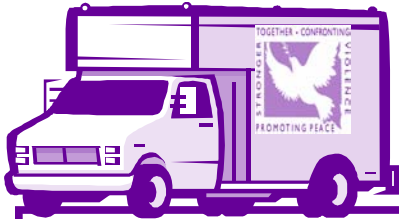


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Mission Statement

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.



NETWORK PREPARES FOR 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By Dianna Miller

Since the 2006 Election is over, we now turn our attentions to getting prepared for the 2007 Legislative Session which begins on January 9, 2007. This is a 40 day session which will conclude on March 6, 2007 with Veto Day scheduled for March 26, 2007. The Network Day is January 23, 2007 in Pierre so make plans to attend and see the legislative process up close and personal.

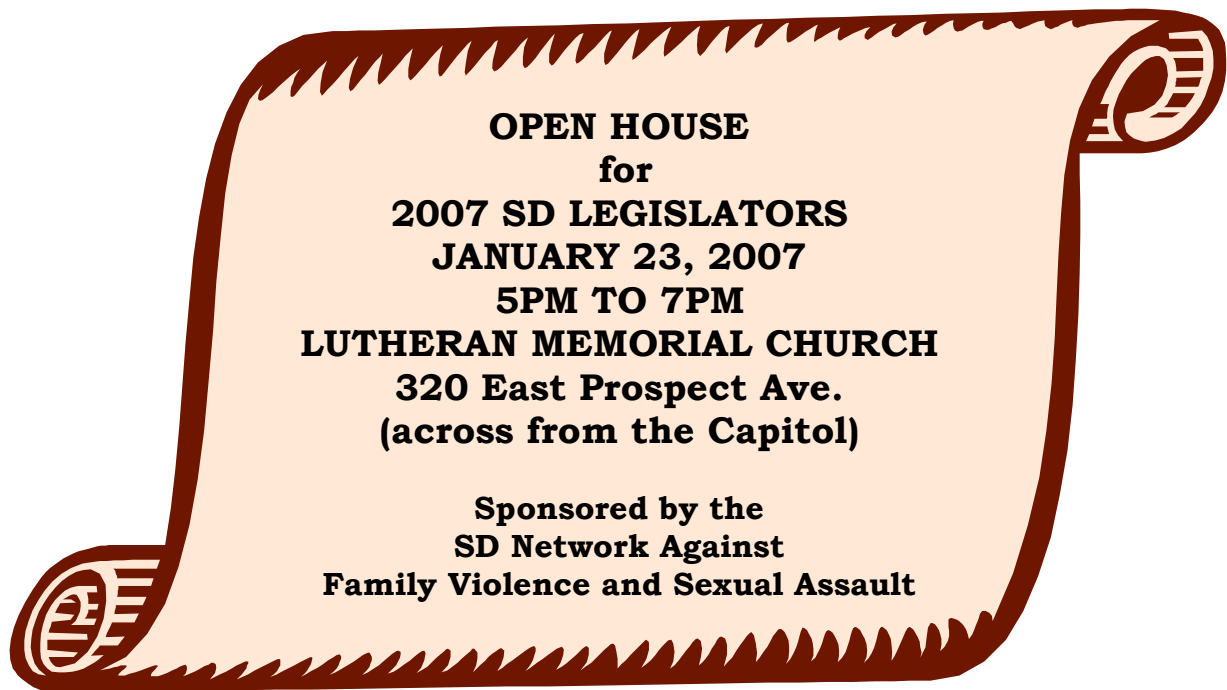
The Network is working on both bills and some clean-up issues this year. We need to work on a couple of issues that we were not able to accomplish this past summer. The Sexual Assault Task Force met but didn't come up with a reporting form or procedure to collect the data we need to apply for federal grants. We are pursuing different avenues to hopefully get a uniform method of reporting and documenting sexual assault cases statewide. Secondly, we appeared before the Supreme Court to attempt to get standards for child custody evaluators but were unsuccessful as the Court felt that funding and a regulatory body was needed if standards were to be adopted. We are currently working on a couple of different ideas with the goal of getting standards established for regulation of people who do the home study evaluations. We will keep you updated on both of these issues.

