

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2012 Annual Report

Since 1981, Albion Fellows Bacon Center has assisted thousands of people in finding safe shelter, crisis intervention, referral and support. Through the years, the Center has not only experienced growth and a higher demand for service in virtually all of our program areas, but we have gained the support of many and built community partnerships that are critical to our mission achievement. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for women and their children in need of comprehensive services. Our agency's mission is to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in our communities through advocacy, education, support services and collaborative partnerships. All services are free, confidential, and although we accept victims from any geographic area, we have an 11-county service area.

Our numbers speak for themselves; our staff of 21 never hesitates to go the extra mile to help meet the growing demand for service. To assist us meet those demands, we are also very fortunate to have the assistance and dedication of numerous volunteers and student interns who contribute countless hours of service. The following is an overview of our 2012 accomplishments:

- 8,374 nights of shelter (a 2% increase) were provided to 388 women and 255 children (359 unduplicated. As an emergency shelter, women and their children may stay with us for up to 45 days.
- The Outreach Program assisted 970 adults and 5 children throughout our eleven county service area. (21% increase in those served)
- The Legal Advocacy Program provided services to 598 residents of Vanderburgh County.
- Sexual Assault services were rendered to 938 primary and secondary victims of sexual abuse. (17% increase)
- The Peer Advocacy Program reached 594 individuals in Vanderburgh County. (4% increase)
- Calls to our two 24-hour crisis line totaled 2,368 and 568 individuals requested safe shelter.
- 8,381 students received valuable information on dating, domestic, cyber safety, sexual abuse and cyber bullying.
- Community education and training sessions reached 2,879 individuals throughout southern Indiana.

Awareness events continued to provide invaluable opportunities to reach various populations and age groups throughout southern Indiana. Crime Victims' Rights Week, Stalking, Teen Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Months activities not only attract hundreds of participants, but allow for systemic conversation and ultimately.... change. Our intention is to not only reach those who are suffering in silence, but to educate the public in order to change public opinion on these issues and increase sensitivity. Collaborative partnerships are vital in bridging gaps in our community to increase the likelihood that victims will be better served. We work

tirelessly to foster strong working relationships with social service agencies, law enforcement, the Department of Child Services, the medical and criminal justice communities. We are active in several task forces and committees throughout our eleven-county service area, as well as an agency member of Evansville-Vanderburgh County Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Cutting Edge Examples: In 2012, we have continued the movement of building our Prevention Education programming. Historically, (and nationally) domestic violence and sexual assault agencies have focused on awareness to ensure that the public learns about the dynamics and signs of abuse and awareness of existing services. As time has passed, we have learned it is also imperative that we get in front of the problem of both issues of domestic and sexual violence. We must put focus on ways of preventing victimization from occurring. In the past two years, we have committed ourselves to providing this type of education through the addition of specific curriculums (Safe Dates and In Their Shoes), as well as social marketing campaigns (White Ribbon and Red Flags). Nearly 8,381 youth and 2,879 adults took advantage of our educational programs and services.

Our agency has been very much involved with the Parenting Time Center and the City of Evansville's OVW (Office on Violence against Women) grant by lending technical assistance. This is a grant meant to ensure safe exchanges of children between parents who have a history of domestic abuse. The federal grant announcement, made in September 2012, came with the requirement and expectation that there would be a multi-disciplinary team approach. AFBC is a partner in this project along with YWCA, Holly's House, Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, EPD and others. This is a 3-year grant with the first year being one of organization and planning.

Voluntary services project--Project to Empower! Albion is one of the first in the state to test a new type of shelter management joining five other Indiana domestic violence shelters, and a growing number nationwide, to embrace a new approach where residents no longer follow predetermined rules during their stays. Albion's new model focuses on individual case management, rather than rule enforcement. In the coming year, Albion and Indiana's five other pilot shelters will closely track our residents' success rate. In 2014, the shelters will present their findings to the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, which will then look for other domestic violence shelters to make similar changes in their shelter protocol. Albion is looking to be future mentors to the rest of the state.

We have joined the growing state-wide campaigns presented by the Indiana Coalition against Sexual Assault: www.endviolencetogether.com which is the specialty license plate generating funding to benefit programs throughout Indiana that provides services, care, and treatment to victims of violent crime; and the Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence: "NO more" campaign. www.indianasaysnomore.com, a new

logo that ties all Indiana domestic and sexual violence agencies together with two simple words; together they state the goal of the Coalition.

Our thanks to local media outlets who continued to be so very good to us throughout 2012. From covering fundraising events, creating the many articles and features in the Courier and Press, to the airing of a PSA created by WFIE 14 specifically designed to use during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to the overwhelming donation given by Townsquare Media of a PSA focused on those in need and those hoping to volunteer for us. PSAs ran through the year and brought countless people to services and made the community aware of our mission. South Central Media highlighted our services by including us in a texting campaign and allowing us to participate in the Extortion Breakfast. We cannot thank our local media enough for the many connections we have been able to make with our community in need.

The generosity of our community continues to encourage and empower our agency. The kindness shown through donation of time, talent and treasure makes it possible for our agency to serve more victims in our community. We are a proud member of the United Ways of Southwestern Indiana, Posey and Gibson counties. Again this year we benefited from events such as the “Time of Celebration” Gala (our premiere fundraiser) that brought almost 275 friends together; Rock the Runway (first time), the David Duell Memorial Golf Outing, Westside Nut Club Fall Festival as well the University of Southern Indiana and University of Evansville Vagina Monologues productions. Businesses came forward to give much-needed donations that allow our dollars to be stretched further so we may ensure that vital service provision is possible and scheduled employee work days to help us with our unending “to do” maintenance list. The list of donors who remember our families at holiday time with gifts, food and toys are too long to mention....and so very appreciated.

Highlights to our funds development plan included the creation of community partnerships. We are thrilled to have built such lasting partnerships with Old National Bank, Deaconess Hospital, Harding & Shymanski and Vectren. These businesses have shown great investment in our mission and our service.

To add to our good fortune, we were so fortunate to be a recipient of funding from Golf Gives Back, and the Evansville Endowment Fund (replacement and upgrade of our exterior fence). We were also very proud recipients of funding from the West Side Nut Club, the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, Toyota Foundation, Old National Bank Foundation, Sally Cares grant and a Junior League of Evansville grant that allowed us to enhance and renovate our Outreach conference area! These are just a few of the wonderful contributors who made it possible to continue important service provision in the tri-state. For a list of contributors, visit our website (www.albionfellowsbacon.org).

We must continue to be inspired on our journey. Though stretched at times, we have met many challenges. From responding to victims at Holly’s House, area hospitals, and law enforcement offices to courtrooms and safe shelter, our counselors,

advocates, volunteers and board members continue to lend their support and expertise. Albion would not be the effective, comprehensive agency that it is without your dedication and support. Indeed, the past year has been a challenging one for the non-profit world, but even more tragic, our community was left reeling from multiple domestic violence murders. We, along with our community remember those lost as we continue to cry out "NO MORE!". Even in these challenging times and in the honor...and memory of all victims, we are focused on the services that we provide; we are focused on those we serve; we are changing lives. Thank you for being a special part of making our community a safer place, one person, one family at a time.

