

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Perspectives

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

This year's theme is



***“Prevent sexual violence...
in our workplaces”***



Safe respectful workplaces attract quality employees and customers; enhance productivity and morale. Take an active role in preventing violence in your work environment.

The SAAM Day of Action, observed this year on **Thursday, April 3, 2008**, is recognized nationally as a specific day to focus awareness on sexual violence prevention.

CREATE A HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Demonstrate respect for everyone

- ◆ Lead by example—Explain to peers what a safe environment means to you.
- ◆ Interrupt insensitive comments, sexist jokes, demeaning emails or other forms of harassment
- ◆ Recommend policies and practices that contribute to respect and productivity

Build a healthy work environment

- ◆ Review current policies. Support training and enforce high standards of safety and respect for all workers, vendors, and customers
- ◆ Speak out about concerns and make recommendations for improvement
- ◆ Join with local sexual assault prevention programs to sponsor community activities

Our Mission Statement

Working Together to Promote Victim Rights for a Safer South Dakota

**THE NETWORK'S 2008 SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE
"SEXUAL ASSAULT AND THE MEDIA"**

DATE: APRIL 28, 2008

TIME: 8AM TO 4:30PM

LOCATION: UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS

Z Hall located in the Salisbury Science Center 1101 W. 22nd St.
(located between 23rd and 24th Streets and between Summit Avenue and
Prairie Avenue)

SPEAKERS: JOHN CLUNE, ESQ AND JUDY BENITEZ

TOPICS:

- ◆ **SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE—SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES**
- ◆ **CLIENT PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY IN HIGH PROFILE CASES**
 - ◆ **NEWS MEDIA AND CASES—WORKING TOGETHER**
- ◆ **PROTECTING CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY IN THE NEWS MEDIA**

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On-line at www.sdnafvsa.com
Call 605-731-0041 or 800-670-3989

FREE Continuing Education Units for Counselor and Social Workers

BIOS OF SPEAKERS:

John Clune is the attorney for the Victim Justice Initiative. He specializes in victim's rights and representation. Mr. Clune spent 6 years in the Fifth Judicial District DA's Office leaving in 2002 as the Chief Deputy DA for Eagle County. He represented the victim in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault prosecution in Eagle County and the related civil case of Faber v. Bryant in US District Court. Mr. Clune received his Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University in 1996 and is a current member of the National Association of Victims' Rights Attorneys and the National Crime Victims' Bar Association.

Jude Benitez is currently the executive director of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault. Ms. Benitez has a bachelor degree in journalism and spent a number of years as a reporter. Ms. Benitez is qualified as an expert witness in the state of Louisiana, as well as a presenter, grant reviewer and trainer. Ms. Benitez received her undergraduate degree from University of Syracuse and Masters from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Justice *for* VICTIMS. Justice *for* ALL.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week • Sunday, April 13 – Saturday, April 19, 2008

QUICK FACTS

In 2005, 389,100 women and 78,180 men were victimized by an intimate partner. These crimes accounted for 9 percent of all violent crime.

Of female murder victims, 33 percent were killed by their husbands or boyfriends; 2 percent of male murder victims were killed by their wives or girlfriends.

In 2005, approximately 1 in 7 youth (13 percent) received unwanted sexual solicitations online.

Intimate partner victimization against American women ages 18 and older results in more than 18.5 million mental healthcare visits each year.

In 2005, victims age 12 or older experienced 191,670 rapes/sexual assaults.

In 2005, 38.3 percent of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement.

More than one million women and almost 400,000 men are stalked annually in the United States.

Eight percent of women and 2 percent of men in the United States have been stalked in their lifetime.

Stalking is one of the significant risk factors for femicide (homicide of women) in abusive relationships.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!

