

**Domestic Violence Practice:
Services, Response, Prevention**

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Gwen Wright was appointed Executive Director of the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in August 2013. Ms Wright has been with the Office for more than 20 years and has served in many capacities, most recently as Director of Human Services and Prevention. She has supervised training and policy programs in the areas of child welfare, social services and public benefits, substance abuse and mental health, health care and criminal justice. Ms. Wright was integral in the development and implementation of the NYS Domestic Violence and the Workplace initiative required by Executive Order in 2007. She has worked with the staff of the Office on the development of a social media presence.

Ms. Wright has held numerous positions in the domestic violence field. She is the former Executive Director of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a statewide grassroots advocacy group. While there, she coordinated statewide legislative activities, organized regional domestic violence efforts, participated in numerous policy discussions with state lawmakers and made dozens of media appearances, both locally and nationally. Additionally, she has worked in local domestic violence programs in Ulster and Westchester counties where she was responsible for programs designed to support abused women and their children, and for the provision of legal and system advocacy.

Ms. Wright has served on many local, state and national non-profit boards of directors, most notably A Call to Men, NCADV, In Our Own Voices and The Pride Center of the Capital Region. She attended the Fashion Institute of Technology and Empire State College. She currently serves as a member of the Hoyt Children and Family Trust Fund.

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