Candice L. Perry
Executive Director

SHELTER PROGRAM 2012 Annual Report

The Shelter Program provides safe shelter for women and their minor children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and a variety of services. Such services are provided to achieve the ultimate goal of helping victims of domestic violence and their children identify, prepare and strive toward the final goal of living in a violent-free relationship.

Victims and their children are accepted into shelter, not only from our eleven-county area, but from anywhere in the United States. As a shelter, we also maintain communication with shelters nationwide in the event a resident would need to be transferred to a safer location.

24-HOUR CRISIS LINE: When a person requests shelter, an assessment is conducted via our 24-hour crisis line to determine eligibility. In 2012, 2,368 crisis calls were received and 568 individuals requested shelter.

ASSESSMENT: When a person enters shelter, an intake is done; following the intake, a service plan is completed to determine the client's needs. Based on that assessment, referrals are given to other community agencies and the client is encouraged to follow up. In 2012, 921 referrals were provided to our women and children in shelter. Client goals are set on a weekly basis and are re-evaluated at these times.

LEGAL ADVOCACY: The Legal Advocacy Program Coordinator and Peer Advocate provide information concerning the legal system and how it may relate to the individual situation of each client. These advocates also help clients file protective orders, pro-se divorces, police reports, and victim crime compensation claims. The advocates refer shelter clients to other agencies which are more appropriate to handle a victim's immediate needs, such as legal assistance. The Program also provides vital support necessary to shelter clients when accompaniment is requested to the Prosecutor's Office, Police/Sheriff's Departments, attorney appointments and to court.

Legal advocacy was provided to 111 residents; 28 were assisted in obtaining protective orders, personal advocacy and court accompaniment was provided 201 times to those residents.

FAMILY SERVICES COUNSELOR: The Family Services Counselor meets with clients within 72 hours after entering shelter. This person conducts an initial interview in which she interviews the client in depth as to her family of origin, and full history of abuse beginning in childhood. In 2012, 90 initial interviews were conducted with women without children.

This hopefully will establish an emotional bond between the Family Services Counselor and the client that enables both of them to set the needed goals. The Family Services Counselor meets with the client on a daily basis to chart her emotional progress and to

offer support as needed. In 2012, the Family Services Counselor provided 725.75 hours in individual sessions. The Family Services Counselor meets with each client individually to formulate three written safety plans based on the client's situation. These safety plans may prove invaluable to the client should she choose to return to her abuser. In 2012, 172 safety plans were completed. The client is given a copy of her safety plans to keep with her.

In 2012 the Family Services Counselor provided 83 support groups to 545 duplicated women in shelter. The topics included: "The Cycle of Violence", "Power and Control", "Why Women Stay", "Facts and Myths of Abuse", "Generational Cycle of Violence", "Tactics Used by Batterers" and documentary films. The support groups provide knowledge, which in turn empowers victims to be survivors.

The Family Services Counselor will provide the client with referrals to community agencies based on the client's needs, including, but not limited to housing, healthcare, education, public assistance, etc. In 2012, 542 referrals were provided to shelter clients.

The Shelter Staff continues to play an important part in the community as well, and is recognized around the many tables that we partner with. The Homeless Healthcare Network, Coordinated Entry Task Force, Homeless Prevention Coalition, Steering Committee, Regional Peer Review Team and the Homeless Service Council are to name but a few of the areas of representation.

Throughout the year, interested individuals and businesses wanting to learn more about our agency take part in informational meetings and site visits. Community speaking engagements are also an essential component, bringing awareness of the Shelter Program services to the community.

CHILD ADVOCACY: Many of the children to whom we provide shelter are victims of physical, emotional or sexual abuse. We have continued to keep statistics on the children who come into the shelter as a means of giving us a more in-depth profile of a child living in an abusive environment.

Most domestic violence advocates agree that education equals prevention, prevention equals intervention and that is the only way to break generational violence that permeates our society. It is vital that children be educated as to what a healthy relationship is and how to handle their feelings of anger, shame and guilt. It is just as important that these children know who to go to for help if there is a violent incident, whether it's between adults or directed at them. We offer a comprehensive children's program that addresses all of the above issues using excellent assessment tools that include information not only from the parent but also the child. The abuse may come from one or both parents. We may observe some abuse from the victimized parent if the family remains in shelter long enough. Our goal is to assess and provide immediate intervention for the child.

CHILD ADVOCATE: The Child Advocate meets with the child, if age appropriate, and completes the intake. She then meets with the mother to obtain a more in-depth view of the abusive history and target any behavior problems the child may have. The Child Advocate will make the appropriate referrals based on that complete assessment.

In 2012, 146 unduplicated children entered shelter. There were 53 initial interviews conducted on mothers; 442.25 individual hours spent in sessions on mothers; 100 safety plans on mothers; 379 referrals were made to outside agencies based on the Child Advocate's assessments regarding the needs of both—the mother's and the children; 42 safety plans on children were completed. The Child Advocate facilitated 81 children's groups.

Subjects included but were not limited to the following topics:

Welcome Group	Self-Esteem
Feelings Are Important	Art Groups
Kindness to Animals	Healthy Relationship
Hands Are Not For Hitting	Dating Violence
What is Abuse	Choices
Say No to Drugs	Emotions
Call For Help (911)	Conflict Resolution
	Scary or Safe

This past year the Children's Program has teamed up with the staff and students from the Signature School to provide enrichment experiences for our children. These include:

- One-on-one mentoring
- Homework help
- Art projects
- Parties

Family outings are always a highlight for our children in the shelter. Places visited in 2012 include:

- Hadi Shrine Circus
- Evansville Otters Baseball
- Fall Festival
- Children's Museum
- YMCA

Our Children's Program served 255 children, (146 unduplicated) this past year. In order to maintain those numbers we continue to nurture our most valuable relationships with volunteers and other community agencies. In 2012, 208 volunteers donated 333.5 hours of service to the shelter program. Our residents and children were able to participate in the following activities:

- Teen Power Easter Party
- Mother's Day Celebration
- YMCA Programs
- Christmas Party and Visit with St. Nick
- Valentine's Day Party
- Boys and Girls Club

Our shelter staff also spearheaded, "Operation-Christmas". Letters were sent out at the end of October to announce our plea to provide Christmas for those in and outside of shelter who may not otherwise have a Christmas. We partnered with 37 businesses/groups and 73 individuals who donated to the cause. We received all we asked for and more. On Christmas morning, 30 women and 5 children celebrated in a mighty way at the shelter. Thirty-two (32) women and children were served outside of the shelter.

STATISTICS: In an attempt to provide a more in-depth profile of the women and children we shelter, the following is a 2012 unduplicated statistical report that contains information regarding age, income, ethnic identity and geographical information about our clients. This profile represents 213 women and 146 children, who were sheltered one time only from January through December, 2012.

