

Perspectives

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

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listening, understanding differences, building partnerships

April 2009

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The theme for 2009 is
"Prevent sexual violence... in our workplaces"

Slogan:
Respect Works

Please plan to attend the RollerDollz final appearance this season in Sioux Falls.

The Network will receive a portion of the proceeds from this event!

Lora Ronning's daughter Jessica, "Lil Miss", is part of the team!

Come and spend a fun-filled evening with us cheering her on!

SIoux FALLS

Roller Dollz

VS. Omaha Roller Girls



SEASON CLOSER



Saturday, May 9, 2009
EXPO Building @ SF Fair Grounds
Doors open at 6 PM, we roll at 7PM
INFO: RollerDollz.com

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT

\$10 General Admission Seats
\$15 Trackside Seats

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: J&L Harley, Gateway Lounge, Skin & Bones Tattoo, Common Sense, Black Sheep Coffee, the Fairgrounds Office:
Children 10 and under FREE (in General Admission seating)



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Our Mission Statement

Working Together to Promote Victim Rights for a Safer South Dakota

A MAN'S GOTTA DO WHAT A MAN'S GOTTA DO

By Curt Lauinger

While I was walking from my college's campus library late one night; I found myself sharing the sidewalk with another student who happened to be female. We were the only two people on the sidewalk, both heading toward the Student Union. It appeared that she was slowed down by the weight of a heavy backpack and, because of my long strides, I soon began to catch up with her. We then shared a few mutually uncomfortable moments. Looking back, this brief and anonymous interaction profoundly changed the way I view my world.

First, she struggled to walk faster and then she repeatedly glanced over her shoulder before shifting to the other side of the walkway. Initially, I was upset that this woman would even think that I was someone to avoid – how judgmental! And then it dawned on me that she was only being cautious and trying to protect herself. My mind raced with possible ideas of what I should do, including calling out and assuring her that she didn't have to worry about me because I was a safe person. I also considered just turning around completely but I then decided to slow down and take the first turn in the path for a slight detour. Once I headed in another direction, I noticed she slowed down to a normal walking pace and she seemed to relax somewhat.

At that moment, I realized that sexual assault is not just a woman's issue. It affects me and everyone I care about as well. I now know that the woman I shared the sidewalk with that cool, dark evening has a one-in-three chance of being sexually assaulted and most likely by someone she already knows. I really didn't like the feeling of being lumped into the category of "potential rapist," in fact, it made me angry! However, I wasn't mad at her; after all, she was right to be leery.

I was angry at the rapists who contaminate the image of all guys. Most men aren't rapists but since most rapists are men; all of us will be looked upon with suspicion by cautious women...and rightly so.

No matter how many precautions they take, women will not be completely safe until men choose not to perpetrate crimes of sexual violence. Think about it, women can reduce their risks of being raped but it's our job to eradicate rape in our communities, state or nation. 'Us' guys need to hold 'those' guys accountable...man to man. Sexual assault will not be eliminated until all of us men join our sisters in addressing this issue. We should join forces not to 'help' women but rather because our liberation as men is intricately bound to theirs.

So let's join the anti-rape movement because sexual assault isn't just a woman's issue...it's a societal issue, a community issue, a human issue! Together we can dispel the myths that perpetuate the current culture of sexual assault. We can reclaim our positive male identity. We can model respectful, appropriate relationships with women. We can redefine masculinity and reject the harmful male stereotypes proliferated by the media. We can talk to other men (including our friends, co-workers, sons, brothers, and even fathers) about what it means to be a loving, strong, non-violent and responsible man. Maybe someday, we can share a sidewalk with a woman who won't have to feel afraid.

Granted, we have a tremendous amount of work to do, but just like the old saying goes: "a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!" So, if you are man enough...work to eliminate sexual violence in our world.



If there is right in the soul, there will be beauty in the person.
If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the home.
If there is harmony in the home, there will be peace in the world.

- Chinese Proverb



MEET THE TRAINERS

The STOP Training Teams have new trainers



The Network has contracted with several new trainers this year. Here is a brief synopsis of their experience and expertise. If you have not had an opportunity to attend a training this year or would like to host a training, please contact Glad at 605-731-0041 or glad@sdnafvsa.com.



Troy Duncan

Troy was born and raised in southeastern South Dakota. From 1987 to 1991 he served four years in the Army with the 101st Airborne Division. In 1992, he was hired by the Sioux Falls Police Department and has been serving the City of Sioux Falls for the last seventeen years. The first twelve years, he worked as a patrol officer and the last five years he has been assigned as a detective in the crimes against persons section of the detective division.

