

# Perspectives

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault

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## TAKE THE PROTECTION ORDER SURVEY

You are invited to participate in our research study. We are performing a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of protection orders in South Dakota. The data collected from the surveys will be used to identify possible areas that need revision in South Dakota's protection order system. This will enhance safety to victims of domestic violence.

We are inviting you to be in this study because of your experience with protection orders. However, your participation is completely voluntary. If you choose not to participate, there will be no negative repercussions.

You can access the survey through our website at:  
[www.sdnafvsa.com](http://www.sdnafvsa.com)

Just click on the Protection Order survey link on the left hand side of the home page.

If you would like a hard copy of the survey, please contact us at the Network at:

605-731-0041. We will send you mailing directions and a survey.

Thank you for your time.



### 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.*

### *"Ending Violence in Our Lifetime"*

The SD Department of Social Services presents the  
**Domestic Violence Institute**

December 4-6, 2007

Ramkota Inn

Sioux Falls, SD

This institute is designed for law enforcement officers, victim advocates, prosecutors, judges, counselors, social worker, college students, child care providers, etc.

If you are a law enforcement officer/dispatcher, judge, prosecutor, or domestic abuse shelter staff, your mileage, meals, and sleeping room will be paid for.

**Look for the Registration Booklet in early October!!**

For more information call 605-731-0041

## University Student Explores Domestic Violence

Greetings. My name is Anne Rosenbaum and I have served as an intern for the South Dakota Network this summer. In my time spent with the Network, I have gained valuable insight concerning domestic abuse in South Dakota. Before I discuss my research endeavors and future plans, allow me to properly introduce myself.

I am an incoming junior at the University of South Dakota. I am an English major with Women's Studies and Spanish minors. It seems as though each of my papers that I have written in college—from "Widowhood in India" to "An Analysis of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Birthmark"—have turned out to be a feminist story of subjected women. After writing so many papers, I came to the realization that this subjection is not only in other countries and antiquated literature, but also here—in South Dakota. Having spent my childhood in Elk Point and undergraduate college career in Vermillion, I am especially interested in the issues of southeastern South Dakota. So, I became determined to spend my summer working on domestic violence in Southeastern South Dakota.



With the help of Amanda Emerson, PhD, in the Women's Studies Program at USD, I proposed a summer research project entitled "Responding to Domestic Violence in Southeastern South Dakota" to the U.Discover program at USD. The U.Discover program gives ten undergraduate students the opportunity to design and conduct research of their own under the advisement of a faculty member. After an application, interview, and pro-longed waiting period, I found out the good news; my project was approved!

As I awaited the approval of my project, I inquired at the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault about a summer internship. I spoke with Krista Heeren-Graber about my interest in domestic violence and willingness to do research over the summer. Before long, I was designing a Protection Order Evaluation Survey to be administered during the summer to advocates throughout the state of South Dakota.

Because of my experiences with domestic violence research this summer, I have decided to attend law school after I graduate from USD in the Spring of 2009. I hope to become a lawyer that specializes in any or all of the following: Domestic Violence, Women's Rights, and Family Law.

I would like to thank the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault for supporting me. Your willingness to let me 'tag along,' patience to explain to me the in's and out's of domestic violence in our state, and encouragement of my dreams meant the world to me.



# Responding to Domestic Abuse in Southeastern South Dakota

While the main emphasis of my study is the evolution of domestic violence response in southeastern South Dakota, I begin my research with a brief overview of services offered internationally and nationally. My historical review illustrates the battered women's movement and the first responses to domestic violence throughout the world. The history spans across 16th century Italian mourning songs, 17th French mental asylums, 19th Puritan rulings, and 20th century American shelters. After establishing a broad history, my research focuses in on South Dakota.



Although written histories of the battered women's movement are scarce, there are even fewer that are specific to South Dakota. I began my search in archived newspapers, and soon discovered that the only way was to go directly to the people. Thus, I set out to interview those, or persons who knew those, determined women that established the first programs in South Dakota. southeastern South Dakota to talk with domestic violence program coordinators, those who established the first programs, medical professionals, legal advocates, religious leaders, legislators, and state personnel. The interviews exposed the characteristics of domestic violence response unique to South Dakota and—more specifically—southeastern South Dakota. A compilation of the interview results will create a picture of the several lines of services and programs, their backgrounds, and the challenges they face as they serve survivors of domestic violence in South Dakota.

## Shelter is refuge for women in crisis

"The red marks from a slap go away, but when someone is talking your partner's language, that you can't do anything is right — those things keep with you. They think they are worthless, and that's abuse."

**BRACY NELSON**

Domestic violence, in all its forms, is a complex and often invisible problem. It is a crime that is often hidden from the public eye, and it is a crime that is often overlooked by the legal system. The victims of domestic violence are often women, and they are often young women. The effects of domestic violence can be devastating, and they can last for a lifetime. The only way to stop domestic violence is to address the root causes of the problem. This means providing women with the resources they need to leave their abusers and start new lives. It also means providing men with the help they need to change their behavior and become non-violent. Domestic violence is a preventable problem, and it is a problem that we can solve. We need to work together to create a society where domestic violence is not tolerated, and where every woman is safe and free from abuse.

Yet, it is really the victims of domestic violence who represent my most valuable resource. In order to make their voices heard, I am soliciting anonymous written and/or artistic works from shelter patrons. These voluntary submissions will illustrate the perceptions of “domestic violence,” “safety,” and “sanctuary” on the part of those best situated to view them. The artwork and personal writing will accompany my research as illustrations of the reality of domestic violence.



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The broad history, local legacy, and survivor's contributions combine to form a report which I will publish and distribute throughout South Dakota in order to raise awareness and educate people about the issue of domestic violence in South Dakota.