<u>County and/or State</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Sheltered No. of Nights for Women</u>	<u>Sheltered No. of Nights for Children</u>
*Vanderburgh	163	116	1,750	1,253
*Warrick	11	6	142	54
*Posey	2	0	20	0
*Gibson	10	11	85	98
*Perry	3	3	41	9
*Dubois	2	0	22	0
*Spencer	3	1	55	26
*Pike	1	0	3	0
Out of State	18	9	199	81
TOTAL	213	146	2,317	1,521

* In Service area

We also want to provide a realistic glimpse of our duplicated facts. The national statistic states that a battered woman may leave her home for safe shelter seven - nine times. This Annual Report reflects the unduplicated statistics, but, we would be remiss if our duplicated numbers were also not highlighted regarding the women, children and nights of service. The gratification comes as we witness women returning to our shelter on numerous occasions during the year, for their safety. Each time they come into shelter, another layer of comfort, awareness and building of self adds to the foundation of their worth.

<u>2012</u>	
Duplicated Women.....	388
Duplicated Children.....	255
Total.....	643
Nights of Service.....	8,374

Of the 213 women and 146 children who were sheltered in 2012:

78% from Vanderburgh County	1% from Posey County
4% from Warrick County	9% from Crawford, Gibson, Pike, Perry, or Spencer Counties
	8% from out of state

<u>Race</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u>
Caucasian	67%	56%
African-American	22%	17%
Multi-Racial	6%	24%
Native American	4%	0
Asian	1%	3%

Out of the 100% race count 6% of those were Hispanic.

Of the 213 women sheltered, thirty-eight (38%) percent entered shelter with children and sixty-two (62%) did not have children, or did not have them with them.

It bears mentioning that the number of child abuse responses is very low. One of the reasons for this results from the mothers' knowledge of our mandatory child abuse reporting status. Also, a mother and child may leave shelter before information can be gathered. Additional information gathered from intakes on the children is:

<u>Children's Ages</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
0 -- 12 months	10%
1 -- 5 years	42%
6 -- 12 years	37%
13 -- 18 years	11%

<u>Female Children</u>	<u>Male Children</u>
39%	61%

<u>Adult Client's Age</u>	
14% 18-24	18% 47-57
37% 25-35	7% 58-68
23% 36-46	1% 69+

Relationship to Abuser (abused by):

5% Ex-Spouse	9% Family Member
23% Spouse	9% Other
54% Boyfriend	

Client's Income

68%	0 - 5,000
21%	5,000 - 15,000
8%	15,000 - 25,000
1%	25,000 - 40,000
0%	40,000+
2%	Unknown

Abuser's Income

34%	0 - 5,000
7%	5,000 - 15,000
4%	15,000 - 25,000
2%	25,000 - 40,000
7%	40,000+
46%	Unknown

Follow-Up:

6% Returned to Abuser	12% Separate Residence
7% Own Home without Abuser	21% Another Shelter
13% Friends	22% Relatives
2% Transitional Housing	17% Unknown

Thirty-six (36%) percent of the clients polled stated they had been abused as children.

Abuse was always emotional, often physical, sometimes sexual, or a combination of all three. In gathering information regarding their abuser, thirty-one (34%) percent related that their abuser had been emotionally, physically or sexually abused as a child or a combination of all three.

Substance abuse continues to be interwoven into the fabric of domestic violence. Whether the victim uses alcohol or drugs to survive the abuse or the abuser uses alcohol or drugs as an excuse for the violent behavior, the result is the same. The issue of domestic violence cannot be addressed until substance abuse issues have been dealt with. What we can and do offer is safe shelter and emotional support to the victim and refer her to the appropriate agencies for help. Clients are provided a support group on substance abuse monthly. These are provided by other community agencies that are experienced in that area.

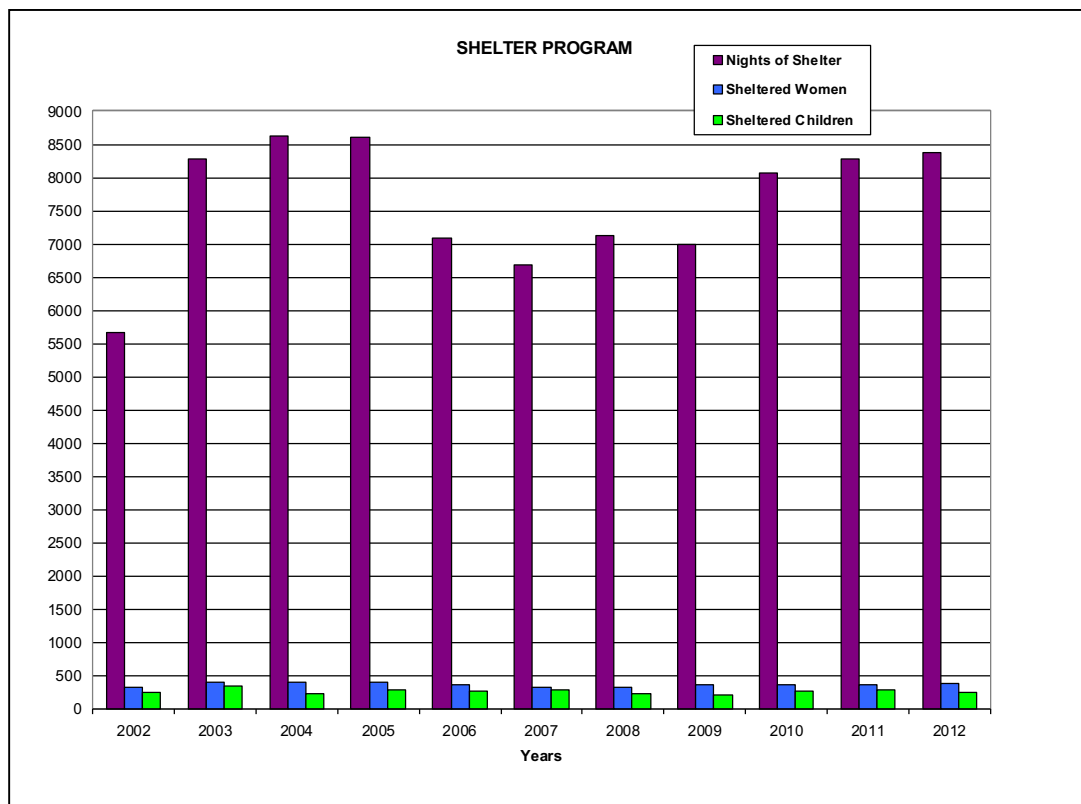
Nineteen (19%) percent stated they have substance abuse problems and thirty-seven (37%) percent stated their abuser has a substance abuse problem.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: Of the clients polled, we received the following information:

30%	stated they contacted the police during a violent situation
10%	stated their abuser was arrested

- 14% stated they filed charges against their abusers
- 9% stated that they had contact with the criminal justice system in some way but not with arrest or charges filed
- 56% nothing done

Jenny Ballard
Assistant Director



LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM 2012 Annual Report

The Legal Advocacy Program provides a range of comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The program offers support and advocacy and is designed to assist victims throughout the court process.

Services include (but are not limited to):

Information and referrals (shelter, counseling, access to legal services)

Crisis intervention

Safety planning

Court accompaniment to hearings

Court advocacy and assistance in applying for civil protective orders

Information about the criminal justice system

Victims Compensation

Victims' Rights Information

In addition, the advocates monitor the response of the court system and advocate for changes that are a benefit to domestic violence and sexual assault victims. We are a certified trainer for the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and provide training to criminal justice professionals. We also attempt to educate the media and the community to the needs of domestic violence victims.