Protective factors increase the safety and well-being of children & families:



- ◆ Nurturing and Attachment—Encourage parents to play and talk with their children
- ◆ Knowledge of Parenting and of Child and Youth Development—Talk about what parents can anticipate at different ages
- ◆ Parental Resilience—Offer healthy ways to cope with stress
- ◆ Social Connections—Connect caregivers with others for support

CRYSTAL GREVING JOINS DSS AS VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MANAGER

Crystal Greving has joined the state DSS Adult Services & Aging office as the Victim's Assistance Program Manager. Crystal is originally from Sheldon, Iowa and received her Bachelor's Degree from USD. She has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from NDSU and will be completing her Master's Degree in Public Administration within the year.

Crystal started working for the state of South Dakota in 1999 as a Youth Counselor at HSC in Yankton. In 2002, she moved to Pierre to work as a Mental Health Professional at the

SD Women's Prison. She came to DSS this past January. During her past work, she lead therapy groups for both teen girls and teen boys who were survivors of sexual assault, as well as trauma recovery groups for adult women who experience domestic violence or sexual assault.

When Crystal is not working, she enjoys reading and doing crafts such as painting and scrapbooking. She also spends time with her two cats who are very much her children.

The Network welcomes Crystal to DSS!!

YANKTON WOMEN'S/CHILDREN'S CENTER CREATES SCHOOL PRESENTATION CURRICULUM

By Denise Cody, Advocate

In 2006, the Yankton Women's/Children's Center decided to offer an additional presentation to area schools. Our target audience was seventh to ninth grade students and the topic was Teen Dating Violence. Our philosophy was to provide students with information on qualities for a healthy relationship and material identifying red flags or warnings for an unhealthy or abusive relationship.

The presentation opens with discussion and definitions of dating violence. Physical, psychological/emotional and sexual attacks are identified as serious and harmful forms of abuse with the common factor of power/control initiated by the perpetrator. A dating quiz challenges some of the myths surrounding relationships and a relationship quiz is distributed to the students. The relationship quiz also contains a toll free number for a teen dating violence hotline and our agency's phone numbers. Elements of a healthy relationship are outlined with trust, communication skills, honesty, respect and compassion included. Extra

time is spent examining three types of communication: assertive, passive, and aggressive. One part of communication that teens rely on in dating is body language, however it is a total guess what is being said through body language.

After looking at the components of a healthy relationship and the elements that contribute to teen dating violence, a DVD with vignettes demonstrating examples of controlling/unhealthy teen dating is shown. The students are asked to look at their relationship quiz and identify any red flag behaviors observed in the viewed scene(s). Healthy illustrations are also discussed. Dating tips, such as dating in groups and listening to your instincts, are offered to the students. The program concludes with discussion of what a student should do if they or someone they care about is in an unhealthy relationship and information is given regarding the local center. A local grant provided funding for "Break the Cycle" silicone bracelets and informational magazines on Dating/Dating Violence which were distributed.

2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY

BY

DIANNA MILLER

The 2008 Legislative Session was extremely busy and productive for the Network. There were 14 bills introduced from the Child Custody and Visitation Task Force and the Network had 3 bills introduced on their behalf. We also monitored 30 other bills. The other major issues of the session were ag property tax evaluation and eliminating of the 150% rule, liquor license law changes, education funding, technical institute funding, and the budget. Revenues came in lower than expected so the budget discussions were very interesting.

The Network bills that passed were **HB 1149** - changing the protection order to 5 years - a cleanup from last year as we missed one section of law - and inserting language to come into compliance with some federal grant requirements; **HB 1168** - clarifying the penalty for violations of no contact orders. The Network also introduced a bill to require professional licensed individuals to conduct child custody evaluations but the bill failed on the House floor for a variety of reasons. We will attempt to work with the Unified Judicial System on getting this requirement into rule as we feel it is necessary to have qualified people conducting child custody evaluations.

Many legislators have been extremely supportive of Network issues and deserve a thank you - Rep. Joni Clark Cutler, Rep. Maggie Gillispie, Rep. David Novstrup, Rep. Deb Peters, Sen. Kenny Albers, Sen. Mac McCracken just to name our chief sponsors. Thanks should also be given to the Child Custody Task Force members and co-chairs - Casey Murschel and Rep. Mike Vehle.

