find out how we got it done, with the hopes of trying it on their own. California is now working on a "No More" license plate in support of sexual and intimate partner violence work. The plan to expand prevention in Virginia, which began with a vision, is catching on.

In the coming year, we will continue our work of responding to urgent needs as they arise and balance that work with long-range work that begins with a vision: changing the landscape of Virginia's response to sexual assault and intimate partner violence for the better.

On behalf of the Action Alliance, thank you for helping us move Virginia forward, and for keeping our long-range vision in sight: healthy, respectful relationships for all.

P.S. Please encourage all of your family and friends to put a Peace Begins at Home license plate on their vehicle and Drive Peace Home!

One of our main goals at the Action Alliance is to build the capacity of local Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies to provide services to their communities. We reach out to new directors and provide technical support to new and developing programs, and continually produce OUR IMPACT new training curricula & resources to help agencies stay on top of emerging issues and best practices.



Reduce the Risk: Identify, Investigate, and Prosecute Strangulation Conference with Law Enforcement & Prosecutor Institute

June 12-13, 2014 • Lynchburg, Virginia

The Action Alliance partnered with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the 24th Judicial District to bring Gael Strack, JD and Ralph Riviello, MD from the **Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention** to provide a two day strangulation-specific conference in June for nearly 200 participants, entitled "Reduce the Risk: Identify, Investigate, & Prosecute".

The multidisciplinary, multijurisdictional training afforded participants the opportunity to learn about this highly lethal, yet often overlooked form of intimate partner violence.

"Excellent training! Great opportunity to learn from two of the best in the field."



Intimate partner violence (IPV) can limit the ability of victims to manage their reproductive health and expose them to sexually transmitted diseases. Abuse during pregnancy can have lasting harmful effects on the mother, the developing fetus, and newborn.

To help victim advocates address these complex intersections. we developed Reproductive and Sexual Coercion: A Toolkit for Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Advocates.

This toolkit provides multiple resources to help develop and/or increase the capacity of sexual and domestic violence agencies to screen for reproductive and sexual coercion within the context of intimate partner violence. The toolkit is fully downloadable at www.CommunitySolutionsVA.org.





As part of our long-term vision for prevention, the Action Alliance joined forces with 20 of Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies to make the **Peace Begins at Home** license plate a reality.

Proceeds from the new special license plates support Virginia's **Building Healthy Futures Fund** to help pay for violence prevention programs to educate Virginia's children about how to have healthy relationships.

At our License Plate Launch Party in April, Attorney General Mark Herring remarked,

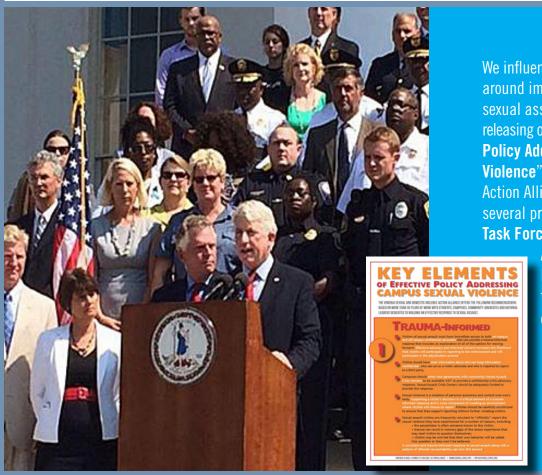
"Prevention programs that promote healthier kids will help build healthy futures in Virginia... and that's good news for all of us."

(left to right) Leonard Stewart and Judy Casteele (Project Horizon, Lexington) and Cartie Lominack (Shelter for Help in Emergency, Charlottesville) join Attorney General Herring at our License Plate Launch Party.



OUR IMPACT Statewide

As Virginia's leading voice on sexual and domestic violence, the Action Alliance works tirelessly to enhance Virginia's response to and prevention of sexual and domestic violence through advocacy, policy leadership, training, and technical assistance.



We influenced Virginia's conversations around improving campus response to sexual assault on a statewide level by releasing our "Key Elements of Effective **Policy Addressing Campus Sexual Violence**" to media and legislators. Action Alliance staff sat on and made several presentations to the **Governor's** Task Force to Combat Campus Sexual

Assault to draft appropriate legislation and protocols to provide a safer campus experience.

Hello?

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I'm here. How can I help?



The Action Alliance operates the statewide Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline. In 2014, we implemented two additional ways for callers to reach out and get support from our Crisis Services Specialists: live chat and texting options. These two new options will make the Hotline more accessible to people who are more likely to use alternative methods of communication, including young adults and callers who may be Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