The Peer Advocacy Program falls under the umbrella of the Legal Advocacy Program. This is staffed by one coordinator, Gina Gist, and one Peer Advocate, Leslie James, who maintains a volunteer staff of peer advocates. The following are additional services provided by the Legal Advocacy Program (peer advocacy numbers are in a separate report):

Approximately **806** clients utilized the Legal Advocacy Program's services in 2012. The Legal Advocacy Program Coordinator met with **598** clients and the Peer Advocate met with an additional **208** legal advocacy clients.

Of the 598 Legal Advocacy clients:

514 were primary victims and **84** were secondary victims

40 were male

450 clients were new

61 were shelter residents

19 were Peer Advocacy clients

53 were Outreach clients

19 were Sexual Assault clients

33 were Misdemeanor Court Contacts (attended 26 times)

DIRECT SERVICES

230 hours, 45 minutes were spent providing phone/crisis counseling

142 hours, 15 minutes were spent in individual counseling

354 hours, 45 minutes were spent in court

794 agency referrals provided to clients.

The following services were provided:

386	Crisis counseling -- in-person crisis intervention, emotional support, guidance and counseling.
411	Follow-up contacts -- in-person contacts, telephone contacts and written communication with victims to offer emotional support, empathetic listening, check on a victim's progress, etc.
493	Crisis hotline counseling -- phone counseling which provides counseling, guidance, emotional support, information and referral, etc.
14	Domestic violence education group -- group for those individuals requesting that charges or no contact orders be dismissed.
46	Shelter/safe house -- referral to both short and long term housing
204	Information and referral (in-person) -- in-person contacts with victims during which time services and available support are identified.
146	Criminal justice support/advocacy -- support, assistance and advocacy provided to victims at any stage of the criminal justice process.
10	Emergency financial assistance -- cash outlays for transportation, food, clothing, emergency housing, etc.
98	Emergency legal advocacy -- assisting clients with filing protective orders, elder abuse petitions and child abuse petitions
8	Assistance in filing compensation claims -- making victims aware of the availability of crime victim compensation, assisting the victim in completing the required forms; may include follow-up contact with the victim compensation agency on behalf of the victim.
818	Personal advocacy -- assisting victims in securing rights, remedies and services from other agencies, intervention with employers, creditors and others on behalf of the victim, accompanying the victim to the hospital, etc.
511	Telephone contacts -- contacts with victims during which services and available support are identified.
55	Transportation -- assisting clients with location transportation or providing transportation to a client.
366	Safety Plan -- assisting clients with creating written or verbal safety plans
122	Civil Court Accompaniment -- accompanying clients to non-criminal court proceedings (protective orders, small claims, divorce, etc.)
9	Attorney Meeting Accompaniment -- accompanying clients to attorney appointments
9	Cell Phone- provided Hopeline Phone or other phone to client
26	Survey Program -- distributing program surveys

Special Events/Activities/Projects:

14th Annual Prevention Training: The Hidden Factor: The Hunter & the Hunter; featuring Dave Markel

- Collaborated with Daybreak Advocacy and Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office to organize the training
- Registered participants for training
- Compiled handouts for training
- Created and distributed press releases
- Solicited sponsorships for training
- Worked with Ivy Tech regarding room and technology needs
- Secured CEU's through Deaconess Crosspoint for training
- Created certificates
- (2) one day trainings (**240 attending**)

14 Legal agencies represented: Evansville Police Dept, Vanderburgh Co. Sheriff's Office, Ft. Branch Police Dept., Haubstadt Police Dept., Princeton Police Dept., Oakland City Police Department, Gibson County Sheriff's Office, Mt. Vernon Police Department, Vanderburgh Prosecutor's Office, Elberfeld Police Department, Gibson Prosecutor's Office, Warrick Prosecutor's Office, Vanderburgh Probation, Indiana Dept. Natural Resources)

13 Social Service agencies represented (Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Posey, Spencer and Henderson counties)

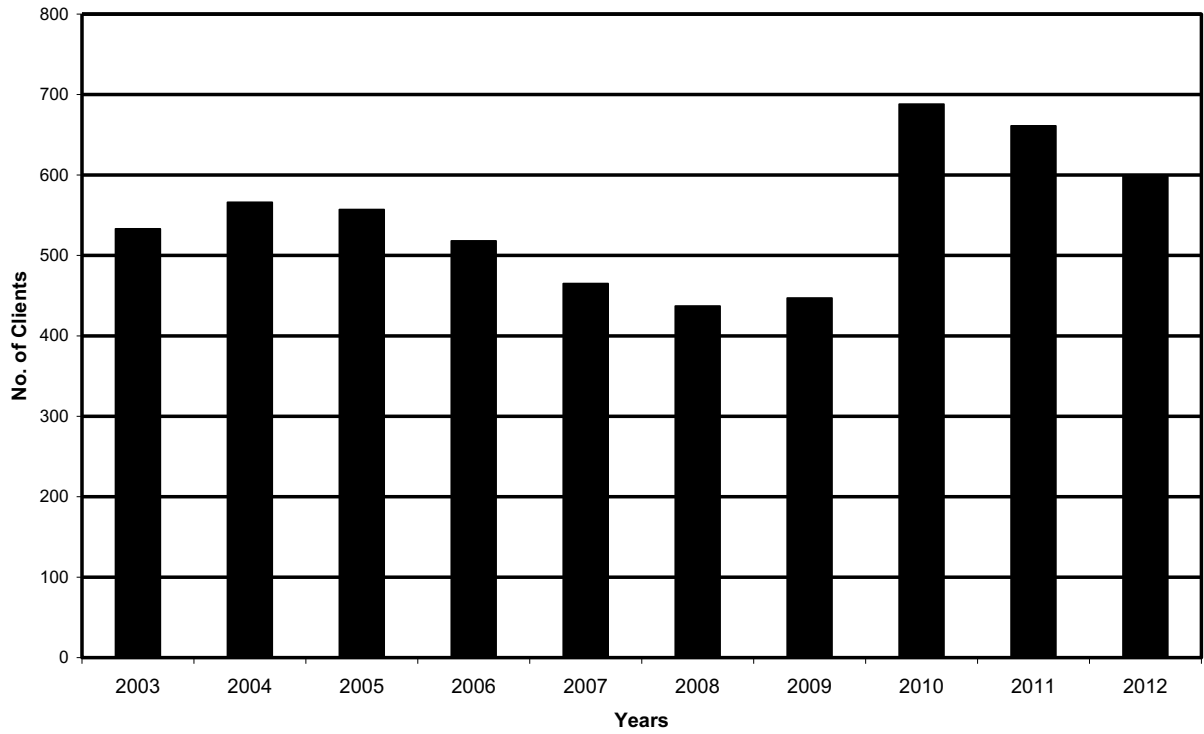
Claire's Comfort for Kids:

"Claire's Comfort for Kids" provides blankets to first responder patrol officers, who can offer them to children when they are called in to assist those involved in traumatic situations such as domestic or sexual abuse, separation from parents, etc. The hope is that these blankets will provide children comfort and a sense of security. We collected blankets throughout the year and distributed them to the Evansville Police Department and Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department. LA participated in a tour a Holly's House for a Wadesville Girl Scout Troop which collected blankets.