Cam Corey

Cam currently serves as a Special Agent with the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). Cam is currently assigned to the Watertown DCI office where he is responsible for conducting general criminal investigations. Cam has been assigned as a general crimes investigator for the DCI for over 4 years and in that time has conducted investigations into all manner of criminal activity. This would include investigations into the offenses of rape, homicide, assault, embezzlement, forgery, drug crimes and missing person cases. Cam also is an instructor at the SD Law Enforcement Training academy in Pierre, SD, where he teaches new law enforcement recruits in the block of instruction titled "Police Response to Sexual Assault". Cam is also on the board of directors for the Watertown Resource Center. He has over 11 years of experience in law enforcement, including approximately 3 1/2 years as the Chief Deputy/Investigator with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, and approximately 3 1/2 years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Moody County Sheriff's Office. He earned an AAS degree in Law Enforcement Technology from Western Dakota Technical Institute in Rapid City, SD and a BA degree in Criminal Justice from Mount Marty College.

Kelly Marnette

Kelly has been a prosecutor for 2 years. Before that she was a defense attorney and practiced in Aberdeen for 9 years, where she was a member of the Child Protection Team and the Community Response to Domestic Violence Team. Kelly's area of expertise is in child abuse. She served as President of the Young Lawyers Section of the South Dakota State Bar Association.

Sharon Kallemeyn

Sharon has a degree in Psychology and has completed graduate work in Criminal Justice Studies. She began her career as a Probation Officer, working mostly with juvenile offenders, which she found very rewarding. At that time, victimology was a very new concept, and she shudders to think how little attention she paid to the victims in some of the crimes. After her years in probation, she concentrated on child advocacy and worked with divorcing couples to determine custody of the children and visitation plans. From there, she was hired as the first CASA Program Manager in the state of South Dakota, working with CASA from 1986 to 1990. In 1990 she began working as the Director of the Pennington County Victims Assistance Program. Sharon has attended numerous trainings in victimology during these years, and graduated from the National Victims Assistance Academy Training.

Rural Advocates: Who They Are and What They Do

There are sixteen rural advocates serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault across South Dakota. For the most part, all of the advocates provide similar services, however, the services may vary depending on the area served. You will want to contact your local Rural Advocate to determine the specific services available in your area.

Services Available through a Rural Advocate	Rural Advocates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Assist victims with support and advocacy services ◆ Assist victims with transportation ◆ Assist victims with safety planning ◆ Assist victims with legal advocacy, including obtaining protection orders ◆ Provide victims and the public with information and education about domestic violence ◆ Provide for referrals and information ◆ Attend county and community functions relevant to domestic violence issues ◆ Assist with shelter and on-site crisis work as deemed necessary ◆ Assist in the development of rural county/ community services ◆ Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor ◆ Provide public with information and education with the elderly ◆ Support Groups ◆ Provide victims with information on child sexual abuse ◆ Assist with medical advocacy ◆ Participate with Community Response Teams ◆ Participate with Child Protection Teams ◆ Assist victims with Victims Compensation Forms ◆ Assist with Crisis Calls 	<p>Shelter / Home Base: Artemis House, Spearfish Outreach Offices:</p> <p><u>Belle Fourche</u> - Thursday's and Friday's when not in Newell</p> <p><u>Newell</u> - Thursday's (once a month or more depending on weather and other activities) at the library and in the community</p> <p><u>Whitewood</u> - Wednesday mornings at the library (once a month or more depending on activities she may be in the community at other events)</p> <p><u>Lead/Deadwood</u> - Tuesday's (not once a month yet we are working on this)</p> <p>Contact information: 605-642-7825 or 605-641-0058 M-F 8 am - 4 pm Email: aremishelle@rushmore.com</p> <p>Advocate: Tracey Fisher Shelter / Home Base: BC Stop Domestic Violence, Martin Outreach offices: <u>White River</u>, available on their court day(the last wed. of each month) or by phone. Contact Information: 605-685-6516, 605-685-6517 or contact any law enforcement in Bennett County, they can reach me 24/7. Email: mpd112t@yahoo.com</p> <p>Advocate: Heather Weeg Shelter / Home Base: Children's Inn, Sioux Falls Outreach offices: <u>Canton</u> - Love Inc., 2nd Thurs. of every month, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. <u>Elk Point</u> - County nurse office, 3rd Tues. of every month Contact information: 605-201-5224 Email: heather.weeg@chssd.org</p> <p>Advocate: Gladys Schell Shelter / Home Base: CAVA, Lemmon Outreach offices: <u>McIntosh</u> - 4 hours twice per month on Tuesday <u>Bison</u> - 3 hours once a month on Tuesdays <u>Hettinger</u> - 3 hours once a month on Tuesdays <u>Isabel/Timberlake</u> - once a month on Tuesday for 2 hours each place Contact information: primarily 605-244-7233 Cell 605-490-8973 when I'm in a service area. Email: cava2@sdplains.com</p>
Rural Advocates	
<p>Advocate: Jacki Kyllonen Shelter / Home Base: Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter, Brookings Outreach offices: <u>Lake Preston</u> - Clinic, Tuesdays from 9:30-4:30 Contact information: M,W- F - 605-692-7233 Tuesdays - 605-695-2585 or at the clinic 605-847-4484 (ask for Jacki, the domestic violence advocate). Email: domestic@brookings.net Advocate: Mary Koens</p>	

Rural Advocates cont...