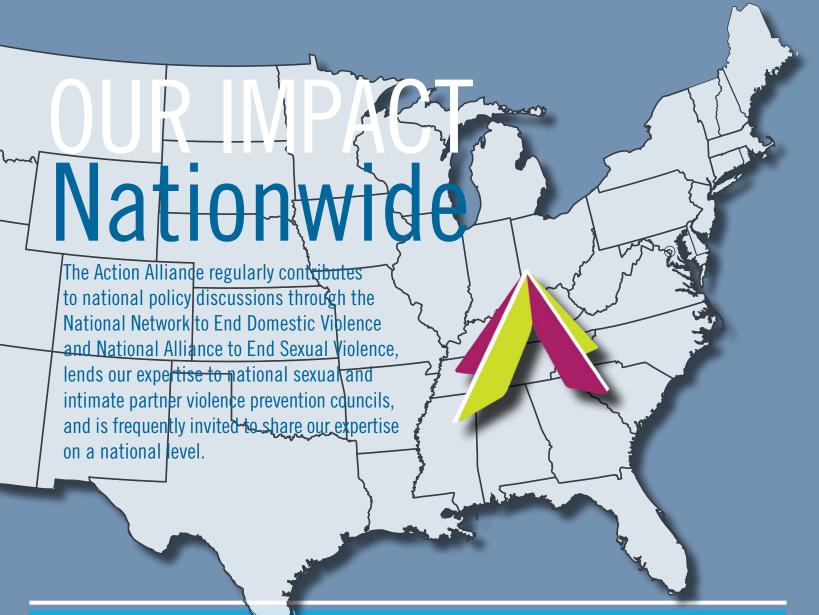
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FOR VIRGINIA'S CRISIS CENTERS

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN TO STREAMLINE AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR VIRGINIA'S CRISIS CENTERS

#CLOSETHEGAP

The Action Alliance led bipartisan efforts in 2014 to close the \$18 million funding gap for Virginia's crisis centers. We successfully advocated for a \$3 million funding increase for domestic violence services over two years...the largest funding increase for domestic violence services in Virginia history. The increased funding will help restore lost crisis and safety services for victims of domestic violence.





Action Alliance Executive Director Honored with National Advocacy Award!

Kristi VanAudenhove, 2014 DREAM Award Recipient

National Network to End Domestic Violence



Virginia is fortunate to have a nationally renowned advocate leading our coalition. Action Alliance Executive Director, Kristi VanAudenhove, received the **2014 Diane Reese Excellence in Advocacy in the Movement (D.R.E.A.M.) Award** from the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). The DREAM Award honors excellence in advocacy in the domestic violence movement, and is presented to one individual each year who exhibits outstanding commitment to human dignity, social justice, and advocacy for ending domestic violence.



We contributed to the national conversation about violence prevention when we were asked by a national network to provide context for a news piece about the history and future of domestic violence prevention.

Our Communications Director, Kate McCord, appeared on an MSNBC web telecast with host Tony Dokoupil to talk about Virginia's work to build an evidence base for our prevention programs.







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FEBRUARY

Red Flag Campaign student activists are invited to White House.



APRIL

Peace Begins At Home license plate launch party with Attorney General Herring.



AUGUST

"I deserve" Hotline campaign (top) and LGBTQ Helpline campaign poster designs near completion.



SEPTEMBER

Action Alliance invited to White House to attend launch of "It's On Us" Campaign. Action Alliance represented on MSNBC.





OCTOBER

Sexual Coercion Advocacy Toolkit released. Kristi VanAudenhove wins national advocacy award.

SNAPSHOTS

Legislative Advocacy Day.

Press conference on House Bill 1. DO YOU Certification Training.

2014

JUNE

Strangulation Conference. Lifetime Member Legacy Luncheon with Delegate McClellan.





JULY

Live chat and texting options launch on Virginia Family Violence

& Sexual Assault Hotline.

WWW.VSDVALLIANCE.ORG



November

Action Alliance Lifetime Members meet with Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women.



DECEMBER

Advocate and survivor, Lisette Johnson, honored at Act Honor Hope (Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, is featured speaker).

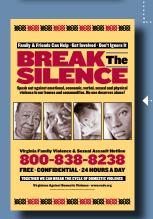
RACIAL JUSTICE /

2004–2014 10 YEAR HISTORY OF OUR WORK Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance

Work to build racial justice in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence started long before the Action Alliance was established in 2004. Our work is indebted to and builds on this long and rich history of activism and resistance.







First annual WOCC Conference held.

SV and DV coalitions merge to become Action Alliance, adopt Guiding

SJTF creates "Got Privilege" t-shirts to sell at Retreat.

Break the Silence. campaign for African-American communities, launches. Training for Trainers held.

Principles and Process (P&P) Committee begins work of encouraging diversity , in the Governing Body.



2005

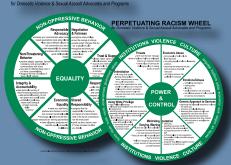
Staff training on building an anti-racist organization

WOCC, SJTF, and P&P Committee hold summit to plan how to support WOC in Action Alliance work and membership through the restructuring process.

LGBTQ Task Force submits proposal for inclusive restructuring process.

Action Alliance publishes fact sheets on working with sexual violence survivors from marginalized communities including African-American women, people with disabilities, incarcerated people, and

DISMANTLING RACISM WHEEL





2006



2008

SJTF and WOCC create Dismantling/ Perpetuating Racism Wheels, hold workshops at Retreat based on wheels.

Staff attend Resource Sharing Project workshop on anti-racism work for coalition staff, invite Dismantling Racism Works to Virginia for all-staff

WOCC website goes live.

