



## We're Doing Something New

This month we are rolling out our new monthly newsletters with news about upcoming events, issues impacting those we serve and support, and other organizational updates.

For those who are new to our newsletter and the [Amara](#) community, we provide **free legal services** to individuals whose rights have been violated while involved in commercial sex, whether involvement was by coercion, necessity, choice, or otherwise, in the D.C. metropolitan area. Thank you for your continued support!



## Starting at the Root

Relationships are supposed to make you feel comfortable and loved. **Sadly, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe**

violence from an intimate partner according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Some relationships and intimate encounters are turning into anything but loving and comfortable.

What's often overlooked is the fact that survivors of sex violence, exploitation, and many sex workers start with being domestically abused. Domestic violence can also often lead to homelessness, loss of job, mental health struggles, and more including human trafficking.

Despite the passing of the [Violence Against Women Act in 1994](#) and its revisions that have improved policies and laws, we continue to hear stories from clients and strangers alike of their experiences. There's no shortage of stories of people, even law enforcement, not believing or doing enough to help victims.

**We want to take action and get the community involved.**



On October 23rd, we'll be hosting [The Connection: Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking](#), a free event to discuss the intersection between intimate partner violence (domestic violence) and human trafficking. This event is in partnership with [Becky's Fund](#).

[American University](#)  
[Letts Hall](#)  
6:00-7:30 pm

The event is open to the community and students. Share the news and bring a friend. Register [here](#).

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## Emergency Client Needs

In addition to legal services, many of our clients have short-term, emergency needs. Since they are not legal services, these collateral client needs--including baby formula, groceries, child care, and transportation costs--are not typically covered by our grant funding. We rely heavily on sources of unrestricted funding, such as donations and general operating support, to ensure our clients' emergency needs are met.

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