The Network will be sponsoring a bill to extend protection orders up to five years from the current three year limit. This is designed to allow a judge to grant victims in severe cases more time with a protection order so they don't have to go back to court under the current three year limit. Second bill will be to add sexual contact and rape in the stalking statute 22-19A-1 and allow victims

further protection in the stalking order statute. There is also an issue of some people pleading down domestic violence charges to disorderly conduct. We feel if the same person has been charged with domestic violence charges three times or more, the punishment should be more severe so we are looking at increasing the penalty for disorderly conduct involving domestic violence charges. We will also be monitoring the DASA funding and other issues affecting protection of victims.

The composition of the SD Legislature has changed somewhat – in the Senate – 20 Republicans and 15 Democrats and in the House 50 Republicans and 20 Democrats. The Democrats have chosen their leadership in both bodies – Senate – Scott Heidepriem, Minority Leader and Gary Hansen, Ass't Minority Leader; House – Dale Hargens, Minority Leader and Maggie Gillispie, Ass't Minority Leader. The Republicans in the House have selected Larry Rhoden, Majority Leader and Joel Dykstra, Ass't Minority Leader with Tom Deadrick, Speaker of the House and Tim Rave, Ass't Speaker. The Republicans in the Senate will choose their leaders this week. The Session promises to be interesting and many of the discussions will center around budget issues for the state.

Once again I look forward to representing you and the members of the Network across the state. We need your involvement to talk with legislators and promote positive legislation to protect victims from domestic violence. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Krista or myself. I wish all of you a blessed and safe Holiday Season.



**HELP PROVIDE A VOICE FOR VICTIMS
IN THE LEGISLATURE**

In order for victims of violence and their families to have a voice during legislative session, **your help is needed**. Please help guarantee a voice for victims during the legislative session by making a donation; send the donation to SD Network Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault PO Box 90453 Sioux Falls, SD, 57109. Thank you in advance for your support!

WELCOME TO HOLLY JESCHKE!

Holly is the new administrative assistant for the SD Network. We are excited that Holly has joined our staff. Thank you to Holly who made our move to the new office go so smoothly!



Thank you to Sam Ryman at FastSigns of Sioux Falls for donating part of the cost for the Network's new office signs.

The Network appreciates your generosity.

AWARDS

DIRECTOR OF YWCA FAMILY VIOLENCE PROGRAM IN HURON RECEIVES SPIRIT OF DAKOTA AWARD

Jan Manolis, director of the YWCA Family Violence Program in Huron, received the "Spirit of Dakota" award on October 9th. Jan was selected over 20 other contestants from all across South Dakota. Jan was honored for her work with the shelter, assisting the Redfield Family Violence Center, serving as City Commissioner of Huron for the last 15 years, and serving on many community and church boards. Congratulations Jan!! Thank you for all that you do for your community and especially for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.



AND THE WINNER IS... JENNIFER SCHURZ FROM MITCHELL AREA SAFEHOUSE!!

**She won the star quilt in the
membership drive drawing.
Congrats Jennifer!!**

FBI VICTIM SPECIALIST RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Gayle Scott, FBI Victim Specialist and member of the SD Network Advisory Board, received the Director's Award for Excellence: Distinguished Service for Assisting Victims of Crime on October 11, 2006, at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. It was presented to 10 Victim Specialists from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota for their exemplary performance in assisting with the Red Lake School shooting. The group demonstrated outstanding liaison talents during the course of the matter. They displayed exceptional leadership and managerial skills during the initial crisis and employed victim support services to overcome significant and unusual difficulties in proving a prosecutable case. The groups liaison relationships with both victims and witnesses directly contributed to the successful resolution of the matter. The group's abilities were in keeping with the finest traditions of the FBI and were highly deserving of the award. The group assisted in Red Lake for 2 weeks.

Congrats to Gayle on this national honor!!

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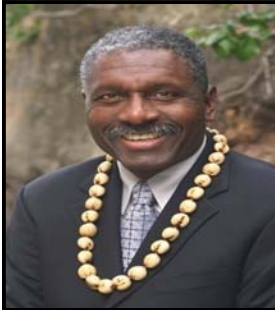
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REVERND AL MILES TOURS EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

Rev. Al Miles, a Hospital Chaplain from Honolulu, Hawaii, and national speaker on domestic violence and teen dating abuse awareness, presented in numerous communities in the eastern part of South Dakota the week of November 6th.

Rev. Miles began his tour in Aberdeen on November 6th. He presented to three classes at Presentation College and Northern State University. About 40 people heard him speak. The events were sponsored by Safe Harbor in Aberdeen.

