



NEWSLETTER

FALL 2023

Dear NELCWIT Supporters,

As the leaves change color and the air turns crisp, we welcome you to our Fall 2023 Newsletter. It's been a transformative year at the New England Learning Center for Women in Transition (NELCWIT), and we're excited to share our latest updates with you. Together, we continue to support survivors and build safer communities.

NELCWIT



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

WWW.NELCWIT.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NELCWIT

ALL OF OCTOBER



Purple Haze Cocktail at Magpie Pizzeria

A portion of the proceeds from purchasing this drink or any other drink special will be donated to NELCWIT
21 Bank Row, Greenfield, MA



Vegan DVAM Truffle at Firetype Chocolates

20% of proceeds from each piece sold will go towards assisting survivors.
150 Main St., Northampton, MA

EVENTS

OCT
12

Empowering Communities Skill Share Webinar



Supporting Survivors of Domestic
Violence and Sexual Assault
5:30-7pm | Zoom | Register on FB

OCT
20

Documentary Screening of *TINA*



Donation-based, Sliding-Scale Event
Raffle, Bake Sale, Refreshments
6pm | 324 Main St., Greenfield, MA

FY'23 Impact Numbers (to date)

- Total # clients served = 966
- Crisis line calls = 1639
- Crisis line clients = 579
- Counseling DV/SA # clients = 204
- Crisis intervention walk-ins = 98
- SAFEPLAN clients protective orders = 236
- Supervised visitation clients = 89
- Medical advocacy = 12
- Hotel stays (# nights) = 71
- Total client assistance (\$) = \$19,585.89

What we've been up to:

- **Support groups: *Safe Space***; Focuses on self-love, Safe Space is a creative support group for survivors of domestic violence or sexual assault. ***Seeking Safety***; Focuses on safety planning and support among survivors. Two sections offered! One in our Greenfield office and one in our Orange office. Call our hotline for details.
- **Trainings:** We're excited to offer training sessions free to our community. Our current offerings include: Introduction to NELCWIT Services & How to Connect Survivors, Intro & Deep Dive into Dynamics of Domestic Violence, and How to Support and Keep Supporting Survivors. Stay tuned for an exciting, upcoming collaboration with Tapestry Health!
- **Partnerships:** Part of working within our community to promote safety, justice, and dignity for all is building relationships with other anti-violence, pro-survivor organizations. We want to highlight our connections to: **The People's Medicine Project, Cradles to Crayons, Center for New Americans, Community Legal Aid, Western Mass Food Bank, Tapestry Harm Reduction, and FCRHRA.**
Thank you for being in community with us.
- **Food Pantry:** NELCWIT's free food pantry for survivors is up, running, and stocked!

www.nelcwit.org

Hotline 413-772-0806

Supporting Survivors: Your Donations put to Work

- In addition to monetary donations, we have received the following material gifts that help breakdown barriers for survivors: *food pantry items, personal care bags, books and play items for our kids corner!*
- A special thank you to an anonymous donor who purchased a van for client transportation earlier in the year. This donation has expanded the support we can offer survivors!
- Pride month event recap: *Storytelling for Queer and Trans Survival: we raised \$450 at this survivor centered event at 10 Forward. \$450 roughly translates to 7 hotel stays for survivors fleeing for safety.*
- Check your mailbox in November for our Fall Appeal!

NELCWIT's Services

Our commitment to providing comprehensive support remains unwavering.

- **Hotline - 413-772-0806:** Staffed 24/7 by trauma informed counselors available to provide immediate safety planning, emotional support, referrals, and resources to survivors.
- **Counseling and Advocacy:** On-going support, referrals, and resources for folks impacted by DV/SA
- **SafePlan:** Assistance with protective orders for survivors.
- **The Franklin County Children's Visitation Program (FCCVP):** Alternative to unsupervised visits between children and their non-custodial parents.
- **DVIP:** Assistance with emergency protective orders when the courts are closed .
- **Support groups, housing assistance, legal assistance, medical advocacy, and more**

A Heartfelt Thank You:

We extend our deepest gratitude to our community partners and donors who make our work possible. Your dedication to our cause fuels our passion to continue supporting survivors and advocating for change. Thank you to all individuals, businesses, and organizations who have made our work more possible through partnership or donation.

Thank you to: Magpie Woodfired Pizzeria, Firetype Chocolate, 10 Forward, The Lava Center, GCC, Hens and Chicks, Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters, Cocina Lupita, Sophia's Pizza, Mia Bella Salon, The Imaginary Bookshop, and Bicycle World!

Meet Amanda Sanderson!



We're delighted to introduce Amanda, our new acting Executive Director at NELCWIT. With her passion for our mission and dedication to empowering survivors, Amanda is already making a significant impact.

Amanda's work with youth, low-income populations, survivors, and her experience in rural and urban settings initially led her to NELCWIT. Amanda has an M.A. in Higher Education Administration, and a B.A. in Peace and Justice Studies. She has ample non-profit management experience, and has always strived to work in mission-driven, anti-violence and anti-racist settings.

When asked about her dreams of NELCWIT's future, Amanda has mentioned, wanting more partnerships and resources that help survivors with securing housing, financial opportunities, support services, and more. She has highlighted the importance of being fully staffed and at full capacity in order to think creatively about what services we can provide Survivors that respond to current trends.

"These dreams fuel my work and the work of my staff, and I hope they fuel our community partners and supporters as they join our efforts to achieve these goals. "

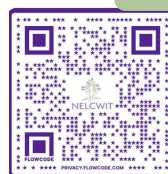
Stay Connected, Get Involved!

Let's stand together in support of survivors and safer communities. Keep an eye out for upcoming events, training opportunities, and stories from our community. Connect with us on social media, and please consider sharing our mission with your friends and family.

Thank you for being part of the NELCWIT family. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of survivors and building a world free from violence.

With warmth, gratitude, and solidarity,
The team at NELCWIT

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