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[DV 101](#) - Gabriela Markley, Domestic Violence Shelter Director (See her bio below.)

Gabriela Markley is the director at, La Casa de Paz., Maricopa where she oversees a 34-bed crisis shelter serving survivors of domestic violence and Sexual Assault. This includes managing the Transitional Living Program which has been recently incorporated at the Maricopa shelter location.

Gabriela has 4 years' experience working with survivors of domestic violence as an Educator and Life Coach, working with women, children and men. She has introduced various therapeutic projects to assist survivors through their healing process. Such projects include, The Healing Garden Project, Annual Women's Empowerment event and the Zen Garden.

Before Gabriela's passion began working with survivors of domestic violence, Gabriela worked with adjudicated youth through Oregon Social Learning Center, developing behavior modification programs to enrich children's lives. Other work includes, case management for Arizona's Children Association, community outreach through speaking engagements at various community groups as well as creating and hosting the First Annual Child Abuse Awareness 5K event.

Gabriela's other passions are being outside digging in the dirt (Gardening) as well as doing

anything creative. Some of her hobbies include, knitting, jewelry and interior design.

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[La Paloma Center - Supervised Visitation/Safe Exchange](#) - Julie Thornhill, Supervised Visitation/Safe Exchange Director (See bio below.)

Julie Thornhill, the Director of La Paloma Center oversees AAI's Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange program services and employees. She is responsible for the day to day management and programing reporting for the center. Julie has been with the Against Abuse, Inc. La Paloma Program since the program began in 2009: starting out as its first Program Coordinator. She works closely with all project partners and facilitates the La Paloma Community Advisory Committee. She has over 35 years of experience in social services and victims services. She enjoys her cabin in the mountains, fishing and leisure time with her family.

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[Sexual Violence 101](#) - Meagan McCleary and LaShae Brown

Meagan MacCleary earned both her Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees from Arizona State University (ASU). She also holds a certificate in Political Entrepreneurship from the McCain Institute for International Leadership. Meagan has worked in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence since 2014 as an advocate, manager and director. Meagan specializes in sexual violence prevention, advocacy and trauma informed

care. Meagan currently teaches for the MSW program at ASU and is a contract employee for Against Abuse, Inc. working with survivors of sexual violence.

LaShae Brown identifies as a woman and her pronouns are she/her/hers. She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and was an army brat growing up which allowed her to live all over world. After putting roots down in Arizona, she graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2018 with a Bachelor's in Criminology and Criminal Justice and a specialization in Victim's Services, along with two minors in Social Work and Ethnic Studies. While in college, she served as a Crisis Responder with Victim Witness Services of Coconino County. She is currently the Domestic & Sexual Violence Educator at Against Abuse Inc.

[Working with Immigrants who are Victims of Domestic Violence and/or Sexual Violence](#) -  
Sylvia Procera and Hilda Granados, Domestic Violence Advocates III

Sylvia Procera has worked at Against Abuse, Inc. for the past 15 years. Ms. Procera currently provides community outreach and education on the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault. She provides mobile case management to survivors in Pinal County.

Ms. Procera is in charge of the Animal Safe Home Network (ASHN) program of Against Abuse, Inc. She recruits foster families for pets of domestic violence families that come in to shelter. She is a member of several committees, such as:  
Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition committee, National Victims' Rights Week Committee, Fatality Review  
and Taste of Casa Grande , just to name a few.

She is well versed in Lay Legal Advocacy, victims' rights and compensation, Arizona's domestic violence statutes, familiar with Arizona judicial system and constitutional rights. She is bi-lingual in Spanish and is on Against Abuse, Inc.'s Limited English Proficiency (LEP) as a translator.

Ms. Procera is a Hispanic Leadership Institute (HLI) graduate.

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Hilda Granados has been working with survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for over 16 years. She is currently a Domestic Violence Advocate III with Against Abuse, Inc.

In that role she provides case management, advocacy as well as lay legal advocacy, which includes but is not limited to: assistance with obtaining Order of Protections and safety planning, gathering documents needed for their petition, assist them with getting their declaration completed and translating it if needed as well as provide transportation and accompaniment for legal appointments and court hearings.

Hilda obtained her Associate of Arts in Human Services from Merced Community College in 1999.

She enjoys working with and assisting individuals and their families out in the community as they strive to live in a safe and healthy environment.

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