

Women's Support Center

Winter 2019 Newsletter

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Welcome to our e-newsletter designed to keep you informed of our current activities. Below we highlight the work we've carried out in the past few months to ensure the safety of women and children victims of domestic violence and advocate for change. Engage with us by following our [Facebook](#) page, [website](#), and [contacting](#) us. We would love to hear from you!

BOSTON STUDY TOUR

In September, we invited deputy minister of Social Affairs to Boston for a study tour to learn of models to combat social issues. We had 5 days of intense meetings with 20 Boston based organizations working with victims of domestic violence, child abuse, homelessness, mental health, shelter, perpetrator program, children protection programs and also with professors at Boston University to discuss curriculum and requirements for social workers. For more information please see: <https://mirrorspectator.com/2019/10/31/deputy-minister-visits-us-to-combat-poverty-and-social-oppression-in-armenia/>



OCTOBER 1

Every year together with the Coalition to Stop Violence against Women, we do street actions to raise awareness about domestic violence. This year our staff went to Vanadzor and Spitak to distribute brochures and talk to citizens.



TRAINING

According to the MOU we signed with the Ministry of Social Affairs we completed the 12 day intensive training to open in 8 regions of Armenia domestic violence support centers. These will be the first ministry registered support centers that will receive cases referred directly by police or other agencies. A total of 20 counselors and psychologists participated in the training which was opened by the Deputy Minister Dr. Zhanna Andreyan.



CONFERENCE

At a conference in Erevan sponsored by European Union and UNFPA, we presented the Guideline we prepared for the Ministry of Social Affairs to monitor and evaluate domestic violence support centers.

