

## NEWSLETTER - February 2023



**Miss the last DCCESV Meeting?**  
Minutes from every coalition meeting are available on our website under the "What We Do" section.  
Visit [DCCESV.ORG](https://www.dccesv.org) today!

A laptop and a smartphone are shown side-by-side, both displaying the DCCESV website. The laptop screen shows the header "DC COALITION TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE" and a navigation menu. The smartphone screen shows the same header and a "What We Do" section.

Visit "What We Do" to see the latest meeting minutes, special projects, and newsletter archive.

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## DCCESV Budget Survey and DC Council Hearing Schedule

Attention members and stakeholders! Please be sure to fill out the [DCCESV FY24 Budget Advocacy Survey](#) before February 8, 2023. We will use this information to develop our advocacy platform.

The DC Council Performance Oversight Hearing: Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety is having a virtual hearing on **Friday, February 10, 2023, at 9:30 EST**. The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) is scheduled to go second. Learn more and how to tune in [here](#).

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## Promote your upcoming events on DCCESV Social Channels!

To our Coalition Members, Stakeholders, and Allies, DCCESV will publicize your events to our website and social media to help reach new intended audiences. Please send your upcoming organizational and related events to [ravila@mcsr.org](mailto:ravila@mcsr.org)

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## Mark Your Calendars for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! Stay tuned for a full calendar of events, as well as our annual Action Guide, which includes ready-to-use social media posts. To have your SAAM events featured on our website, SAAM calendar, and social media, share event details with [ravila@mcsr.org](mailto:ravila@mcsr.org)



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## DCCESV Welcomes New Senior Legislative and Policy Consultant



DCCESV is excited to announce Christina M. Jones, Esq., as our Senior Legislative and Policy Consultant. Christina is currently the Chief Executive of External Relations for the Battered Women's Justice Project. Previously, she was the Deputy Director of Policy Initiatives, leading work in the area of criminal justice reform and coercive control codification. Prior to that, she was the Special Counsel for Strategic Youth Initiatives for the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia advising Attorney General Karl Racine on youth-facing policy and programming. Christina is a strong advocate for sexual assault prevention. She has used her training and experience to design and implement seminars on consent and sexual assault to teenagers around Washington D.C. Prior to her appointment as Special Counsel, she was the Assistant Chief for the Juvenile Section for the Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia where she helped shape juvenile justice policy in the District of Columbia by directly supervising attorneys who handle juvenile delinquency cases. Christina is a proud resident of Ward 7, where she lives with her husband Jason, son Xavier, and their cat Zamunda.

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## Book Report: 'Sexual Citizens' by Jennifer S. Hirsch and Shamus Khan

Beginning in 2015, Professors Jennifer Hirsch and Shamus Khan interviewed more than 150 Columbia and Barnard College undergrads to learn about their sexual interactions. They set out to gain insight on what the students wanted out of sex, how troubling encounters unfolded, and how layers of misunderstandings led to assault. *Sexual Citizens* looks to transform how we understand and address sexual assault. Through intimate portraits of life and sex among today's college students, an entirely new way to understand sexual assault surrounding the nuances of

consent, predators in a “hunting ground,” or the dangers of hooking up. The book reveals the social ecosystem that makes sexual assault a predictable element of life on a college campus. Powerful concepts provide a new language for understanding the forces that shape young people’s sexual relationships. In turn, it aims to transform our understanding of sexual assault and provide a new roadmap for how to address it.

Our friends at MSCR were able to sit down with Hirsch and Khan to take a deeper dive in their research, their thinking, and ideas surrounding engaging men and boys and using primary prevention strategies to address campus sexual assault. Watch Sex, Power, and Assault on campus: A Community Conversation, [here](#).

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## Organization Spotlight: N Street Village

DCCESV is proud to uplift N Street Village, an organization that supports women experiencing homelessness in Washington, D.C. by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. They partner with women to achieve stability and make meaningful gains in the housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery goals.



N Street Village is proudly celebrating 50 years of service and support to the D.C. community. In 1972, Luther Place Memorial Church opened its doors to the city’s most vulnerable, offering a safe place to sleep and have a warm meal. Later in 1983, the Bethany Women’s Center opened as a drop-in day center for women with expanded housing and addiction services. Today, there are 8 shelter locations within the city and a variety of wellness, housing, and professional development programs offered to women.

The 2023 N Street Village Annual Gala & Auction will celebrate 50 years of hope and healing, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect for thousands of women across the city. To learn more about this event, visit: <https://www.nstreetvillage.org/events/50th-anniversary-gala-auction/>

To learn more about N Street Village, how you can support their work, and their available resources, visit <http://nstreetvillage.org/>

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**February is Black History Month + Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month,  
March is Women’s History Month!**

Mark your calendars for the important months we have coming up.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). Dating violence is more common than you may think, especially among teen and young adults. [1 in 3 U.S. teens](#) will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults. [Nearly half \(43%\)](#) of U.S. college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors. We're excited to uplift [Love is Respect's TDVAM campaign](#), "Be About It" that focuses on advocacy and education to prevent dating abuse before it starts.

Be sure to spread awareness this February on your social platforms using the hashtag #TeenDVMonth. Here are some sample posts to help you get started:

- Did you know that each year approximately one out of every 10 high school students is physically abused by a boyfriend or girlfriend? #TeenDVMonth
- Does one teen try to keep their partner away from other people? Are they withdrawn and antisocial for no apparent reason? Possessiveness and controlling behavior can be a sign of an abusive relationship. #TeenDVMonth
- When a teen is in an abusive relationship school performance is often one of the first things to suffer since they're too overwhelmed to focus. #TeenDVMonth

In honor of Black History Month, the DC Public Library is uplifting those who have left their mark, using their words and actions to resist the oppression of the Black community. Join the DC Public Library for a variety of events and books that uplift Black creativity, celebrate Black joy, praise Black innovation, and salute Black activism for viewers and readers of all ages. Take a look [here](#).

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