

## Welcome to the July 2010 edition of CAADA Enews

A very warm welcome to the July edition of CAADA Enews. We hope it will help you practically in your work and keep you up-to-date about developments at CAADA.

## IDVA training applications closing (Bristol, London, Leeds) – apply today

Due to high popularity places on the [autumn IDVA training](#) are filling quickly, but there are still a few places available on a first-come, first-served basis. The programme, delivered by our expert trainers helps give practitioners the confidence to identify risk, support clients and address safety in a consistent and professional way. Find out more about [dates and venues](#), read the [excellent feedback](#) from past learners, [download the application form](#) or [contact us](#) today to secure your place. Applications **close on Monday 9th August**.

CAADA OCN accredited training is available to both statutory agencies and registered charities. We're immensely grateful for funding from The Sigrid Rausing Trust and the Northern Rock Foundation which has enabled us to provide a limited number of subsidised places for registered charities, but these are strictly limited. However, we have more places for both statutory and voluntary agencies that are able to fund the training independently.

## Leading Lights accreditation programme – applications open

In today's funding climate it has never been more important to stand out from the crowd and get the recognition you deserve. Gaining accreditation through CAADA's Leading Lights programme demonstrates that your organisation offers consistent, good and safe practice to clients who are most at risk from severe domestic abuse.

The programme involves coaching sessions with your key staff and off-site training and development days. There are limited places for the autumn intake, so please apply early to avoid disappointment. For more information please ring Karen Clark on 0117 317 8750 or email [karen.clark@caada.org.uk](mailto:karen.clark@caada.org.uk). Alternatively, please visit the [Leading Lights accreditation information](#) on our website, and [read about services that have received accreditation and the benefits it brings](#). We recommend those who may be interested in Leading Lights in the future also register an interest today, so that details can be added to an early notification list for future intakes.

## FREE training for London MARAC attendees – sign up today

Are you a professional attending a MARAC specifically in the Greater London area? If so, you're eligible to receive **fully funded training** from CAADA which will support you to undertake your specific MARAC role confidently and effectively – at no cost to your organisation. This training is particularly relevant to you if you have never received MARAC training from CAADA or you are new to your MARAC role in the Greater London area.

Funded by the Home Office and supported by the Government Office London and the Metropolitan Police, the training runs between September 2010 and March 2011 and involves four types of specially tailored one day courses available on a variety of different dates. There is one course each for MARAC Chairs and Deputies; agency representatives who attend MARAC. MARAC key agency representatives; IDVAs who attend MARAC and MARAC Coordinators.

To apply for this free training, or for further information, dates and venues, please [visit our website](#) today.

## Safety in Numbers – did you know?

Some more key facts from the largest ever research study into IDVA services, launched in November 2009 - [Safety in Numbers: A Multi-Site Evaluation of Independent Domestic Violence Advisors](#)

- Perpetrators of abuse had a previous criminal record in half (1 in 2) of all high risk cases with which an IDVA worked.
- In 1 in 4 (25%) cases perpetrators had a previous criminal record that was domestic violence related.
- Just over half of all perpetrators of severe abuse (54%) were found to misuse alcohol. In 2 in 5 cases (39%), perpetrators were reported to misuse drugs.
- 1 in 4 perpetrators reportedly had mental health problems (28%)
- Where any of these perpetrator related factors were reported, victims experienced comparatively more severe abuse at the point of referral to an IDVA service.
- Where any of these perpetrator related factors were reported upon referral to an IDVA service, women were 25% less likely to be free from abuse at the closure of their case.

*You can use this information to highlight the importance of multi-agency working when working with perpetrators and survivors of domestic violence.*

## FREE training for frontline FIP practitioners – apply today

After a successful 12 months working with 400 professionals across the country, CAADA has been re-commissioned by the Department of Health to deliver domestic abuse awareness training to frontline Family Intervention Project (FIP) practitioners and key workers in 2010/11.

CAADA's FIP domestic abuse training course aims to increase confidence, awareness and skills in relation to domestic abuse identification and risk. Project staff are eligible for the two day course (click here for [various locations and dates](#)) at absolutely no direct cost to themselves as the courses are **funded by the Department of Health**.

We are also running two refresher courses in this year's training programme for those who attended the FIPs training in the 2009/10 period.

Last year, 87% of previous FIPs learners reported that they were completely or very satisfied with the training. Places are being offered on a first-come, first-serve basis and we anticipate that all places will be booked up in a relatively short space of time. To avoid disappointment and to reserve a favoured date, we encourage delegates to submit an early application. For more details about the FIPs training course content, the refresher courses and the application form please visit the [CAADA website](#) or email [fipstraining@caada.org.uk](mailto:fipstraining@caada.org.uk) to book today.

## FREE new resource - CAADA DASH Risk Identification Checklist in 12 different community languages – download now

We have recently added an invaluable resource to our website, aimed at supporting practitioners working with high risk victims whose first language isn't English. Funded by the Home Office, the CAADA [Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Homicide \(DASH\) Risk Identification Checklist](#), is now available in 12 different community languages, including Polish, Somali, Urdu, and Bengali.

## The Body Shop fundraising campaign

We would like to thank everyone who supported CAADA by voting for us in the latest [The Body Shop campaign](#). As part of their 20 year celebrations of supporting charities, customers in stores and visitors to their website voted for one of three causes, including CAADA. A prize of £20,000 will be shared amongst the charities according to the levels of support they received. Voting closed on the 11<sup>th</sup> July and we are awaiting the final confirmation on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

## CAADA IDVA provision survey – coming soon

As part of our commitment to supporting the work of specialist domestic violence services, CAADA will be collecting data that will provide a more accurate picture of the current level of IDVA provision in the UK and the impact of funding cuts on services. We will use this information to help inform funders about the gaps between the need for services and the current capacity.

However, we can only do this with your help and so will be in contact with you shortly if you have previously completed a CAADA IDVA/ISVA training course. Your co-operation in gathering this data is very much appreciated.

## Pass it on

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## CAADA, July 2010

## Did you know?

CAADA is a national charity supporting a strong multi-agency response to domestic abuse. Our work focuses on saving lives and saving public money. CAADA provides practical tools, training, guidance, quality assurance, policy and data insight to support professionals and organisations working with domestic abuse victims. The aim is to protect the highest risk victims and their children – those at risk of murder or serious harm.

As a charity, CAADA does not profit from any element of its work. We subsidise all our loss-making training and support to IDVAs and any charitable organisations by independently raising funds from charitable trusts. We do this to ensure our work helps support the largest volume of high risk victims possible.

Since 2005 we have trained over 900 IDVAs and over 249 MARACs in operation in England and Wales. However, in 2009 less than a quarter of people who needed to access MARACs were able to do so. If you'd like to find out more about the work of CAADA, IDVAs and MARACs, please visit our website today: [www.caada.org.uk](http://www.caada.org.uk)