He traveled onto Brookings that evening and presented "Violence in Families: Faith Community Responses to Domestic Violence" at First Lutheran Church Mission Café. 28 people including pastors, survivors, a nun, a professor, community members, board members, and advocates attended the presentation and dinner. The presentation was hosted by the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter.

Rev. Miles then traveled to Watertown on November 7th to present at a luncheon.

That evening he traveled to Mitchell and presented a seminar on "The Faith Community's Response to Domestic Violence" at the Sherman Center on the campus of Dakota Wesleyan University. The audience included clergy, students, advocates, and a variety of community members. The seminar was extremely well received. Following the seminar, Rev. Miles was available for a book signing. Food and beverages were provided during the seminar. The event was sponsored by Mitchell Area Safehouse and Dakota Wesleyan University.

On November 8th, Rev. Miles traveled to Winner. Winner Resource Center hosted a noon luncheon at the First Christian Church. The people who attended had positive things to say about the presentation and only regretted that they did not have more time with Rev. Miles. They suggested that Winner Resource Center invite him back for an evening seminar in the future.

The last stop for Rev. Miles was Chamberlain for a presentation. He then headed back to Sioux Falls to fly back to Hawaii the next day.

TECHNOLOGY SAETY PLANNING with SURVIVORS

Tips to discuss if someone you know is in danger

From Safety Net: National Safe and Strategic Technology Project, National Network to End Domestic Violence

- 1. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS:** If you suspect the abusive person knows too much, it is possible that your phone, computer, email, or other activities are being monitored. Abusers and stalkers can act in incredibly persistent and creative ways to maintain power and control.
- 2. PLAN FOR SAFETY:** Contact your local advocacy program to discuss safety planning especially in regards to technology issues.
- 3. TAKE PRECAUTIONS IF YOU HAVE A “TECHY” ABUSER:** If computers and technology are a profession or a hobby for the abuser/stalker, trust your instincts. If you think he/she may be monitoring or tracking you, talk to a hotline advocate or the police.
- 4. USE A SAFER COMPUTER:** If anyone abusive has access to your computer, he/she might be monitoring your computer activities. Try to use a safer computer when you look for help, a new place to live, etc. It may be safest to use a computer at a public library, community center, or Internet café.
- 5. CREATE A NEW EMAIL ACCOUNT:** If you suspect that anyone abusive can access your email, consider creating an additional email account on a safer computer. Do not create or check this new email from a computer your abuser could access, in case it is monitored. Use an anonymous name, and account (example: bluecat@email.com NOT YourRealName@email.com.) Look for free web-based email accounts and do not provide detailed information about yourself.
- 6. CHECK YOUR CELL PHONE SETTINGS:** If you are using a cell phone provided by the abusive person, consider turning it off when not in use. Also many phones let you “lock” the keys so a phone won’t automatically answer or call if it is bumped. When on, check phone settings, if your phone has an optional location service, you may want to switch the location feature off/on via phone settings or by turning your phone on and off.
- 7. CHANGE PASSWORDS AND PIN NUMBERS:** Some abusers use victim’s email and other accounts to impersonate and cause harm. If anyone abusive knows or could guess your passwords, change them quickly and frequently. Think about any password protected accounts—online banking, voicemail, etc.
- 8. MINIMIZE USE OF CORDLESS PHONES OR BABY MONITORS:** If you don’t want others to overhear your conversations, turn baby monitors off when not in use and use a traditional corded phone for sensitive conversations.
- 9. USE A DONATED OR NEW CELL PHONE:** When making or receiving private calls or arranging escape plans, try not to use a shared or family cell phone because cell phone billing records and phone logs might reveal your plans to an abuser. Contact your local hotline program to learn about donation programs that provide new cell phones and/or prepaid phone cards to victims of abuse and stalking.
- 10. ASK ABOUT YOUR RECORDS AND DATA:** Many court systems and government agencies are publishing records to the Internet. Ask agencies how they protect and publish your records and request that court, government, post office and others seal or restrict access to your files to protect your safety.
- 11. GET A PRIVATE MAILBOX AND DON’T GIVE OUT YOUR REAL ADDRESS:** When asked by businesses, doctors and others for your address, have a private mailbox address or a safer address to give them. Try to keep your true residential address out of national databases.
- 12. SEARCH FOR YOUR NAME ON THE INTERNET:** Major search engines such as “Google” or “Yahoo” may have links to your contact information. Search for your name in quotation marks. Check phone directory pages because unlisted numbers might be listed if you gave your number to anyone.

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