

Perspectives

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

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STALKING CONFERENCE A SUCCESS IN PIERRE



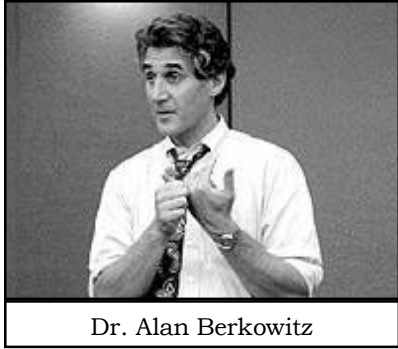
STALKING: A pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would put a reasonable person in **FEAR**. How does someone do this? Following someone, calling repeatedly, sending unwanted letters, emails, gifts, or vandalizing. In today's world, this goes even farther to the use of spy phones, GPS systems, and spy cams.

On July 14th, around 85 professionals from across the state gathered in Pierre at the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center to listen to national presenter, Mark Wynn and Sandy Bromley, National Stalking Resource Center, discuss this often underreported crime.

Mission Statement

The mission of the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault is to provide nonjudgmental support, education, and advocacy to individual groups, and the general public in the prevention and the elimination of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Mark Wynn and Sandy Bromley shared a basic overview of stalking including statistics and examples, the link between stalking and domestic violence, how technology is being used to track victims without their knowledge, impact on victims, resources to use with victims, national and state laws, and how law enforcement, victim advocates, and others can help keep victims safe. The conference was made possible by funding through Family Violence and Prevention Services and a Special Appropriation funding award spearheaded by Senator Tim Johnson.



Dr. Alan Berkowitz

Berkowitz Challenges and Inspires South Dakota

Threats of imprisonment, posters of abused women, and facts galore... these techniques were often used in efforts to raise awareness about rape and other forms of sexual violence. Certainly the statistics were overwhelming and the visual images were graphic enough to catch the attention of the public but unfortunately such endeavors did more to scare the general public than to educate them. What seems to be more effective in encouraging healthy and respectful choices is accurately communicating the typical, or normative, behaviors. This approach to public health and social justice issues is often referred to as a 'Social Norms Campaign'.

This type of awareness campaign is rooted in the 'Social Norms Theory.' The primary premise rests is the notion that what many people perceive to be common behavior is, in reality, significantly different than actual behavior. Dr. Alan Berkowitz has been a central figure in the development of the Social Norms Theory and is a leader in research and implementation of this model. Over 200 professionals from across the state warmly welcomed Dr. Berkowitz to South Dakota this past spring when Alan was the featured speaker for this year's Sexual Assault Prevention Conference.

The conference is an annual training opportunity hosted by the SD Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault. This year, the SD Network enjoyed collaborating and co-hosting the event with Ellsworth Airforce Base and the Campuses Community Prevention Coalition (CCPC) – an alliance of prevention specialists representing the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Western Dakota Tech, and National American University. Next year's statewide conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in mid April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

SD NETWORK RECEIVES SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FUNDING

The SD Network is pleased to announce that it has received \$172,765 in federal money thanks to the hard work of Senator Tim Johnson and his staff. The money will be used to purchase equipment and finance programs to better assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking across the state. The money was earmarked in last year's Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill.

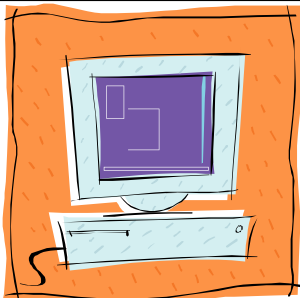
The SD Network would like to extend Senator Johnson and his staff a heartfelt thank you for designating this money to meet the needs of victims.



LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS GRANT HELPS CLIENTS FIND PEACE

Our Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) grant, funded thru the office on Violence Against Women, is providing free civil legal assistance statewide for victims of family violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Our project partners, Dakota Plains Legal Services, and East River Legal Services are very busy handling victims' needs with protection orders, divorce, custody issues, and legal issues associated with housing and unemployment. Lutheran Social Services, another project partner with the LAV grant, has an attorney working on immigration issues for battered immigrants. Altogether, there are seven attorneys working through this grant. Client referrals for the LAV program can be made directly to the project partners. Dakota Plains Legal Services can be reached by calling 605-342-7171. The East River Legal Services contact number is 605-336-9230, and Lutheran Social Services is available at 605-339-4601. For questions about the program, contact Liz Bara, through the Network at 605-731-0041.

