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REFLECTING ON TDVAM: A MONTH OF AWARENESS & ACTION

As the Center Against Sexual & Family Violence wraps up Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM), we reflect on this crucial time dedicated to educating and empowering young people about the importance of healthy relationships. TDVAM highlights a serious issue that affects 1 in 3 teenagers, influencing their well-being, future relationships, and overall safety. Because many young people may not recognize the early warning signs of an unhealthy relationship, education and awareness are essential for prevention. By fostering conversations in schools, homes, and communities, we can empower teens to seek healthy, respectful relationships and recognize red flags before abuse escalates.

Throughout February, our Outreach Facilitators and Primary Prevention teams raised awareness through Chalk About Love art activities across the city. This interactive and visual initiative highlighted the significance of kindness and respect in relationships. Participants expressed messages of love and empowerment, reinforcing the idea that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and care. These events used art as a tool for advocacy, bringing attention to the critical issue of teen dating violence in a meaningful and engaging way.

Sandra Nevarez Garcia
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TCFV BOARD MEMBER



Through education and outreach programs, our EmpOurment Project provided teens with tools to understand and develop healthy relationship habits. We also offered support services for survivors and their families, ensuring they had access to counseling, resources, and a safe space to heal. Our team worked closely with schools, parents, and community organizations to build a culture of awareness and prevention. As part of this initiative, we hosted the 3rd Annual Chalk About Love at the County Courthouse in collaboration with the County of El Paso, the District Attorney's Office, and the County Attorney's Office. This year's theme, "You Deserve Respect," delivered a powerful message to all young people that respect should be the foundation of every relationship. Although TDVAM has concluded, we encourage everyone to continue spreading awareness by talking to the young people in their lives about respect, boundaries, and healthy relationships. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that love always means respect.



Director Rosie Hidalgo



Former Director of the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) & Former Senior Director of Public Policy at Casa de Esperanza: National Latin@ Network

Worked extensively in Texas, advocating for survivors and underserved Latino communities facing family violence.

Appointed by President Biden as Senior Advisor on Gender-Based Violence in 2021.

Current Impact:

Rosie Hidalgo's work bridges community advocacy with national policy influence. Her roots in Texas advocacy have informed culturally competent resources and policies benefiting marginalized communities in the fight against domestic violence.

**Trailblazing Texas
Women: Advocates
Who Changed History**

A black and white portrait of Jeana Lungwitz, a woman with shoulder-length hair, looking directly at the camera. The portrait is on the left side of the page, with a dark purple background on the right.

Jeana Lungwitz



Co-founder and Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law

Jeana Lungwitz is a pioneer in domestic violence law in Texas, dedicating over three decades to legal advocacy, education, and policy reform.

Current Impact:

Lungwitz has shaped statewide policy as a key member of the Supreme Court Protective Order Taskforce and co-authored essential legal guides for attorneys, educators, and advocates. Through her publications, media engagements, and leadership in advocacy, she has raised awareness of the legal challenges survivors face. Her impact has helped shape the next generation of legal professionals, advance domestic violence law, and ensure survivors receive the protection they deserve—leaving a legacy that continues to make Texas safer for those affected by domestic violence.

Trailblazing Texas Women: Advocates Who Changed History

THE TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE &
THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

CAPITOL DAY

voices amplified

Capitol Day 2025 was a remarkable success, bringing together passionate supporters, dedicated community leaders, and inspiring change-makers at the Texas Capitol. Despite the frigid weather, our collective voices rang loud and clear, delivering crucial advocacy messages to create safer communities free from family violence.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who braved the cold to stand united with us. Special appreciation goes to all our incredible speakers, and the dedicated staff from both TCFV and TAASA who made this day possible.

If you missed the event or would like access to the materials, visit TCFV's and TAASA's resource pages, which contain all of our policy and funding one-pagers.

https://linktr.ee/tcfv_taasa_policy



HIGHLIGHTS

Powerful advocacy addressing key policy issues.

Moving testimonies from survivors and advocates.

Engaging discussions with legislators on essential funding and legislative actions.

Let's keep the momentum going—join our ongoing advocacy efforts and help us drive meaningful change!



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We're thrilled to share that our Executive Directors Conference was a huge success! Thanks to our wonderful attendees, dedicated staff, amazing exhibitors, and generous sponsors, we enjoyed meaningful conversations, insightful workshops, and an incredibly fun mixer that brought us closer together.

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