



## DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Breaking the cycle of violence.

### “Trauma Treatment in the Context of Domestic Violence” DCADV sponsored Practical Strategies Training

- *How do we meet survivors where they are?*
- *How do we respond to the complex range of issues survivors face?*
- *How do we work together across disciplines and systems?*
- *How do we embody in our own work and organizations the world we want to create?*

These are just a few of the challenging questions raised and addressed by Dr. Carole Warshaw and Dr. Terri Pease of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health, during “Practical Strategies to Address Mental Health Issues in the Context of Domestic Violence – Part II,” a full day training on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The National Center on DV, Trauma and Mental Health and DCADV are engaged in a 3-year partnership to strengthen our capacity in trauma-informed advocacy and to assist mental health providers to better understand how to assist victims/survivors of domestic violence. Drs. Warshaw and Pease have come to Delaware several times over the last three years, to help us create a collaborative approach with providers and advocates from all disciplines. With funding from the Verizon Foundation, DCADV is able to provide them with the knowledge, skills and resources to reduce re-traumatization, and is strongly advocating for making trauma-informed services available and accessible throughout systems.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Warshaw met privately with key Delaware stakeholders from government and non-profit agencies and organizations, to “work better with what we’re already doing.” Participants agreed that our priorities include sharing resources, maintaining linkages with DV and mental health providers and groups, and most critically, enhancing capacity of programs to improve service delivery and collaborate with survivors around policy and practice.

If you would like to be part of this work to create a trauma-informed approach within the context of Domestic Violence, please contact Marilyn Siebold, DV, Trauma, and Mental Health Associate at 302.658.2958 or [msiebold@dcadv.org](mailto:msiebold@dcadv.org).