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I've been program manager at Coalition for Family Preservation Office in Corona for past seven years. For the last 20 years I worked with child abuse, domestic violence.

Through this office, ADV is involved with the service organizations, such as Soroptomists, Rotary



and United Neighbors Involved with Today's Youth. We're all involved in the community boards and organizations. Those partnerships have allowed us to do conferences for lawyers and judges, educating them on how to prevent domestic violence, updating them on laws. And we also do a lot with the Corona Police Department. We go into the police department and sit in on their briefings, provide education on domestic violence, what to look for when they go out on calls in response to DV.

We also have the REST program (Reducing the Effects of Stress and Trauma) on children and families. That is mainly in the schools and Child Protective Services and the police department. If a school counselor sees a child who is in a home where there is turmoil, they would refer them to the REST coordinator, who meets with the family and develops a plan of services for them.

We also have advocacy. We counsel clients referred by other agencies. Counseling as well as groups. So we have advocacy, the REST program,

we have the teen program in the schools and we do a lot of conferences. As an example, we get together twice a year with as many of the clergy and community leaders as we can and educate them about how to prevent DV in their churches.

We have a couple of contracts with Riverside County to provide individual counseling. We also provide batterers treatment programs throughout western Riverside County. At any given time, we probably have 100 people in the program. We are certified through the Probation Department. So we are able to continue those people, if they get criminally charged and have to go for 52 weeks. So we provide programs of 16, 32 and 52 weeks.

Out of that we created the clinic, through which we do a lot of private counseling. That practice is building up quite a bit. We do couples counseling, children's counseling, counseling for depression and career changing, anxiety, all those kinds of things. We've been getting a lot of referrals through the family court divorce cases and a lot of attorneys in the area have begun referring to us for couples who are in crisis.

We have a children's coordinator who does groups and counseling. That's in conjunction with the advocacy services for the women who come in. They can then refer their children to the children's program in which she does the paraprofessional help. She does arts with them and crafts and a lot of helping children who have gone through divorce or in conflict. She works with the children while the moms are in group to help them express their feelings.

Corona has a unique sense of community. All the organizations support each other. We have a lot of community partners, so if we have an idea to do something, we can approach our partners.

We did teen talk. The school district bussed 300 students in for a whole-day event. We had all kinds of speakers. Substance abuse, healthy relationships, all things teens deal with. We based the program on a student survey and did an evaluation and they all loved it. We have done it every year since 2001.

Personally, it has been really rewarding to work for ADV. I think ADV has so much integrity, if someone was considering donating, they would have no concerns or worries about how their money would be spent. Throughout the agency, there is so much integrity from the top down.