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Transforming Lives
Through Trauma-Informed
Legal Advocacy



OUR MISSION

To stop the cycle of domestic abuse
through legal advocacy.

TRAUMA-INFORMED LEGAL ADVOCACY VALUES:

Minimize retraumatizing clients
and their children

Stay abreast of the science of trauma

Set policies and procedures that follows
research on the effects of trauma

Focus resources on limiting the effects
of secondary or vicarious trauma on
our volunteer attorneys and shelter
advocates

NEW IN 2024

Added a childcare program to
provide

emergency childcare

to clients

- *Volunteers are vetted*
- *References checked*
- *CPR | First Aid Certified*
- *MN criminal background checks*
- *Mandatory Reporter Training*

The generosity of donors allowed
us to include pro bono
estate planning in

2025

Community members reached:

8,500+

Provided legal services to:

102 clients

181 children

legally
represented
through their
parents

Value of donated services
by our volunteer attorneys:

\$410,039.00

AAMIINA'S STORY



After a particularly violent night, Aamiina and her two children found
respite in a shelter.

Aamiina, with the help of a DALAC volunteer attorney, was granted an

Ex Parte Order for Protection.



Aamiina's husband denied physically harming either Aamiina or the children
& claimed Aamiina was a liar.

Aamiina's husband violated the Order for Protection more than 12 times.

Aamiina & her children were terrified.



Aamiina, with the help of a DALAC volunteer attorney, was awarded

a 50 year Order for Protection.

Her children, pursuant to Minnesota law, were awarded a 2 year Order for Protection.



The 50 year OFP was violated.



The divorce process starts.



A WORD FROM OUR STAFF ATTORNEY

Every day, domestic abuse victims leave their abuser even though doing so exponentially increases the possibility that the abuser will follow through on the repeated threat - death.

In Minnesota, domestic violence homicides, in 2024, were at the highest level in 30-years of record-keeping. Historically, 75% of domestic violence related homicides occur upon separation.

I started my life transforming work with DALAC on January 2, 2024 as our organization's first paid staff attorney. My position allowed DALAC to expand our limited in-court representation legal services to assist victim-survivors and their children beyond emergency Orders for Protection and eviction expungements, provided by DALAC's volunteer attorneys, to full in-court legal representation for legal separation, divorce, child custody, child support and spousal maintenance. The trauma-informed approach to legal advocacy that DALAC offers clients not only helps our clients and their children to get safe and stay safe, but it also empowers them to make informed decisions as they navigate an incredibly difficult and tumultuous times in their lives.

We cannot do this life saving and life changing transformational work without your support. Thank you for supporting our mission.

Best,

Laura June, Staff Attorney

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) may negatively impact an adult's physical health, psychological, social problems & health

Many Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are correlated with children's exposure to domestic violence.

Children exposed to domestic violence in the home are also at increased risk for immediate harm.

Approximately **1** in **5** children witness domestic violence in their lifetime.

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Summary Financials

ASSETS

Cash \$30,455.58

Receivables \$387.00

Investments \$69,740.95

TOTAL ASSETS \$100,583.53

LIABILITIES

Liabilities \$1,813.86

EQUITY

Restricted Net Assets-
Empower \$68,721.67

Unrestricted Net Assets \$30,048.00

TOTAL EQUITY \$98,769.67

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY \$100,583.53

2024

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME

Corporate Contributions

\$32,890.38

5.94%

Foundation Contributions

\$11,875.00

2.14%

Individual Contributions

\$93,367.81

16.86%

Gifts in Kind - Legal Services

\$410,039.00

74.04%

Donated Stock

\$0.00

0%

Miscellaneous Other Revenue

\$5,647.10

1.02%

EXPENSES

Administrative Expenses

\$11,202.54

1.82%

Development & Fundraising
Expenses

\$19,659.80

3.18%

Program Expenses -
Legal Fees

\$410,039.00

66.61%

Other Program Expenses

\$174,678.48

28.38%

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