

Welcome to the May 2010 edition of CAADA Enews

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

Autumn 2010 IDVA training - sign up today to secure your place

The application process for Autumn 2010 IDVA training is now open, and places are filling up quickly. If you haven't already signed up, [please email today](#) to secure your place. We are accepting applicants on a first come, first served basis. Visit our website today to [find out more about the course](#), and to read the [excellent feedback](#) we have received from past learners.

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. Please [contact us today](#) for more information.

Leading Lights accreditation programme – sign up by 2nd June

In today's funding climate, it's important to stand out from the crowd. Gaining accreditation through Leading Lights demonstrates that your organisation offers consistent, good and safe practice to clients who are most at risk from severe domestic abuse. CAADA is accepting applications for intake four of its [Leading Lights accreditation programme](#) until 2nd June. To find out about what this programme can offer you and the criteria for participation, contact [Dawn Taylor](#), Director of Service Standards today on 07818 593 561.

The Body Shop in-store fundraising campaign – show your support

CAADA is delighted to be working in partnership with The Body Shop on a new in-store fundraising campaign. To celebrate 20 years of supporting charities, The Body Shop is asking its customers to help donate £20,000 by voting in-store for one of three chosen causes (one of which is CAADA). To take part, drop into your local The Body Shop store to cast your vote or visit online at www.thebodyshop.com/vote. The campaign starts on 27th May, coinciding with a 30% sale running over the Bank Holiday weekend to encourage as many people as possible to vote. Voting will be closed on 11th July, and the results communicated on 4th August.

Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse – contact us for free copies

In March CAADA reported on the launch of our new report about MARACs - *Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse*. The report outlines why MARACs save lives and money: it includes headline figures from a full cost benefit analysis exercise for the national MARAC picture, with £740 million of potential savings to the public purse, as well as real case studies of women who have been through the MARAC process and are now in a place of safety.

The report was extremely well received by local services and practitioners, who have used it to secure support and buy in for their MARAC from local partners. CAADA is able to post a limited number of hard copies to local practitioners for free - [please contact us today](#) to place an order. Alternatively both the [referenced](#) and [unreferenced](#) versions of *Saving lives, saving money: MARACs and high risk domestic abuse* are available to download from our website.

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](#)

- 70% of victims accessing IDVA services have children
- The children of victims referred to IDVA services are typically very young. 75% of children are found to be of primary school age (under 11 years) and 30% of children are aged between 0 - 4 years.
- 1 in 4 (27%) victims with children report that they are fearful of their children being harmed
- 1 in every 10 victims (11%) with children report that threats have been made to kill their children
- 2 in every 5 victims with children (41%) report conflict around child contact arrangements.

Use this information to highlight the specific risks to children of living in high risk households, and the need for strong links between domestic violence services and child-focused services in your area.

MARAC admin and governance packs – download today

New MARAC administrative and governance template packs are available on www.caada.org.uk. The [administration template pack](#) contains a variety of new documents to support the administration of a local MARAC. The [governance template pack](#) contains documents supporting the strategic aspects of running a MARAC, such as an information sharing protocol checklist and a MARAC administrator job description.

Safeguarding adults and MARAC – best practice examples requested

Does your MARAC work have a successful partnership with a local Safeguarding Adults team? CAADA is currently collecting best practice examples of Safeguarding Adults representation at MARAC, with a view to understanding how the two public protection roles of MARAC and Safeguarding Adults can work well together. Once we have collated this information we will disseminate our findings through our training, materials and communications. Please email your examples to [Claire Marshall](mailto:Claire.Marshall@caada.org.uk) today.

Family Intervention Projects evaluation and further training

We are pleased to announce that CAADA has been commissioned by the Department of Health to deliver domestic abuse awareness training to a further 400 frontline Family Intervention Project (FIPs) practitioners in 2010/11. CAADA's evaluation of the 2009 training delivered to more than 440 FIPs practitioners showed that:

- Over 87% of learner practitioners were very satisfied with the CAADA training they received.
- 98% reported excellent understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse following training, compared with 37% before training - an increase of 164%.
- 79% felt confident in assessing the risks to victims after training, compared to 18% before – an increase of over 300%.
- 74% of practitioners said that they would routinely ask about domestic abuse following training, compared to only 33% of practitioners before.

For more information on CAADA's FIPs training work, [visit our website today](http://www.caada.org.uk).

Consultation on sustainability of VAWG sector – feedback requested

The Government Equalities Office has developed a Strategic Action Plan to look at what the Government could do to support the sustainability of the violence against women and girls sector. A public consultation on the Plan is running until Friday 23rd July 2010, and feedback from services is encouraged. [Click here to access the consultation](#).

Join CAADA staff in fundraising for the sector

Staff and friends of CAADA have raised the fantastic amount of nearly £3,000 through events including the Bristol 10k and Leeds half marathon over the last month. CAADA offers all of its programmes at a subsidised price to charities, so this money will go towards supporting voluntary organisations to take our [IDVA training](#), undertake the [Leading Lights IDVA service accreditation programme](#) or make use of our IDVA Insights service. A big thank you to everyone involved. If you'd like to donate to CAADA please [click here](#), or to find out more about how you can help us fundraise please contact [Keziah Rutherford](mailto:Keziah.Rutherford@caada.org.uk).

Pass it on

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Recruitment

Head of Professional Development (Individual) Division

Salary - £35,000 – £40,000, hours - 37.5 / week, ideally based in Bristol.

CAADA is recruiting a Head of Professional Development to join our newly expanded team. Your task will be to manage the design and delivery of a professional development programme which will help transform the response to domestic violence victims. In particular, you will lead the department responsible for IDVA, FIPs (Family Intervention Projects) and Leading Lights professional development programmes. For more information and to apply, [visit the recruitment page of our website](#).

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 800 IDVAs but this is still short of the 1300 to 1500 IDVAs we estimate are needed nationally. Since 2005 we have trained over 220 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](http://www.caada.org.uk) today.