The Legal Advocacy Program Coordinator continued to attend **Misdemeanor Court** on Wednesdays (domestic violence trials) to speak to victims about options, services and what to expect with the legal system. Attended Misdemeanor Court 26 times and met with 33 victims.

Gina Gist
Legal Advocate

LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM



PEER ADVOCACY PROGRAM 2012 Annual Report

The Peer Advocacy Program was created in 1996 in partnership with the Evansville Police Department and continues to work closely with the Department. The Vanderburgh County based program is designed to provide information, emotional support and advocacy to victims of domestic violence during the post-crisis period. The primary goal of the Peer Advocacy Program is to increase the number of domestic abuse victims working towards violence-free futures. Peer Advocates play an important role in this goal by offering appropriate follow-up services to victims.

The Peer Advocacy Program utilizes volunteer advocates to provide services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. After completing the required training, the volunteer advocates provide coverage during on-call shifts. Each volunteer receives approximately 18 hours of domestic violence training on topics including crisis counseling, victim's options and available services, legal/personal advocacy and the dynamics of domestic violence. The volunteers spend a portion of their training time at Holly's House and the YWCA learning of their valuable services and also at the Evansville Police Department in their Ride-Along Program. By learning about and being able to offer different types of follow-up services within the community, the volunteer peer advocates are able to make the Peer Advocacy Program a truly community wide program.

The Peer Advocate also assists with client loads for the Legal Advocacy Program, assisting with Protective Order filing and court accompaniment. In addition to completing follow-up visits with a Detective from the EPD Domestic Violence Unit, the Peer Advocate works closely with the Prosecutor's Office and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office in contacting victims of domestic violence for follow-up and to offer services.

For 2012, the Peer Advocacy Program hopes to reach the following goals:

- ◆ Increase community awareness concerning services offered by the program
- ◆ Increased utilization of the program by the community, including hospitals, EPD, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, doctor's offices, churches, businesses and other community agencies
- ◆ Strengthen follow up program with Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Continue working to strengthen volunteer program
- ◆ Continue to increase PA's contact with media
- ◆ Continue to build and explore possibilities with the DV Education Class

The following is a breakdown of activity that occurred in the Peer Advocacy Program in 2012.

Client Services:

A total of 594 people received services through the Peer Advocacy Program in 2012.

- ◆ 519 primary domestic violence victims (10 male)
- ◆ 59 secondary domestic violence victims (14 male)
- ◆ 7 adult sexual assault victims and secondary sexual assault victims
- ◆ 2 child sexual assault victims and secondary sexual assault victims
- ◆ 7 batterers (male/female)

These numbers do not necessarily add to the total served, as one person may fall into more than one category.

During 2012, 1,268 referrals were made to intra-agency services and 729 referrals were made to outside service providers. Due to confidentiality, follow-up statistics were not kept. Referrals were not broken down by agency, but included the following:

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| YWCA | Parenting Time Center |
| Amends | Salvation Army |
| Evansville Association for the Blind | Evansville Christian Life Center |
| Vanderburgh Co. Prosecutor | Catholic Charities |
| Evansville Police Department | Stepping Stone |
| Vanderburgh Co. Sheriff's Office | SW Behavioral Health Care |
| Warrick Co. Sheriff's Office | Lampion Center |
| Indiana Legal Services | ECHO Community Health Care |
| Legal Aid Society | Vanderburgh Co. Department of Health |
| Attorneys | Emergency Food Pantry Services |
| Child Protective Services | Township Trustees |
| Vanderburgh Co. Office of Family Resources | United Way Call 211 for Help |
| Evansville Housing Authority | Healthy Families - Vanderburgh |
| Lucas Place | Community Partners (Ireland & Luzio) |
| Goodwill Family Center | Vanderburgh County CASA |
| WorkOne Evansville | Vanderburgh County Humane Society |
| Vocational Rehabilitation | Animal Control/Pet Foster Homes |
| St Vincent DePaul | 4C of Southern Indiana |
| Impact Ministries | Holly's House |
| Outreach Ministries | ARK Crisis Child Care Center |
| CAPE | Deaconess Cross Pointe |
| Mental Health America | Angel Food Ministries |
| | Aurora |

Services provided to clients:

- ◆ 493 Crisis Counseling
- ◆ 227 Follow-up Contacts
- ◆ 139 Crisis Hotline Counseling
- ◆ 320 Shelter
- ◆ 1997 Information and Referral
 - ◆ 56 Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy
 - ◆ 6 Emergency Financial Assistance
 - ◆ 69 Emergency Legal Advocacy (protective orders)
 - ◆ 400 Personal Advocacy (including securing services from other agencies, intervention with employers, creditors or others, accompanying to hospital)
- ◆ 153 Phone Counseling/Contacts
- ◆ 107 Other Services (including spiritual concern need initiated by the client, photographing injuries, etc.)
- ◆ 50 Residents of Shelter
- ◆ 418 Safety Plans
- ◆ 54 Peer Advocacy Interventions
 - Holly's House: 6
 - Deaconess ER: 9
 - Deaconess Gateway: 10
 - Deaconess Family Residency Clinic: 2
 - St Mary's ER: 8
 - Echo Clinic: 5
 - Ivy Tech: 2
 - USI Dental Clinic: 1
 - Tri State Orthopedic Associates: 1
 - Fashion Bug: 1
 - Dr. Wessel: 1
 - Warrick DCS: 1
 - Vanderburgh DCS: 2
 - Southwestern Indiana Behavioral Health: 2
 - Albion: 1
 - Deaconess Health South: 1
 - Evansville Psychiatric Associates: 1

In addition, the Peer Advocate spent 191 hours in court providing Legal Advocacy.

The Peer Advocate attempted to contact 256 total victims referred by the following services:

- ◆ 41 by the Evansville Police Department (Det. on medical leave most of year)
- ◆ 213 by the Prosecutor's Office
- ◆ 2 by the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office

The Peer advocate successfully contacted:

- ◆ 185 primary victims
- ◆ 15 secondary victims
- ◆ 7 batterers

Literature concerning Albion's services was sent by mail or left at the home of the victim (when completing home visits with a DV detective) for those victims with whom the Peer Advocate did not have personal contact.

Domestic Violence Education Program:

The Peer Advocate collaborated with the Legal Advocate, YWCA, Vanderburgh County Victim Assistance Program, and Vanderburgh County Judicial Officers to create the Domestic Violence Education Class. This two session class is for victims of domestic violence who appear before a Judge and request a No Contact Order be lifted or contact the Victim Assistance Office and request that charges against their abuser be dismissed. Before a decision will be made about either, the court and/or prosecutor's office will refer the victim to the DV Education Class. The class is divided into two sessions, each an hour long. Session One focuses on DV dynamics, defining domestic violence, Power and Control Wheel, Cycle of Violence, an examination of batterer behaviors and why it is difficult for victims to leave. Session Two focuses on Safety Planning and the Effects of DV on Children. Upon successful completion of both sessions, the participant is given a certificate to present to the Judge or Victim Assistance Office. The decision about how to proceed from there is up to the Judge and/or State.

The DV Education Class began July 3, 2012. As of December 31, 2012, 84 people attended the DV Education Class and of those, 80 successfully completed.