Numerous shelter advocates have expressed what a needed program the LAV grant project is for victims. The following is taken from feedback a shelter advocate had given about the grant: "My client came in initially for information only. She'd stated her husband was very abusive, so we sat down and began to go through the community resources that she and her daughter would qualify for. I began to explain legal services to her, and that there was a grant to assist applicants who qualify. The client smiled for the first time since she walked into our door. The client explained she had wanted to leave her abusive husband for quite some time, but that the only thing that stopped her was the attorney fees for a divorce. Once she was armed with the knowledge she could apply for assistance with the divorce, she decided to leave her abusive relationship that very same day, and stayed at the shelter. Today she has found her own housing, and is going through with her divorce. This client was able to have some peace of mind at a time when there were many things to worry about. The legal grant is a blessing for every victim of domestic violence to have the legal help that they need but can't afford."

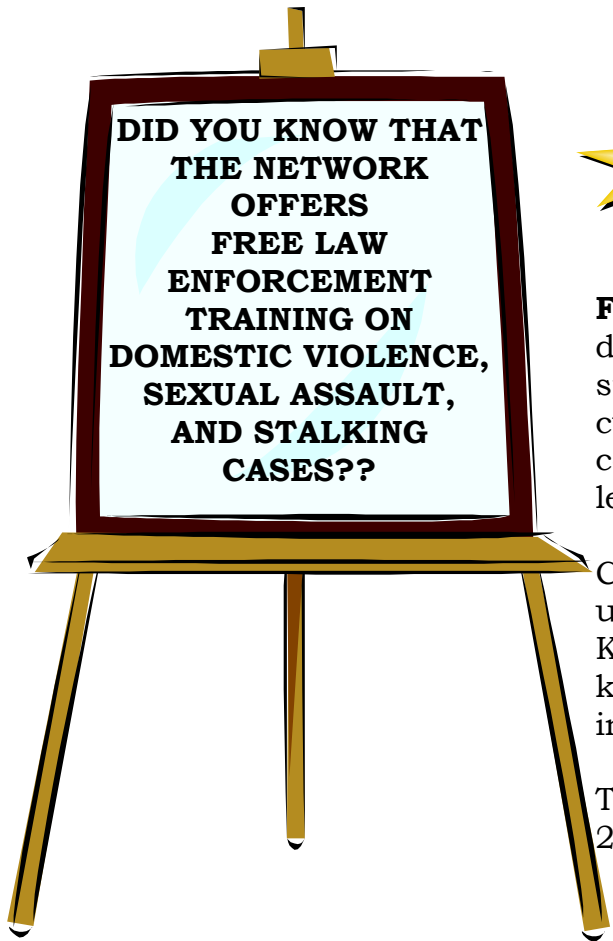


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The SD Network can bring a team consisting of a law enforcement officer, a prosecutor, and an advocate to your community to provide

FREE training on responding to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases. The training can be customized to meet the needs of your community including topics and length of training.

Contact the Network **today** to schedule a training in your community. Call Kathy Rutten at 605-731-004 or email kathy2@sdnafvsa.com for more information

This training meets state laws SDCL 23-3-39.4 and 23-3-39.6.

NEW LAWS TOOK EFFECT JULY 1ST

Three bills that were brought forth by the SD Network during the last legislative session went into effect as law on July 1st.

SB 99 created a sexual assault task force to gather data on what is occurring in the law enforcement area, medical area, victims assistance, etc. The task force will start meeting soon and will report out by December 1, 2006. A fifteen person committee has been appointed by the President Pro-Temp of the Senate, Speaker of the House and Governor. Chief sponsors were Sen. Lee Schoenbeck from Watertown and Rep. Elizabeth Kraus from Rapid City.

HB 1073 revises the reporting period for warrantless arrests to 48 hours and adds stalking and physical violence orders to this section of the code. Chief sponsors were Rep. Tom Hennies from Rapid City and Sen. J. P. Duniphan from Rapid City.

HB 1074 adds stalking orders to the foreign protection order statutes which means these orders are honored from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Chief sponsors were Rep. Joni Clark Cutler from Sioux Falls and Sen. Lee Schoenbeck from Watertown.



REVEREND AL MILES, NATIONAL SPEAKER AND AUTHOR, TO TOUR EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

Reverend Al Miles, nationally known speaker and author of *Domestic Violence: What Every Pastor Needs to Know* and *Violence in Families: What Every Christian Needs to Know*, will be traveling through the eastern part of South Dakota the first part of November. He is scheduled to speak in 6 communities the week of November 5-8th.

