

NEWSLETTER - July 2023



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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 website content adapted for a mobile device.

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

Upcoming Conferences in the GBV Field

Get ready for conference season! Check out the upcoming gender-based violence conferences posted on the DCCESV events page. Visit dcesv.org/events to learn more and register.

Promote your 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.

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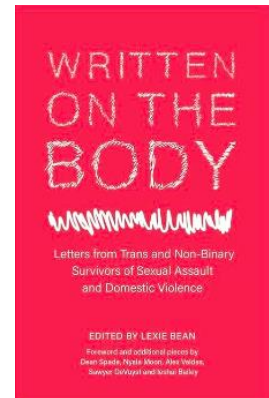
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Book Report: 'Written on the Body' by Lexie Bean

In honor of this past Pride Month, we are uplifting *Written on the Body* by Lexie Dean. This anthology is written by and for trans and non-binary survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, *Written on the Body* offers support, guidance and hope for those who struggle to find safety at home, in the body, and other unwelcoming places.

This collection of honest letters written to body parts weaves together narratives of gender, identity, and abuse. It is the coming together of those who have been fragmented and often met with disbelief. The book holds the concerns and truths that many trans people share while offering space for dialogue and reclamation.

Written with intelligence and intimacy, this book is for those who have found power in re-shaping their bodies, families, and lives.



Organization Spotlights: New Coalition Members! The Person Center and CASA DC

DCCESV is happy to announce the addition of two new coalition members, the Person Center and CASA DC.

The Person Center, an organization that supports African Immigrant and Refugee survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Washington, D.C. TPC offers case management and crisis support for survivors, develops and facilitates community education workshops, professional trainings for community organizations and responders, and leads advocacy efforts throughout the district.

To learn more about The Person Center and their upcoming events, visit <https://www.thepersoncenterdc.org/>

CASA DC is a non-profit whose mission is to promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused and neglected child in the DC foster care or



juvenile justice system can be safe, establish permanence and thrive. This mission is carried out through the recruitment, training, and support of volunteer advocates (CASA volunteers) who serve youth in DC. CASA volunteers provide a voice in court for young people who are court-involved and establish a unique and supportive relationship with their young person to assist them in achieving safe, permanent homes and key life skills. As one of 950+ affiliates of [National CASA for Children](#), CASA DC was born from a desire to provide DC children with a consistent adult in what can easily become a whirlwind of attorneys, social workers, and related professionals.

To learn more about CASA DC and their upcoming events, visit <https://www.casadc.org>.

Intentional Parenting: A Conversation with Dr. Stacey Patton and Destiney Bennett

July is Child Abuse Prevention Month and DCCESV member [Safe Shores](#) held an online webinar called What the World Needs Now: Intentional Parenting with amazing speakers. Dr. Stacey Patton is an adoptee, child abuse survivor, and former foster youth turned award-winning

journalist, author, professor, and nationally recognized child advocate. She is the creator of Spare the Kids, an online portal designed to teach about the harms of hitting children. Destiney Bennett is a mother of three boys and has shared her life-based teachings on parenting and marriage and overcoming generational trauma as it relates to the two.

[Check out the conversation here!](#)



Community Conversation on the Importance of Father Figures in the Lives of Us All

DCCESV member [MCSR](#) held a community conversation about fatherhood and the importance of father figures and male mentors in the lives of everybody. The conversation was held live on June 27, 2023 with speakers from MCSR, Aid to victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA), Hopeful Horizons, Stretch Zone Consortium, Vera House, and Lancaster’s Engaging Men. They shared insights on their personal connection to healthy masculinity and fatherhood and what it means to allow youth to see men’s vulnerability. They dive into how the experience of fatherhood and the male figures in their lives have shaped their mindset, actions, and behaviors, as well as how these positive relationships have strengthened connection with loved ones and their communities. [Watch it here.](#)

