



NRCDV Policy Commitment & Positions

I. OUR COMMITMENT

NRCDV continues to strive towards living into the commitments made in our [June 2020 statement](#) against anti-Blackness, racial injustice, and oppression as well as our [NRCDV STANDS](#) statements. These commitments are interconnected with our policy stance and priorities. The declaration of these statements holds NRCDV accountable to survivors and communities, boldly articulates our policy advocacy positioning, and clarifies the "lenses" we are looking through, committed to, and in constant consideration of as we aspire to co-create a world that is free from violence, racism, oppression, and socially just.

II. OUR POLICY STANCE

- **WE COMMIT to being expansive in our policy thinking, efforts, and focus** on anti-violence work within the larger context of social justice and progressive world-building.
- **WE COMMIT to co-creating policy solutions with survivors and communities most impacted** by gender-based violence and sexual violence, and to address the root causes.
- **WE COMMIT to advance policy solutions that will make meaningful change for Black and brown communities, trans and non-binary survivors, survivors with disabilities, immigrant survivors, and those most traumatized and harmed by carceral systems and responses.**

III. OUR POLICY PRIORITIES

1. **Building and supporting the capacity of survivors** to engage in policy and systems-level advocacy.
2. **Promoting survivor centered, equitable, and just policies**, such as those that center safety, well-being, autonomy, humanity, and inclusivity across race, class, culture, ability, immigration status and identity;
3. **Ensuring increased economic security for survivors, their families, and communities** through avenues such as public benefit programs, tax credits for low-income families, affordable healthcare, paid leave, equal pay, workplace protections, education and job training, and enhancement of asset and wealth building opportunities;

4. **Promoting family and community centered policies** that are responsive to the needs and closely aligned with the desired approaches named by domestic violence survivors, particularly survivors across Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrant, and refugee communities, survivors with disabilities, deaf survivors, and low-income survivors, including policies focused on prevention, healing and restoration for survivors and those who have caused harm;
5. **Increasing access to a broad range of affordable housing options for survivors**, including but not limited to non-congregate shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and home ownership, as well as the services and supports needed for safe and stable housing;
6. **Building the capacity of advocates at the state and local levels** through training, technical assistance and resource sharing to engage in policy and systems-level advocacy.