Volunteer Activity:

The volunteers (13) provided 7,448 hours of on-call coverage. The Peer Advocate provided 2,312 hours of off-duty on-call coverage. The Peer Advocate continued in the role of Volunteer Coordinator. The Peer Advocate co-facilitated 2 new volunteer orientations for 6 volunteers and 4 interns. The Peer Advocate also interviewed 4 potential volunteers, interviewed 9 potential interns, trained 2 new Peer Advocacy

Program volunteers and supervised 4 interns (who provided 861.5 hours of service) including meeting with their professors for midterm and final evaluations.

The Peer Advocate/Sexual Assault volunteer programs have transitioned to a cross trained model utilizing Crisis Response Advocates who are dually trained and able to respond to both domestic violence and sexual assault crisis calls

The volunteer program has been updated. A new pamphlet and application are being created. New volunteer areas have been identified. They are:

Direct Service

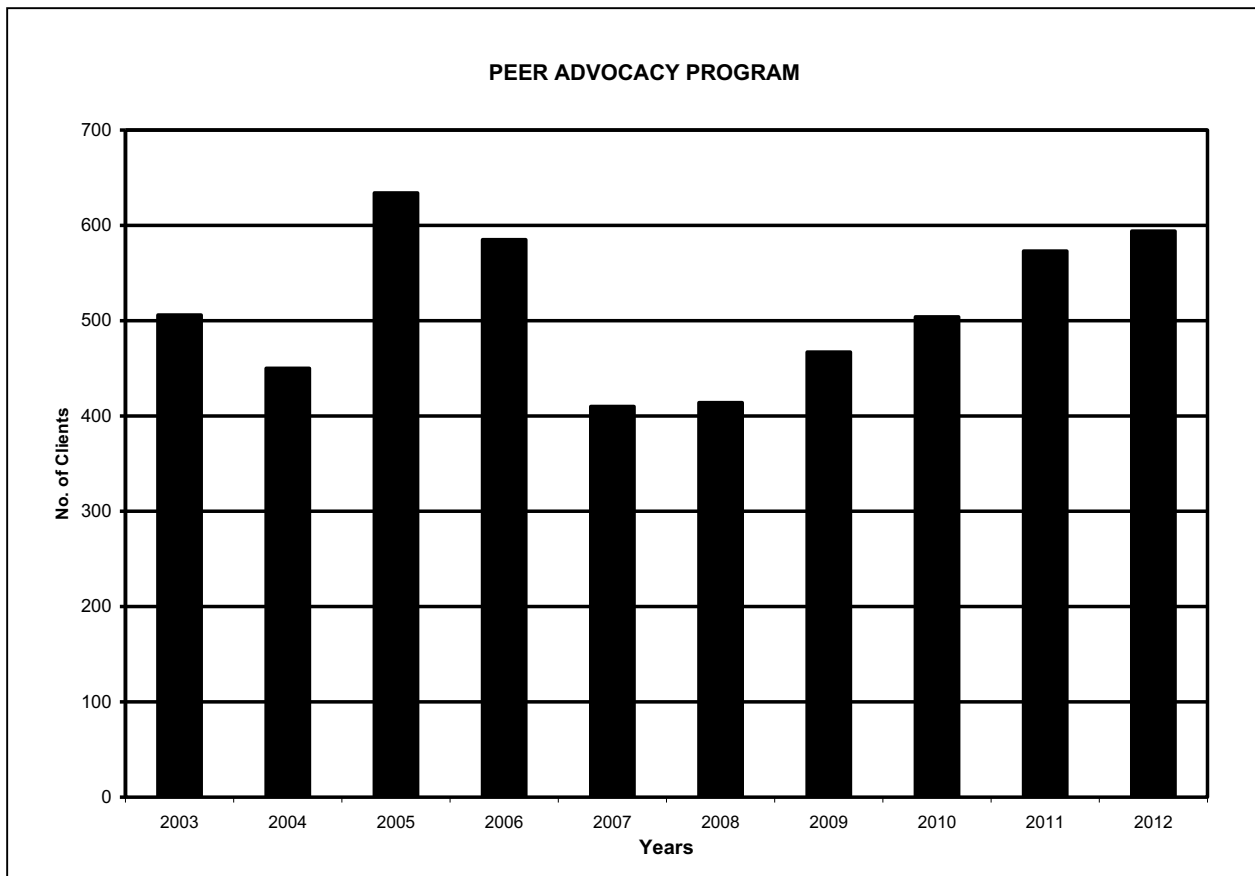
- Crisis Response Advocate
- Crisis Line Operator
- Court Advocate
- Support Group Assistant
- Children’s Activities Volunteer

Indirect Service

- Donations Volunteer
- Shelter Volunteer
- Community Education Volunteer
- Special Events Volunteer
- Administrative Volunteer

The Peer Advocate continues to update volunteer program forms and training materials.

Leslie James
Peer Advocate



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT OUTREACH PROGRAM 2012 Annual Report

Sexual Assault Victims Statistical Breakdown

Primary Victims	446 clients	
Secondary Victims	492 clients	
	938 clients	Total:

Breakdown of Sexual Assault Victimization

Child Victims	88
Male Victims	126
Female Victims	724

Domestic Violence Victims Statistical Breakdown

Adult victims	969 clients	
Teen victims	6 clients	
	975 clients	Total:

Outreach Client Service Units and Hours of Service Provision (Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Clients)

CRISIS COUNSELING	1,146
FOLLOW-UP CONTACTS	1,313
GROUP TREATMENT/SUPPORT	573
CRISIS HOTLINE COUNSELING	724
SHELTER/SAFE HOUSE	25
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL	501
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPPORT/ADVOCACY	330
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	00
EMERGENCY LEGAL ADVOCACY	62
ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	00
PERSONAL ADVOCACY	207
TELEPHONE CONTACTS	909

- 124 support groups were held with 307 Outreach Clients Attending
- 730 hours and 30 minutes were spent in support group.
- 475 hours were spent in phone/crisis counseling
- 1,389 hours and 45 minutes were spent in individual counseling
- 140 hours providing legal advocacy.

Onsite Response information

Holly's House-Outreach Total

407 Individuals received services at Holly's House
818 Hours and 45 minutes spent at facility
317 Hours and 45 minutes of direct service to victims at the facility
486 Referrals from Holly's House
96 Missed interview contacts
64 Follow-up contacts

On-site services to:

Medical response

42 SA client and 3 DV at Deaconess Main Hospital 60 hours and 30 minutes of service
02 DV client and 4 SA client at Deaconess Gateway 17 hours and 30 minutes of service.
19 SA client and 1 DV at St. Mary's Hospital 34 hours and 15 minutes of service
05 DV clients at Deaconess Family Practice 4 hours and 45 minutes of service

Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Command Post

3 calls from Detective requesting advocacy provided 3 hours of service

High School Response Requests

1 response initiated by Castle High School student with teacher who is volunteer providing 1 hour and 30 minutes of service.
2 responses initiated by North High School Counselors providing 2 hours and 30 minutes of service.

University Response

4 calls from USI Security requesting Advocacy 7 hours of service provided.