# Protection Order Survey

As a summer intern for the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault (Network), I designed a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of protection orders in South Dakota and the advancements or improvements that need to be made. Under the advisement of Krista Heeren-Graber I was able to incorporate the concerns of the Network, and working with Dr. Lila Rucker of the USD's Criminal Justice Department allowed me to get the survey approved by the USD's Human Subjects Research Review Board. The 17 question survey asks such questions as: "How would you rate the effectiveness of protection orders on a scale of 1 to 10?"

The data collected from the surveys will be used to identify possible areas that need revision in South Dakota's protection order system. By collecting input from a variety of persons involved with protection orders, the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault will be provided with accurate and widespread information about the next step in providing safety to victims of domestic violence. The data collected in this survey will be used to decide upon a plan of action for revising the current protection order system through legislation.

2. In your opinion, how effective are TEMPORARY protection orders? Please fill in the bubble.

| Very Ineffective | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Very Effective |
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Please explain:

The survey will be administered throughout the month of September. You can access the survey through our website [www.sdnafvsa.com](http://www.sdnafvsa.com). Click on "Protection Order Survey" on the left hand side of the homepage.

Please take the time to participate in the survey—your experience and unique viewpoint is necessary for an effective evaluation of the current protection order system in South Dakota.



## ***FREE!!***

**The SD Network Training Team consisting of a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, and advocate can come to your jurisdiction and provide FREE law enforcement training on responding to domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking cases.**

**Meets state laws SDCL 23-3-39.4 & 23-3-39.6. Trainings are customized to fit the needs and interests of your jurisdiction.**

**Call Kathy at 605-731-0041 or email [kathy2@sdnafvsa.com](mailto:kathy2@sdnafvsa.com) for more information.**

## SOUTH DAKOTA NETWORK MOURNS LOSS OF ALLY

The SD Network is very saddened by the death of Jeff Fox on August 1, 2007. Jeff was the lobbyist for the SD Network from 1998 to 2002. He was a friend, colleague and a great supporter for our work. Jeff was instrumental in assisting the SD Network with funding, legislation, networking, and strong collaboration with state government to help victims and their families in South Dakota. He donated many hours of his time and talent toward domestic violence and sexual assault work. He will be greatly missed and never forgotten. His family will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Thanks Jeff! We will miss you!!



### **Jeffrey J. Fox**

(April 3, 1956 - August 1, 2007)

Sioux Falls, Jeffrey J. Fox, 51, died on Wednesday, August 01, 2007.

Jeffrey James Fox, son of James and Donna (Petschow) Fox was born on April 3, 1956 in Huron, SD. Jeff grew up on the family farm near Bancroft, SD and graduated from Iroquois High School in 1974. Following his high school graduation he attended and graduated from Dakota State University in Madison in 1978. Upon his graduation he returned to Bancroft and farmed with his family for a couple of years. Jeff was united in marriage with Linda Hansen in 1976.

In 1981, Jeff began working on his law degree and graduated from the University of South Dakota School Of Law in 1985. Following his graduation he worked as the legal council for Lowell Hansen and the Lowell Hansen Campaign. Jeff then moved to Fergus Falls, MN and for two years worked for Communicating for Agriculture. Throughout his life, Jeff was a lobbyist in Pierre for many different statewide interests groups.

Jeff returned and worked in private practice. On August 19, 1989 Jeff was united in marriage with Val Miller. Jeff served as the Lincoln County Deputy States Attorney from 1990-92 and from 92-'95 as the Lincoln County States Attorney. During Governor Bill Janklow's 2nd term of office, Jeff worked at his Chief Legal Council. Jeff returned to private practice and continued to lobby before joining (Broin Companies) now Poet Energy until his death.

Jeff took an active interest in his children's interests and activities. He enjoyed time with his friends pheasant hunting on the family farm near Bancroft, golfing, his Harley Davidson, cars and weekends at his home on Lake Brandt. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the South Dakota State Bar and the Republican Party. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Val Fox, Sioux Falls; children, Londa (Justin) Purintun, Garretson, SD, Lexi Fox and Devon Fox, both of Sioux Falls; three grandchildren, Lilly, James and Tyler; his parents, James and Donna Fox; brother, Doug (Carol) Fox, sister, Deborah (Dennis) Ranschau, all of the Bancroft area; father-in-law, Darrell Miller, Urbana, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Bernice Petschow, John and Mollie Fox, and aunt, Patricia Petschow and mother-in-law, Norma Miller.

## RAINA BOYUM TO LEAVE NETWORK STAFF

Raina Boyum, Network Grants Manager, will be leaving the Network in September after four years of working with the South Dakota Network. Raina's husband has taken a job with a software development company in Valley City, North Dakota, and the family is relocating to Fargo. Raina plans to stay at home with her two boys at least through the holidays before looking for a new position. She will be greatly missed!



## SUSAN SHEPPICK LEAVES DSS

Susan Sheppick, Program Specialist with the Department of Social Services, is leaving for a new position with the Department of Education. Over the last 13 years, Susan has been a great supporter of victim services and a very good friend. Susan managed the state grants that assisted shelters with providing services and the Victims Compensation program besides a multiple of other projects. Susan will be greatly missed by the Network! Good luck Susan in your new endeavor!

## GRANT FROM MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS



Holly Jeschke and Krista Heeren-Graber receive check from a representative of Midcontinent Communications

The SD Network is pleased to announce that it has received a grant of \$1,000 from Midcontinent Communications. The grant will help victims and their families with emergency costs such as gas vouchers and apartment deposits; child's additional school costs (activities); hotel costs; and other unplanned emergency needs. The funding will also assist victims with legal costs that are court ordered such as custody evaluations and assist with legislative work.

Thank you to Midcontinent Communications for helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault!

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