Rev. Al Miles is an ordained minister and primarily focuses on how ministers can respond more effectively to victims of domestic violence. In many rural areas, there are no other services for victims, and victims tend to turn to their religious/spiritual affiliation first for assistance.

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES BY REV. MILES

Listed below are the communities that Rev. Miles will be at and the dates. No specific information on the events in each community were available at the time of printing. Please contact the SD Network at 605-731-0041 or the agency listed under each community for more specific information about events as the dates approach.

ABERDEEN—November 6th

Safe Harbor
605-226-1212 or 1-888-290-2935

BROOKINGS—November 6th

Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter
605-692-7233

WATERTOWN—November 7th

Women’s Resource Center
605-886-4300

MITCHELL—November 7th

Mitchell Area Safehouse
605-996-6622

WINNER—November 8th

Winner Resource Center for Families
605-842-2736

YANKTON—November 8th

Yankton Women’s Center/Shelter
605-665-4811

STATE ADDS AMBER ALERT TO 511 SYSTEM

PIERRE, SD – The State of South Dakota has another way to alert citizens about child abductions. The information is now available through the Department of Transportation’s 511 system.

“In the event of an Amber Alert, information about the abduction is the first thing people will hear when they dial 5-1-1 to get weather or road condition information,” said Judy Payne, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

An Amber Alert icon will also appear on safetravelusa.com, the online version of 511. Clicking on the icon will bring up detailed information about the abduction.

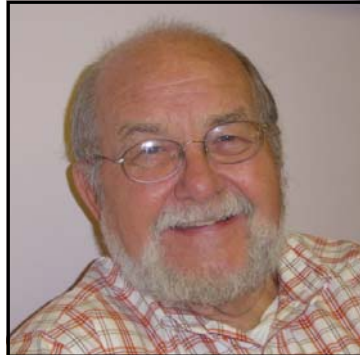
"The ability to use the 511 system to disseminate Amber Alert information is just a logical step in the prevention of child abductions," said Attorney General Larry Long. "The 511 system is a quick and easy way for citizens to get the basic amber alert text in full while keeping the law enforcement channels of communication open for incoming tips."

Adding Amber Alerts to the 511 system was a cooperative effort between the Attorney General’s Office, Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, and the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications.

Joseph Holt has been the president of the Network's Advisory Board for about 1 1/2 years. He has been working with the Network as a religious advisor since 2002.

**SPOTLIGHT
ON
JOSEPH HOLT
PRESIDENT
OF ADVISORY
BOARD**

Joseph is a retired Presbyterian (USA) minister who was ordained in 1963 and retired in 1999. He has been working in the domestic violence field since 1978 when he became involved with a domestic violence training for pastors provided by the Range Women Advocates in Northern Minnesota. He then started to volunteer with Range Women Advocates to offer training to pastors.



In 1996, he became a batterer's group facilitator with the Family Violence Prevention Project as part of Range Women Advocates. In 2000, he started working for Rape and Domestic Abuse Center in Sioux Falls as a group facilitator for the Family Violence Prevention project there.

Joseph is married to Karen Soli who is a pastor at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. He has 5 children (3 boys and 2 girls) and 3 grandchildren.

The Network thanks Joseph for leading the Advisory Board and for providing his expertise and experiences as a pastor

SD NETWORK ADVISORY BOARD

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault formed the Advisory Board of Directors to serve the Network agency in February 2002. The Advisory board of Directors for the SD Network are visionary leaders whom provide resources, support, community awareness, team building, diversity and feedback to assist in achieving the mission of the SD Network. The Network represents both rural and urban areas. Our programs support and involve individuals of all racial, social, religious and economic groups, ages, and lifestyles. The Network has an Advisory board of individuals representing the different cultures, lifestyles, Indian country, and survivors of domestic violence. The Advisory Board was formed to ensure that the Network was aware of services needed for all individuals in the state and to build on the coordinated response statewide to the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. At least twice a year, the Advisory Board meets in Sioux Falls to review the operations of the Network and other related matters as referred to the Advisory Board. Throughout the year, the Network staff and Executive Director contact the Advisory Board members to provide direction and guidance on areas of the board members' expertise as needed for various statewide projects.

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<p>GOODWILL INDUSTRIES— SIOUX FALLS</p>		



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