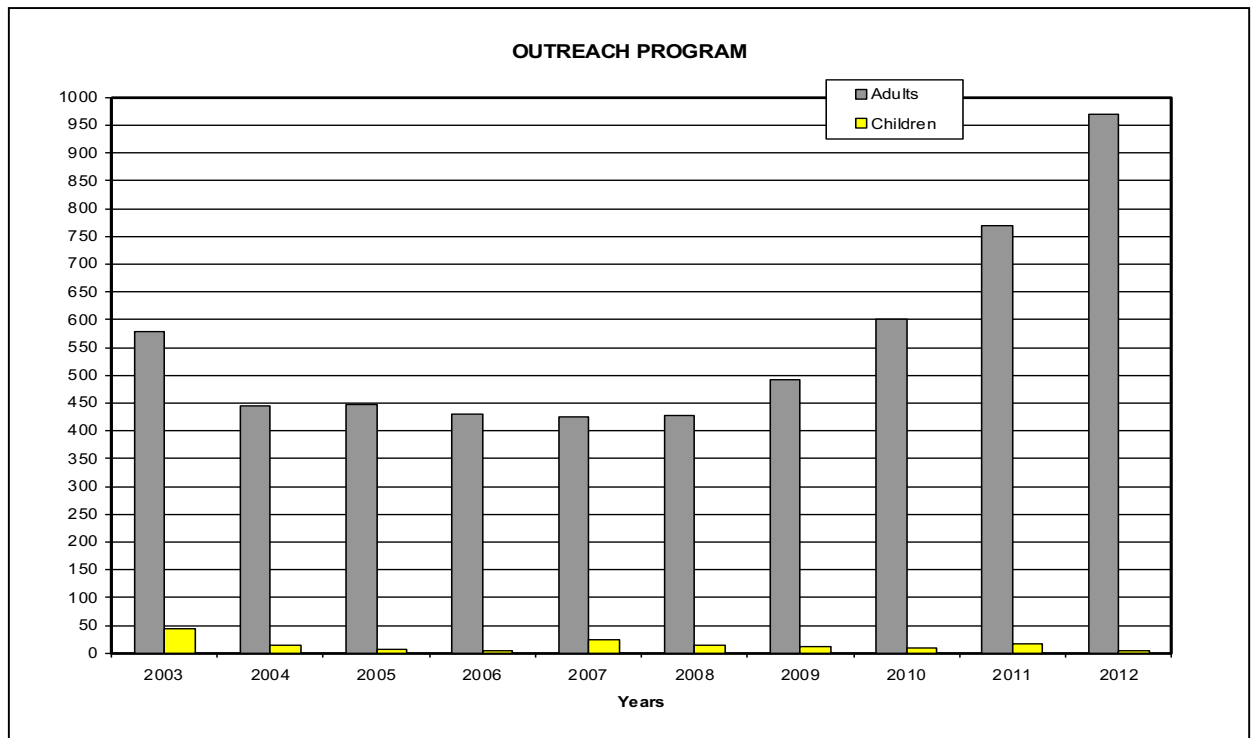
Volunteer Activity:

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| • Vanderburgh County Hours | 4,581 hours |
| • Warrick County Hours | 6,760 hours |
| • Senior Victims Support Specialist Back-up Hours | 3,033 hours |
| • Victim Support Specialist Back-up Hours | 2,880 hours |
| • Peer Advocate Back-up Hours | 2,643 hours |
| • Information Packets Sent to Potential Volunteers | 5 people |
| • Potential Volunteers Interviewed | 3 people |
| • Volunteers who received initial training from VSS | 2 people |
| • Three interns provided time to outreach | 54 hours |

Community Education:

- 43 presentations provided to 27 agencies and 831 participants
- Safe Dates Prevention Training Presented to 4 High Schools 88 sessions and 2,620 participants.
- White Ribbon Campaign at 2 universities with 350 participants
- In Their Shoes presented 1 time to 12 participants
- Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve offered 3 times to 219 participants
- 148 School Presentations given to 24 schools in 7 counties to 3902 participants

Brandi Watson
Community DV & SA
Outreach Program Coordinator



STAFF PARTICIPATED IN COMMITTEES - TASK FORCES - MEETINGS:

Committees/Task Forces/Meetings	Counties
“Heart Man” Mascot Meeting	Vanderburgh
AFBC ALICE Database Meeting	Vanderburgh
AFBC Awareness Committee	Vanderburgh
AFBC Crisis Intervention Counselor Meeting	Vanderburgh
AFBC Gala Committee	Vanderburgh
AFBC Outreach Staff Meetings	Vanderburgh
AFBC Outreach Strategic Planning	Vanderburgh
AFBC Staff Meeting	Vanderburgh
AFBC Supervisors Meeting	Vanderburgh
Amends Meeting	Vanderburgh
Cocoa Meeting	Vanderburgh
Communities that Care	Warrick
Cross County Meetings (bi-monthly)	Vanderburgh
Enforcement/Treatment Subcommittee	Vanderburgh
Evansville Vanderburgh County Commission Against Domestic and Sexual	Vanderburgh
Evansville-Vanderburgh Mayor’s Commission Education Committee	Vanderburgh
Gibson Community Foundation Meeting	Gibson
Gibson County DV & SA Task Force	Gibson
Harper Site Council/Wellness Committee	Vanderburgh
Harrison High School Project Meeting	Vanderburgh
HELP Meetings	Vanderburgh
Holly’s House Multi-Disciplinary Team	Vanderburgh
INCASA Membership Meeting	Marion
INNCA Meeting to discuss Facility Dog Program	Vanderburgh
Lucas Place Meeting to Discuss Group Facilitation	Vanderburgh
Meeting with Counseling for Change	Vanderburgh
Meeting with EPD Detectives from Sex Crimes Unit	Vanderburgh
Meeting with Independent Missionary Baptist Church	Vanderburgh
Met with Crisis Connection about Prevention Education Efforts	Spencer
Met with Harrison High School Students about Student Project	Vanderburgh
National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Committee (NCVRW)	Vanderburgh
OVW Grant Idea Meetings with INCASA and YWCA	Vanderburgh
Regional SART – Vanderburgh, Warrick Posey County	Vanderburgh
Safe Dates meeting with Principal at Pike Central High School	Pike
Safe Haven Grant Meeting	Vanderburgh
Site Visit with INCASA	Vanderburgh

Spencer County Domestic Violence Task Force	Spencer
St. Mary's Child Trauma Care Meeting	Vanderburgh
St. Mary's Pediatric Protocol Meeting	Vanderburgh
Stone Soup Regional Prevention Discussion	Dubois
UE Women's Awareness Group Meeting	Vanderburgh
United Way Site Visit	Vanderburgh
USI Sexual Assault Task Force Meeting	Vanderburgh
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Planning	Vanderburgh
Warrick County DV & SA Task Force and Education Meeting	Warrick
Women's Law Group	Vanderburgh
Youth First Meeting to Discuss Prevention	Vanderburgh

STAFF PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS:

