

Celebrating Women's Leadership:

Honoring Members of AVA's Board of Directors This Women's History Month



As the nation celebrates Women's History Month, we pause to reflect on the incredible achievements and contributions of diverse women throughout history. We honor the legacies and stories of survivors, trailblazers and leaders who shaped our movement and continue to inspire us with their wisdom, strength and resilience.

At this moment, we also take the opportunity to celebrate the remarkable women, past and present, who have served on the Association of VAWA Administrators (AVA)'s Board of Directors. Each of these women has contributed their unique skills, perspective and lived experiences, propelling our organization forward while creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all who engage with us. Their compassion and leadership extend beyond AVA's board and into the lives of the countless individuals they inspire every day.

The women who have served and are currently serving on our Board are change-makers in the domestic and sexual violence movement. Collectively, they have decades of experience working tirelessly to end and prevent domestic and sexual violence. Their commitment is deeply rooted in the organization's core values: **collaboration, relationships, encouragement, teamwork, resourcefulness and the creation of safe spaces** for all.

Throughout their careers, these women have broken barriers, challenged the status quo, and worked tirelessly to ensure that all survivors of violence are seen, heard and respected. Their dedication has paved the way for real change and justice, and their efforts have made profound impact in their communities.

Thanks to the leadership and guidance of these remarkable women, AVA has been able to grow, expand, and continue to foster a thriving learning community for VAWA grant administrators to collaborate, share knowledge, and exchange best practices.

As AVA navigates new challenges and opportunities, we are deeply grateful for the leadership of these women, whose guidance ensures that we remain true to our core values, vision and mission.

The mission of the Association of VAWA Administrators (AVA) is to encourage and facilitate mutual support, peer enrichment, awareness and collaboration among states and territories administering **STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Formula Grant Programs.**

This month let's all make time to honor the trailblazers in our movement who paved the way for us to be here and celebrate the incredible women who are paving the way for future generations- to ultimately live a life free from violence.

To the women on our Board: thank you for your unwavering dedication and for leading by example. Your hard work, leadership and commitment will continue to inspire and shape the future for many to come.

Happy Women's History Month!