The Child Custody Task Force bills that passed were **HB 1088** - increased the time to 12 months to consider issues related to temporary custody prior to divorce or separate maintenance; **HB 1090** - requires that most records and applications regarding a child reference the names and addresses of both parents; **HB 1092** - changes some of the terminology in the statutes concerning child visitation guidelines; **HB 1093** - revises some provisions relating to the custody, service and earnings of children; **HB 1096** - authorizes the court to appoint parenting coordinators in certain custody and visitation disputes; **HB 1097** - Provides for certain sanctions against parties who do not comply with custody or visitation decrees; **HB 1099** - Requires custody or visitation dispute mediation under certain circumstances; **HB 1100** - Creates a rebuttable presumption against the award of custody to any person with a proven history of domestic violence. **HB 1132** - bill that affects abused and neglected kids as far as temporary custody; this was also an interesting discussion. It was killed and then revived, CHINS were removed from the bill and then it passed. This bill was offered by the UJS.

If you are interested in any of the other bills that we followed, contact Krista for my weekly reports or visit the LRC website for results of all bills.

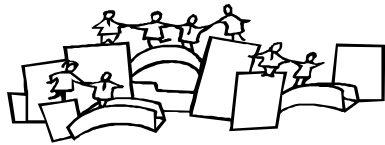
Veto Day is scheduled for March 17. Once again thank you for all your help and interest in helping victims in the state. Your work is valuable in each of our communities. Have a great Spring!

GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST PROJECT STARTS

The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation was awarded Office of Violence Against Women Grants to Encourage Arrest funding for 2 years. DCI is the grantee and the Network is the facilitator of the grant.

The grant objectives are as follows: to develop policies, educational programs and protection order registries; and trainings in police departments to improve tracking of cases involving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. In doing so, the Sioux Falls Police Department, the Minnehaha County and Lincoln County Sheriff's Departments will each receive funding to hire a full time detective to track the cases and provide training to other officers. Further, the funding will provide technical assistance to prosecutors throughout the State. An attorney will be hired for this position and will be based out of Pierre. Lastly, the grant will address system accountability by conducting safety audits of two jurisdictions' criminal justice systems. To facilitate the audit, Rape and Domestic Abuse Center will employ a full time audit coordinator. Holly Moritz, from The Network, will be the project administrator overseeing the project as instructed by DCI.

The three officers, the audit coordinator and the project administrator will travel to St. Paul for an Audit Accountability Conference provided by Praxis International in May 2008.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

**EAST-CENTRAL CASA
in Brookings
UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS**

**We are excited that you are a
part of the Network and look
forward to working and
partnering with you.**



**NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
WEEK
April 27 - May 3,
2008**

**Say thank you to all the
volunteers that help make
your programs successful!!**



“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE” PRESENTATIONS

The Network has partnered with the South Dakota Retailer’s Association to present information to the Association’s members across the state on “Domestic Violence in the Workplace.” Below are the locations, dates and times that the Network will be offering the presentations. A law enforcement officer, an attorney and a victim advocate will be providing the training. Please call 605-731-0041 if you would like more information.

PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED:

- ◆ Thursday, April 10th 10am to Noon
Wrangler Inn in Mobridge
- ◆ Wednesday, April 16th
8:30am to 10:30am & 3pm to 5pm
Watertown Chamber Conference Room
- ◆ Wednesday, April 23 10am to Noon
Sturgis Community Center 1401 Lazella
- ◆ Thursday, May 1st 1pm to 3pm
Pierre Chamber Room

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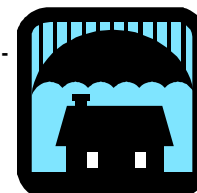
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Phone 605-731-0041

Individual membership: \$35
Agency membership: \$175

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Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

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I do not wish to join at this time, but I would like to support
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