Engaging the Media to
Change Social Norms

Georgia Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project

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#### GA Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project

- Joint initiative between GCADV and GCFV
- Third in series of webinars to address implementation of fatality review recommendations
- Next webinar is Supporting Law Enforcement's Role in Domestic Violence Response
- · Formal announcement coming soon
- New website: www.georgiafatalityreview.com

# **Findings**

- Fatality Reviews
- · Daily media monitoring
- DV-related homicides in Georgia
- DV-related news incidents and arrests
- · Vague, minimal information on incident
- · Unintentionally blaming the victim
- Minimal information on resources available
- GA DV Media Watch (www.gcfv.org)

# Response

- 2013 Annual Report, "DV and the Media"
  - Compiled list of 9 tips for journalists
- Today's webinar is targeted towards family violence task forces and fatality review teams
  - Strategies for engaging the media
  - Building relationships with reporters
  - Changing the way DV is covered in Georgia

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# Goals

- Better domestic violence coverage
  - Increase in those who have awareness of the issue, an understanding of domestic violence and ways to help, and available resources
    - support networks,
    - family,
    - friends,
    - · faith leaders,
    - co-workers