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David J. H. Garvin MSW, LMSW is the Senior Director at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County ([www.csswashtenaw.org](http://www.csswashtenaw.org)). David is responsible for the management of the Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program (ADA). David is also the Clinical Director for the Behavioral Health Services program, Substance Abuse Treatment Services, Program Manager for the Supervised Parenting & Exchange Program and the Adoption and Pregnancy Programs of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County.

David received his Masters Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University in 1986. That same year he founded the ADA Program in Toledo Ohio. In 1987 he began ADA in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In October 1990 the Eastern Michigan University School of Social Work named David the Distinguished Alumni of the Year. In 1994 David began serving as an Interim Co-Director for the HAVEN M.E.N.S. Program and once a permanent Director was hired served as a Program Consultant for an additional year. David has been featured on local, regional, and national television and his work in batterer intervention has been highlighted in newspapers, magazines, and state and national social work publications. David has authored articles in Medical Society Bulletins, Family Law Journals, and Employee Assistance Professional magazines. David is a founding member of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI) and has served as Chair for years of the organization's history.

David has served as a member of the Ann Arbor Domestic Violence Coordinating Board and the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Domestic Violence Advisory Council. David has also served on the Michigan Judicial Institute PPO CD-I Advisory Council and was the Chair of the Ypsilanti Domestic Violence Coordinating Board. David has been an administrative/clinical supervisor and consultant to individuals and programs who have chosen to begin working in the field of batterer intervention. In 1998 David was appointed to the Domestic Violence Benchbook Advisory Committee of the Michigan Judicial Institute. David has served as a faculty member to the Michigan Judicial Institute, The Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, The National College of District Attorneys. In addition, David is a frequently requested speaker around the country.

In October of 1997, David was recognized with an award commending his contribution to the state of Michigan for "Sustaining a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence, In Recognition of Your Collaborative Efforts to End Domestic Violence". The Award was given at the Summit III on October 22, 1997, by the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Michigan Family Independence Agency.



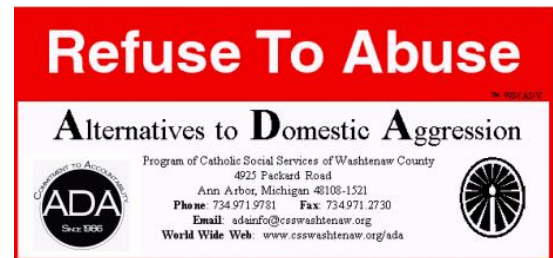
In May 1997 David was appointed by Governor John Engler (Michigan) to Co-Chair the Governor's Task Force on Batterer Intervention Standards. This project involved the creation of a multi-disciplinary task force. The standards were completed in June 1998. David is pictured here with former Governor John Engler and former Lt. Governor Connie Binsfield.



In 2002, David, along with others from Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County launched an outreach effort to over 400 religious and faith-based communities in Washtenaw County to help them come together in a meaningful way to discuss issues related to non-violence. This project grew into a coordinated effort called the Washtenaw County Faith Based Council Against Violence [www.csswashtenaw.org/cav](http://www.csswashtenaw.org/cav)

In November 2002 David began serving on the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Boards (MDVPTB) Advisory Council for the Grants to Encourage Arrests (GTEA). This was awarded to MDVPTB, in collaboration with the U.S. Attorneys for the Eastern and Western Districts, Michigan's Attorney General, PAAM, MCADSV, MJI, MSP and MCOLES, in order to convene an advisory task force of federal, state, local and tribal representatives of criminal justice and domestic violence service providers agencies, with the purpose of improving coordination and communication in the response to domestic violence in Michigan.

Beginning in 2003 the Alternatives to Domestic Aggression Program Launched an informational campaign entitled "Refuse to Abuse." The kick off was initiated with Key chains and bumper stickers.



In March of 2003 David was elected to serve as the Chair Elect of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan ([www.BISCMI.org](http://www.BISCMI.org)) with a term beginning March 2004-05. It was during this term that David Chaired the International conference entitled FROM ROOTS TO WINGS: The Future of Batterer Intervention. This conference was held November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.



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For more information on the ground-breaking conference please visit <http://www.biscmi.org/documents/biscmi10thconference.html>. Over 550 people from around the world were in attendance at this ground breaking conference. At this conference, David was once again elected as the Chair of the Board for BISC-MI.

In May of 2003 David was asked to serve on the Line of Service Immersion Review by the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. This project was completed within the month.

In January of 2004 David was asked to serve on the Statewide DELTA Project Advisory Board (Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances). Michigan is one of only fourteen states to receive this funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This project is expected to end at the end of 2006.

In April of 2005 David was asked to serve on the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Research Advisory Committee. Also in April of 2005 David was asked to serve on the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative-Victims Committee Taskforce.

David served as the Program Manager of the Families First of Michigan Program from 2000-2005 for Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County contracts in Jackson, Hillsdale and Branch counties.

In June 2007 David was featured along with The Reverend Father Michael Orr, Dr. Oliver Williams, Ted Bunch and Rus Funk in a community event for the clergy entitled “Arise and Shine.” This was hosted by the Council of Clergywomen of Metropolitan Detroit in partnership with the City of Detroit Mayor’s Office on Faith Based Affairs.



Beginning in 2007 David and Jeffrie Cape were asked by the Michigan Department of Corrections to develop programming for men in prison called BRIDGES. The philosophy and function of BRIDGES is Men who have been incarcerated for short or long duration are exposed to the myriad issues of domestic violence, male responsibility and accountability. We

believe that it is valuable to provide a forum where men are given the opportunity to discuss their experiences of perpetrating domestic violence. It is in this forum, that men, possibly for the first time, will experience not only an education about domestic violence but will benefit from the introspective challenge of discussing their beliefs, attitudes and behaviors about domestic violence. This class meets for 2 hours three times per week to have discussions as outlined in this curriculum. An additional function of the BRIDGES Preparation Program is to promote active and accountable participation in a long-term batterer intervention program once they complete the BRIDGES Preparation Program.

In the Summer of 2007 David was promoted to Senior Director at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County.

In the Fall of 2007 the Governor of Kentucky commissioned David as a Kentucky Colonel in recognition of his work to end domestic violence.

Pictured at the right with Executive Director of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, Larry Voight on April 15, 2009 after the awards ceremony.

Mr. Garvin was named the **2009 National Association of Social Workers-Michigan (NASW) Social Worker of the Year**. He earned the prestigious honor for his work in the areas of domestic violence, mental health and adoption.

