

Angie and Erin

In 2015, Angie Kujala and Erin Schattauer began speaking publicly about their experiences with domestic violence. They found that by sharing first-hand details and stories from their personal experiences, they were able to help people better understand domestic violence and inform them about how to help friends, family members and coworkers being affected by domestic violence. Since then, they have given a TEDx talk, spoken at community forums, conferences and moderated panels on the topic.

More about Angie

Angie has spent nearly 15 years in the Human Resources field. She has a unique perspective in knowing what it's like being an employer trying to help a victim and also in being the victim herself. Early in her career, Angie began a relationship that turned out to be abusive. She kept it hidden because she was embarrassed and feared her family, friends and coworkers would think less of her. Angie had a close friend who helped her to recognize the abuse and leave. Two years ago, she began sharing her story. For many close to her, it was the first time hearing it. Angie has a passion to help others recognize the signs of abuse. In discussing DV and providing education, she hopes to eliminate the shame that holds victims hostage.

More about Erin

In addition to her work with domestic violence, Erin has been a communicator for 15 years, having worked in print, digital and broadcast media. In 2012, while working as a digital producer and reporter for a Bozeman, Montana television station, Erin found herself leaving an abusive marriage. Having spent almost a decade covering crime stories, Erin was unable to at first see the signs of violence creeping into her own relationship. Luckily, once she did, she knew to call Haven, her community's local domestic violence shelter. She hopes that by sharing her story she can shed light on domestic violence as a community issue.