SJTF and WOCC create "Unpacking White Privilege" poster and "how to be an ally" document.



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SJTF conducts Cultural Competency Organizational Assessment "Increasing ... Virginia's Capacity to Serve Culturally Diverse Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence".

WOCC and SJTF deliver "5 Faces of Oppression" workshop at Retreat.

Sumayya Coleman leads training for staff on privilege.

Dismantling Racism Works (DR Works) leads 3 day statewide training on connecting racial justice work to SDV work.

Membership Change Team formed after DR Works : training.

Women of Color Caucus and Social Justice Task Force co-sponsor "Biscuits and Brainstorming" to make plans to organize for power to dismantle racism.

Staff meet in internal caucuses to advance understanding of privilege and oppression.

Action Alliance survivor brochures are translated



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2011







2013







2009

DELTA Workgroup formed to create goals/outcomes to reduce IPV for African-American women. Includes anti-racism work in the community, expanding funds to address historically oppressed groups, and wage equity.

Women of Color Caucus holds 5th Annual Conference.

Staff attend 4-day National Training on Mobilizing Men, with emphasis on racism and intersectionality.

White Allies to Anti-Racism (WATAR) is formed to further allies work.





The Red Flag Campaign launches new series of posters in response to request from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Interview questions on racial justice added to hiring policy.

Internal staff racial justice work divided into 4 "PODs".

Work begins on Dismantling Racism manual.

Action Alliance membership adopts White Allies Statement of Commitment.

Policy Action Committee plans next steps to help SDVAs and other members adopt the White Allies Statement.

Action Alliance holds Immigration Conference.

Revolution: Working with Immigrant Survivors is published.

Action Alliance Public Policy Committee establishes racial justice principles for determining which bills to support.

Staff begins work with Cathy Woodson, racial justice trainer, on Dismantling Racism curriculum for SDVAs.

Resonance introduces column to support local SDVAs in their racial justice work.

Action Alliance holds board retreat on Dismantling Racism.

Training Institute includes "racial justice primer" in all training materials.

Focus groups begin with African-American teens to develop DO YOU campaign.

Latin@ Task Force and Caucus established.

WATAR creates "Dismantling Racism FAQs", reviewed and approved by WOCC.

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Latin@ Caucus and Task •··· Force hold first 2-day retreat.

New Dismantling Racism 2-day training launched for SDVAs

Staff visit "Race" exhibit at Science Museum of Virginia.

Action Alliance Organizational Assessment for Anti-Racism conducted.

6 staff join WOCN Leadership Academy or Aspiring Allies Project.

WATAR dissolves, is absorbed by new Racial Justice Task Force.

Position statement adopted on immigration and enhanced penalties that disproportionately impact people of color. Action Alliance mission statement revised to reflect commitment to racial justice.

DO YOU prevention initiative piloted in 4 groups; two groups solely African-American teens.

Chosen as recipient of WOCN Technical Assistance Project to enhance racial justice work.



Spanish-language resources introduced on new Action Alliance website.

PREA Hotline launched for incarcerated people.

WOCN Leadership Academy fellows graduate.



2014

The "ideserve" campaign developed for 18-24 year old African-American women who are victims/survivors.

Action Alliance staff/board receive WOCN racial justice training & technical assistance.

Leadership Academy graduates develop mentorship project for advocates of color.

GEAP data collection project starts to determine how Protective Order process works for petitioners from underserved communities.

LGBTQ Helpline marketing campaign tested among target group representing diverse communities, features models of color.



IPV: Intimate Partner Violence
P&P: Principles and Process Committee
SDVAs: Sexual & Domestic Violence Agencie
SV/DV SDV: Sexual/Domestic Violence

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SJTF: Social Justice Task Force WOC: Women of Color

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Abuse Alternatives

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Alexandria Sexual and Domestic Violence Advocacy Program

Alexandria Victim Witness Assistance Program

Arlington Co. and City of Falls Church Victim Witness Program

Avalon: A Center for Women and Children

Bedford County Domestic Violence Services Program

Center for Sexual Assault Services

Central Virginia Task Force on Domestic Violence in Later Life

Charlottesville Victim Witness Program

Choices: Council on Domestic Violence for Page County

Christian Relief

Citizens Against Family Violence

Clinch Valley Community Action Program

Collins Center

Community Foundation

Criminal Injuries Compensation Funds

Dominion Resources Services, Inc.

Doorways for Women and Families

Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Empowerhouse

Faith Social Services

Fairfax County - Office on Women's SDV Services

Family Crisis Support Services

Family Resource Center

Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit

First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence, Inc.

Franklin County Family Resource Center

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Services to Abused Families

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Sexual Assault Response and Awareness

Shelter for Help in Emergency

Southside Center for Violence Prevention

The Hillbridge Group

Total Action for Progress - Domestic Violence Ser-

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Tri-County Community Action Agency

Virginia Anti-Violence Project

Virginia Center on Aging

Virginia Commonwealth University Wellness Re-

source Center

Women's Center - Reston VA

Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley

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YWCA of South Hampton Roads

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