Agency	County	Participants
AFBC Board Meeting	Vanderburgh	25
AFBC Board Orientation	Vanderburgh	7
AIDS Resource Group	Vanderburgh	9
AMENDS Tour	Vanderburgh	1
ANEW Luncheon	Vanderburgh	70
Aurora Staff Tour	Vanderburgh	2
Bethlehem U.C.C. Group	Vanderburgh	15
Branchville	Perry	90
Christian Life Center	Vanderburgh	4
Community Block Development Grant Presentation	Vanderburgh	30
Community Corrections	Vanderburgh	6
Crossroads Christian Church Women's Group	Vanderburgh	100
Domestic Violence Public Forum	Vanderburgh	65
F. C. Tucker United Way Kickoff	Vanderburgh	80
Fairlawn Elementary Honors Group	Vanderburgh	35
Goodwill Family Center Director Tour	Vanderburgh	2
HELP	Vanderburgh	25
Ivy Tech Nursing Department	Vanderburgh	104
Newburgh Presbyterian Congregation	Warrick	100
Oak Hill School	Vanderburgh	40
Owensboro Multidisciplinary Team Meeting	Daviess	15
St. Matthews Women's Group	Vanderburgh	12
SWI Law Enforcement Academy	Vanderburgh, Warrick Harrison	10
United Way Panel	Vanderburgh	5
University of Evansville Chi Omega Sorority	Vanderburgh	20

University of Evansville Health Management Class	Vanderburgh	16
USI Nursing Department	Vanderburgh	167
USI Social Work Students Tour	Vanderburgh	
Volunteers of America	Vanderburgh	157
WIKY Extortion Breakfast	Vanderburgh	Tri-State Area
YWCA DV Round Table Discussion	Vanderburgh	9

STAFF PARTICIPATES IN HEALTH FAIRS:

- Holly’s House Spring Fair
- Ivy Tech Spring/Fall Student Health Fairs (400 participants)
- United Fidelity Community Fair
- Vanderburgh County Department of Child Services Fair

STAFF DELIVERED AFBC PAMPHLETS AND INFORMATION:

Created Sexual Assault Brochure for Survivor’s with Disabilities for distribution
Created Sexual Harassment in the Workplace pamphlet for distribution
Deaconess Clinic
Deaconess Clinic Gateway
Deaconess Family Residency Clinic
Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil
ECHO Clinic
Harper Elementary School Walk-a-thon
Holly’s House
Information packets were created for various school counselors and social workers
Ivy Tech
Legal Aid
National Crime Victims’ Rights Week
Oakland City University
Southwestern Indiana behavioral Health Stockwell Center
Teen Dating Awareness Cards to various schools
The Hidden Factor Training
United Fidelity Community Fair
University of Evansville
Vanderburgh County Clerk’s Office
Vanderburgh County Prosecutor’s Office
Victim Assistance
Volunteers of America
YWCA

MEDIA/AWARENESS ACTIVITIES: Staff are involved in raising awareness through media campaigns and community events throughout the year.

WEBSITE – NEWSLETTER - FACEBOOK

- Sent out November / December Newsletter
- Updated Website with Christmas Wish List
- Updated Website with October Awareness Events (including the YWCA)
- Updated Facebook with October Awareness Events (including the YWCA)
- Sent out an events notice email alert
- Sent out Teen Dating Violence Newsletter
- Updated web on Teen Dating Violence and April Awareness Events
- Updated volunteer section on the website
- 31 days of stalking awareness posted on Face Book Page
- Created and sent Michael Gaines Newsletter
- Updated website about Rock the Runway and Dave Duell Memorial Outing
- Sent e-newsletter about Rock the Runway and Dave Duell Memorial Outing
- Prevention e-newsletter
- Created and sent out thanksgiving newsletter
- Created and send out Christmas newsletter

NEWSPAPER

- **Evansville Courier & Press**
 - Speak-Up Tri-State Website
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week
 - Castle Bill
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes – press brief before and article after walk
 - Take Back the Night – press brief before and article after walk
 - Flowers on the Lake article
- **University of Southern Indiana Shield (*Student Newspaper*)**
 - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Article

TELEVISION

- **FOX 7**
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation Ceremony
 - Human Trafficking Story interview
 - Domestic Awareness Month interview
- **WFIE 14**
 - Domestic Violence Deaths in Community

- Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Victims
 - Castle Bill
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation Ceremony
 - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes (3 different time slots)
 - Take Back the Night
- **WEHT 25**
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week
 - Walk a Mile in Her Shoes
 - Stalking Story interview about three local cases

RADIO

- **WIKY (104.1) FM**
 - Extortion Breakfast to promote "A Time of Celebration" Gala
 - National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation Ceremony
 - Candlelight Vigil
 - Take Back the Night
- **WJLT (105.3) FM**
 - April Awareness Events

PRESS RELEASES – Created/Distributed

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week
- Stalking Awareness Month
- 14th Annual Prevention Training featuring Dave Markel
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes March
- Take Back the Night March
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Promote Support Group for Princeton Daily Clarion and WRAY radio station in Gibson County
- Vanderburgh County Commission DCS Hotline Workshop

OTHER MEDIA

- Public Service Campaign (tv & radio) was created in conjunction with the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office. It began running in October and continues today.
- Speak Up Tri-State Website created
- Electronic Billboard displayed information during NCVRW (April 22 – 28). For every 24 hours period the billboards were viewed 3000 times
- Appeared in commercial for National Crime Victims' Rights Week (MediaMix)
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AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

• Teen Dating Violence Month (February)

- “Heart on Your Sleeve” campaign at (3) schools with 219 students signing the pledge.

• Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April)

- Take Back the Night – 15th annual march with 90 participants
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - 7th annual march with 380 participants
- “Day of Action” – Three colleges (USI, Ivy Tech and OCU) participated in the Human Awareness Teal Ribbon Event
- Ivy Tech Community – spoke to 29 students on sexual assault dynamics and sexual harassment.

• National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (April 22 – 28)

Extending the Vision...Reaching Every Victim

- Held proclamation kick-off ceremony followed by a balloon launch. Pizza and drinks were provided to participants (50 attending)
- NCVRW information table was displayed throughout the week at the Court’s building. Bags, pens, mouse pads, buttons and magnets were distributed along with information from victim service providers
- Electronic billboards displayed information throughout the week. In every 24 hour period the billboards were viewed 3000 times
- Technology Safety: What Parents Need to Know Workshop

• Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October)

- Mayor’s Proclamation at the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival along with bubbles released in front of AFBC’s food booth.
- Collaborated with Sigma Phi Alpha on an AFBC float for the Fall Festival parade.
- Awareness ribbons for Domestic Violence Month were created and passed out to Evansville Police Department, Vanderburgh County Sheriff’s Office, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor’s Office, Court House and Civic Center and throughout the community.
- Distributed “Heath Cares About Domestic Violence Day” packets to downtown Deaconess Clinic, Deaconess Clinic Gateway and general practitioner offices – letters written describing Do’s and Don’ts, Red Flags, AFBC services and information on screening for domestic violence patients, reached 25 doctors and their staff.
- Collaborated with UE Women’s Awareness Group on the 4rd Annual “Flowers on the Lake” – awareness event dedicated to victims and survivors.
- Assisted and attended cMoe Event – Defend Your Heart – Children’s Art Event.
- Media campaign in conjunction with the Vanderburgh Prosecutor’s Office began (psa’s on tv & radio; website created)

- **Candlelight Vigil Domestic Violence Awareness**
 - Organized vigil in response to the six domestic violence deaths in our community
 - All media outlets covered the story
 - Approximately 150 people attended
 - Participants wrote messages on paper leaves to victims/survivors to later be used in a Garden of Hope art project