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Rachel White-Domain serves as the Policy Director for the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH). Her policy work includes analyzing the impact of the mental health and legal systems on survivors of domestic violence (DV) who experience mental health and substance use conditions and psychiatric disability, and ultimately, advocating for more trauma-informed and accessible system responses. Ms. White-Domain also developed, leads, and trains nationally on NCDVTMH's Trauma-Informed Legal Advocacy (TILA) Project, which provides guidance to legal advocates and attorneys on applying a trauma-informed approach to advocating for DV survivors involved in legal systems. She served on the Steering Committee for the National LGBTQ Domestic Violence Capacity Building Learning Center, a joint project of the Northwest Network and the New York City Anti-Violence Project, from 2014-2016.

In addition to her work with NCDVTMH, Ms. White-Domain is a pro bono attorney with and member of the Illinois Clemency Project for Battered Women, through which she represents survivors of domestic violence who are incarcerated for self-defense in petitioning for executive clemency and post-conviction relief. She also volunteers for Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM), a project of Cabrini Green Legal Aid, providing brief legal advice to incarcerated survivors of domestic violence on family law matters. In 2014, she received CLAIM's Legal Services Volunteer Award for her work. Before law school, she worked in client services and education at Planned Parenthood.