Advocate: Angela Hamer

Shelter / Home Base: DV SOS, Vermillion
Centerville – 2nd Tues. of every month 3-5pm
Viborg – 4th Tuesday of every month 3-5pm
Contact information: 605-624-5311,
Email: dvsosangela@qwestoffice.net
dvsosdirector@qwestoffice.net

Advocate: Penny Ihnen

Shelter / Home Base:
Family Crisis Center, Redfield 605-472-3097
Y.W.C.A Family Violence Program, Huron
605-352-9433
Outreach Offices:
Faulkton - 1st and 3rd Friday's 8:00 to 5:00
Social Services office (605-598-6227)
Woonsocket - 1st and 3rd. Wed., 8:00 to 5:00
Public Health Nurse's office (605-796-4510)
Miller - 2nd. and 4th Wednesday's..8:00 to 5:00
Veteran's Service Office (853-2389)
Email address: pennyihnen@yahoo.com

Advocate: Tiffany Peterson

Shelter / Home Base:
Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center, Pierre
Outreach offices:
Onida - Sully Co. Courthouse, 10am-2pm
Highmore - Hyde Co. Clinic, 10am-2pm
Murdo - Jones Co. Courthouse, 10am-2pm
Philip - Haakon Co. Courthouse, 10am-2pm
Contact information:
Office line 605-224-0256
Crisis line 605-224-7187 or 1-800-696-7187
Email: ruraladvocate@missourishores.com

Advocate: Betty Jean Mertens

Shelter / Home Base:
Missouri Valley Crisis Center, Chamberlain
Outreach offices: Kennebec
Contact information: 605-730-0939 or 1-866-686-1056

Advocate: Tami Pickart

Shelter / Home Base: Mitchell Area Safehouse, Mitchell
Outreach offices:
Armour - 2nd & 4th Monday
Wessington Springs - 3rd Monday
Alexandria - 1st & 3rd Wednesday
Howard - 1st & 3rd Fridays
Normal office hours are from 9:00 - 5:00
Contact information: 24-hour hotline 605-996-4440 or
1888-996-8909
rural advocate cell phone 605-770-683
(available during normal business hours)

**Advocate: Jamie Beard**

Shelter / Home Base: Safe Harbor, Aberdeen
Outreach offices- Outreach hours are not currently
scheduled. However, I am available to travel to all
counties and can typically be where needed within an
hour's time.
Contact information: Office – 605-226-1212 or
1-888-290-2935, work cell – 605-216-7221

Advocate: Ashley Swanson

Shelter / Home Base: The Wholeness Center, Flandreau
Outreach offices:
Madison - Community Counseling Building
2nd Wed. of each month; 10-4 or by appt.
Colman - Community Center, as needed
Contact information: Office 605-997-3535
24-hour crisis line 605-997-5594
Email: ruralad@iw.net

Advocate: Carrie Holden

Shelter / Home Base:
Watertown Resource Center, Watertown
Outreach offices:
Milbank - days and hours vary
Contact information: 605-886-4300
Email: lisa@wrcinwtn.com

Advocate: Nikki Matucha

Shelter / Home Base: Winner Resource Center, Winner
Outreach offices:
Gregory - County Courthouse, court days,
9:00am - 12:30pm
Contact information: 605-842-2736
Email: rawrresct@yahoo.com

Advocate: Denise Cody

Shelter / Home Base:
Yankton Women's & Children's Center, Yankton
Outreach offices:
Olivet - Hutchinson Co. Courthouse
Wed. mornings 10:00 - Noon
Tyndall - Bon Homme Co. Annex Bldg
Wed. afternoons 1:00 - 3:00
Contact information: 605-665-4811
Crisis Line: 605-665-1448
Email: womensshelter@iw.net

Advocate: Desiree Warren

Shelter / Home Base:
Yankton Women's & Children's Center, Yankton
Outreach offices:
Wagner - 2nd floor of Boys and Girls Club
Every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, 10-12
Contact Information: 605- 665-4811
Crisis Line: 665-1448
Email: womensshelter@iw.net

2009 Legislative Session Review

By Dianna Miller

The 2009 Legislative Session concluded on March 30, 2009 with Veto Day. It was a very different session due to the downturn in the economy and the budget cuts proposed by the Governor in two different budgets. The entire session was devoted to finding ways to balance the budget, make cuts in programs, increase fees, eliminate exemptions and look at new tax sources. Then came the federal stimulus money and the focus changed to how to make the most of the money in providing programs to help people and the state during the next 12 to 18 months.

