

Massachusetts Women of Color Network

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MAWOCN Mission



The mission of the Massachusetts Women of Color Network (MAWOCN) is to support the leadership of women of color working in the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Movement in Massachusetts



Technical Assistance



- Access to a statewide network of support
- Shared resources
- Enhancing professional skills
- Providing mentorship and peer support
- **ACTION** to Influence the field



Action!

- Structured Monthly Meetings – Mini Workshops, Support and professional development
- Survey 2014 - What do Women of Color Need
- Survey 2016- positions held by WOC
- 2017-2018 Impact of S/DV on Black Women



Black Women are in danger!



In MA, From 1994-2014:

Blacks are 4x more likely to be killed than whites (3.9 to be exact)

Hispanics are more than 2x

Asians are more than 2x

Immigrants are 1.8x

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- Provided an info session and focus group at 2018 provider meeting with Brookview House, ULEM, CHH
- Invited Farah Tanis of Black Womens Blueprint to speak on the issues at MAWOCN Conference June 2019
- Convened two dialogues by and for Black Women
- 2020 potential Black Women's Leaders Roundtable on "Who is at High Risk?" and how do we address this crisis

• **ACTION!!!!**

MAWOCCN 10th Anniversary!



Coming in June 2020

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