



Membership Package



AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

An **AFFILIATE MEMBER** is:

A nonprofit or community-based organization focusing a portion of the agency's programming on domestic violence prevention and/or services and supports the mission, vision and values of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence (RICADV).

About the RICADV:

Mission:

The purpose of the RICADV is to eliminate domestic violence in Rhode Island. Our mission is to support and enhance the work of our member agencies and to provide leadership on the issue of domestic violence.

Vision:

We envision a society where domestic violence is not tolerated because communities are enlightened and responsive to the needs of victims and their children.

How We Do Our Work:

The RICADV affirms that all people have the right to live their lives free from fear and violence. To this end, we are working to disrupt the systems of oppression that unjustly impact people of color, Jews, Muslims, LGBTQ people, and other historically oppressed communities. Aspiring to be an anti-oppression organization is not a separate part of our work but the lens that informs how we do our work. It is at the heart of moving our mission forward.



AFFILIATE MEMBER BENEFITS

ADVOCACY AND POLICY

- Participate in the RICADV policy agenda conversations to improve systems and public policy for survivors of domestic violence and their families
- Attend our Legislative Advocacy Workshop (LAW 101)
- Meet and network with legislators during our "Advocacy Day" events to have an elevated voice in changing our community
- Receive alerts and updates on state and national legislative and policy issues affecting domestic violence survivors

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Access RICADV trainings at no cost and RICADV conferences at discounted rates
- Share job postings for publication on the RICADV's website
- Attend the RICADV board meetings
- Network with the RICADV's staff and other member agency staff members by working on internal committee meetings including the Public Awareness Working Group Committee and the Domestic Violence Advocates of Color meetings
- Strengthen the partnership with the RICADV and agencies in the network
- Participate in relevant grant proposals and collaborations
- Participate in RICADV's networking events to foster connections with advocates and likeminded agencies
- Access to materials, technical assistance and consultation from the RICADV staff



AFFILIATE MEMBER BENEFITS

COMMUNICATIONS & RECOGNITION

- Promotion of services through the RICADV website and social media accounts
- RICADV Membership logo to display on your website or social media accounts
- Branding as an “Affiliate member agency of the RICADV” in RICADV publications, websites and relevant communications
- Use of RICADV logo on certain events for co-sponsorship, with the permission of the RICADV
- Access to social media toolkits for awareness events/public awareness campaigns

REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFILIATE MEMBER AGENCIES



- A portion of the agency's programming must be focused on domestic violence prevention and/or services.
- Affiliate member agencies are required to have been in existence for a full year since the date the agency filed for a 501c3 status and must demonstrate fiscal viability.
- Applicants must demonstrate the agency is meeting an unmet community need, without duplicating existing services for victims of domestic violence.
- Applicants must demonstrate how their organization's values align with the vision/values of the RICADV.
- Affiliate member agency annual dues will be set annually by the RICADV's Board of Directors, on a sliding scale based on the size of the organization and the amount of funding the RICADV subcontracts to the agency. Current affiliate member agency dues range from \$250 to \$2,500 based on this criteria.
- Affiliate member agencies must have workplace policies about domestic violence as part of the organization's employee handbook.
- Affiliate member agencies may be subject to an annual monitoring visit from the RICADV.
- Applicants may submit letters of support.
- Failure to meet any of the above requirements may subject the agency to revocation of their membership by the board of directors. The decision of the board is final.

APPLICATION PROCESS



- Inquiries about membership can be made by contacting Community Engagement & Training Manager, Sara Eckhoff at 401-467-9940 or emailing sara@ricadv.org.
- Upon receipt of the request for information, the RICADV will send the interested party information about membership and an application form.
- The applicant should complete the application form and send it electronically by fax at 401-467-9943 or by emailing ricadv@ricadv.org, or by mail to 641 Bald Hill Rd, Suite 100 Warwick, R.I. 02886, Attn: Community Engagement Specialist, with the required attachments.
- The RICADV Membership Committee of the Board of Directors will review the application package and an in-person interview will be scheduled with representatives from the applicant within 60 days of receiving the completed material.
- The membership committee will present its recommendation to the RICADV Board of Directors for approval within 60 days of meeting the applicant.
- The decision of the board of directors is final.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit a new application after two years if the application is denied.