The SD Network was once again active in proposing legislation, monitoring, and killing the legislation which was not beneficial to victims. We introduced three bills – HB 1122 – notification of victims on status of case, HB 1155 – HIV testing within 48 hours of a sexual assault, and HB 1157 – Task force to codify all legislation dealing with protection, stalking orders. HB 1122 and HB 1155 passed both bodies and were signed by the Governor. The bill on the task force was killed on the House Floor as the members felt the issue of task forces and summer studies should be decided by the Executive Board. We monitored about 40 bills dealing with victims, violence, sexual assault issues, and children.

The stimulus money will help in the areas of education programs, highway construction, and Dept. of Social Services programs. The Birth to 3 program was reinstated with some changes as to how participants qualify. A gas tax for maintenance of highways was defeated along with a couple of attempts at new tax sources. A couple of bills changed provisions relating to child support, late payments fees for child support, and revising the crime of indecent exposure involving children. Many people feel the two big accomplishments of the legislative session were the bill to ban smoking in all public places except hotel rooms and cigar shops and the open records bill. There were also a couple bills proposed by the Unified Judicial System dealing with continuance of ex parte temporary protection order petitions and providing the court with some discretion in ordering certain hearings in protection order hearings. Both these bills passed with some minor amendments.

The stimulus money in the Dept. of Social Services may help in programs for victims and community based programs. The Network will be looking into all opportunities for various programs to benefit the shelters and all victims.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to represent a great organization in the Network and all your work with your legislators. Have a great spring!!!

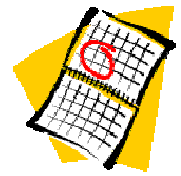


Network Trainings

Please check our website
www.sdnafvsa.com
for a current listing of
trainings being
held across the state.

Mark your Calendars!

Network Annual Meeting and
Training
July 16 & 17, 2009
Flandreau, SD



We will have our annual meeting and training in July.
Accommodations will be at the Royal River Casino,
the meeting at the Eastman Lodge.
More details will be released at a later date.

THE 2008-2009 NETWORK AGENCY MEMBERS

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605-642-7825 OR
1-800-999-2348

ARTEMIS HOUSE—
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605-584-3560 OR
1-800-999-2348

BC STOP DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE—MARTIN
605-685-6516

BLACK HILLS COUNSELING
SERVICES—SPEARFISH
605-722-8090

BROOKINGS DOMESTIC
ABUSE SHELTER
605-692-7233

CATHOLIC FAMILY
SERVICES—SIOUX FALLS
605-988-3775

CHILDREN'S INN—
SIOUX FALLS
605-338-0116

COLORADO TECHNICAL
INSTITUTE—SIOUX FALLS
605-361-0200

COMMUNITIES AGAINST
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE—LEMMON
605-374-5823

COMPASS CENTER—
SIOUX FALLS
605-339-0116

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
NETWORK—MADISON
605-256-6866

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFE
OPTIONS SERVICES—VERMILLION
605-624-5311

EAST-CENTRAL CASA—BROOKINGS
605-697-6106

FAMILY CRISIS CENTER—REDFIELD
605-472-3097

FAMILY VISITATION CENTER—
SIOUX FALLS
605-322-4095

FIRST CIRCUIT CASA
PROGRAM—MITCHELL
605-996-1212

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES—
SIOUX FALLS
605-731-1931

GREGORY COUNTY
SHELTER—BURKE
605-775-2220

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
OF SOUTH DAKOTA
605-357-0131

MISSOURI SHORES
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CENTER—PIERRE
605-224-0256

MISSOURI VALLEY CRISIS
CENTER—CHAMBERLAIN
605-234-5155

A complete listing of
satellite offices can be found on our
website
www.sdnafvsa.com
under *Advocacy Resources*

MITCHELL AREA SAFEHOUSE
605-996-6622

PRESBYTERY OR SOUTH DAKOTA
SOCIAL WITNESS AND ACTION
COMMITTEE—MARTIN
605-685-1153

SAFE HARBOR—ABERDEEN
605-226-1212 OR
1-888-290-2935

THE WHOLENESS CENTER—
FLANDREAU
605-997-3535

U-SAFETY PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS
605-331-6613

VOA-DAKOTAS—
SIOUX FALLS
605-271-8150

WATERTOWN RESOURCE
CENTER
605-886-4300

WINNER RESOURCE CENTER
FOR FAMILIES
605-842-2736

WORKING AGAINST
VIOLENCE, INC—
RAPID CITY
605-341-3292

YANKTON WOMEN'S / CHILDREN'S
CENTER
605-665-4811

YWCA FAMILY VIOLENCE
PROGRAM—HURON
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