

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES OF CUMBERLAND & PERRY COUNTIES

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016



MESSAGE

from the

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters:

The past year was one of change and transition for Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP). The agency experienced the departure of two directors and some staff and board turnover, always a difficult situation. We believe, however, that we have emerged stronger and with a clearer direction. We have created a new Strategic Plan, which will guide us through 2021. Primary goals focus on staff development and appreciation, a more standardized board orientation process, improvement and expansion of direct service to clients, long and short-term financial planning, and needed improvements to the shelter. What hasn't changed is the prevalence of domestic violence in our community and in our country. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, every 9 seconds in the United States a woman is assaulted or beaten. One in three women and one in four men have been physically abused by an intimate partner. And on a typical day, hotlines across the country receive 20,800 calls and domestic violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime. It is time we say "No More."

To that end, we have rebuilt our prevention/education efforts and re-established our presence in Cumberland and Perry County schools. Our Public Education Coordinator has facilitated 106 school presentations since last November, reaching 3,994 students. Much of her work has focused on safe relationships for teens. Statistics on violence in teen dating remain high, so this effort is much needed. In addition, she has reached over 805 community members, increasing their knowledge about the dynamics of domestic violence and how we can work better together to give support to survivors.

DVSCP remains strong and healthy financially. We received an unqualified audit from Boyer & Ritter LLC and have maintained a three-month operating reserve, which is a best practice in the nonprofit world. The Board of Directors hosted a very successful Gala, an important component of the organization's fundraising efforts.

Most importantly, we continued to help victims of domestic violence with the compassion and support they need to rebuild their lives. In the past year, we served 1,014 men, women, and children through our shelter, 24 Hour Hotline, and counseling and advocacy efforts. We sheltered 120 adults and 143 children for a total of 4,853 shelter days. Our staff also filed 204 Protection from Abuse orders in Cumberland County and 70 in Perry County and served 47 men through AMEND, a batterers' intervention program.

All of our efforts are centered around a belief that eventually we will live in a world where violence against women is not pervasive. In the meantime, we will not stop advocating, educating, and delivering compassionate services.

Dan Piscioneri, Board President



Barbara Kohutiak, Interim Executive Director



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SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Emergency Shelter

DVSCP provides a 24-hour emergency shelter that is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The shelter is a safe home for those in immediate danger, and is equipped with a commercial-grade kitchen, 12 resident rooms, 4 shared bathrooms, a shared common room and dining room, a children's playroom, and community laundry facilities. From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, DVSCP sheltered 120 adults and 143 kids, for a total of 4,853 shelter days.

Traditionally, the shelter has a 30-day residency limit; however, we are guided by the needs of our clients, and work with them to create long-term family safety and self-sufficiency plans. We also assist clients in locating housing, and help them access social service programs. DVSCP staff provides referrals to other community and social-service agencies, as needed.

Counseling & Advocacy

24-Hour Hotline

DVSCP is staffed 24/7/365 to facilitate the initiation of DVSCP services. During the course of a hotline phone call, a trained staff member or volunteer assess the caller's needs and suggest appropriate services. Staff also provide crisis counseling and/or safety planning to ensure the caller is safe. If the caller needs shelter, the shelter admittance process is initiated. Typically, the hotline is the first contact that DVSCP has with a victim of domestic violence. From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, DVSCP received 946 hotline calls.

Counseling

DVSCP staff provides empowerment counseling for men, women and children who have been impacted by domestic violence. Counselors focus on minimizing the stress of domestic violence, providing emotional support and improving the individual's coping strategies in the client's immediate situation. During the course of crisis counseling, staff assess client needs, provide safety planning, offer support and education, and determine potential referrals for the client. From July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, DVSCP provided 3,446 hours of counseling to clients.

PFA's

DVSCP provides advocacy and accompaniment within the court system by assisting victims of abuse in completing a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA). DVSCP Counselor/Advocates assist with scheduling appointments with attorneys, completing PFA paperwork, attending various PFA court proceedings, and advocating for clients throughout the civil proceeding in PFA court. DVSCP also works with the victims to obtain defiant trespass letters with the attorneys. In the last fiscal year, DVSCP assisted with 204 PFA's in Cumberland County and 70 PFA's in Perry County.

Children's Programs

Children's counseling is offered to children impacted by domestic violence or teen dating violence. Children's counseling is used as a tool to empower children, provide intervention, create safety plans, and identify needs. When necessary, children/teens are referred to mental health providers and early intervention services. Children who reside in the emergency shelter can participate in children's group programs, such as evening craft circles.

Public Education & Outreach

Over the past fiscal year, the Public Education department has focused on expanding efforts in prevention education and community outreach. From November 2015 to May 2016, we conducted 106 prevention programs in local middle schools, high schools, and colleges throughout Cumberland and Perry Counties.

Students were evaluated before and after programming to measure learning outcomes. Of the students evaluated, 71% were found to have an increase in ability to identify abusive relationship dynamics. Our prevention efforts continue to expand, and currently we are moving to multi-session primary prevention modalities. This model will allow students to have more

time dedicated to learning about healthy relationships and preventing violence in a trauma-informed inclusive environment.

During the last fiscal year, our public education department was able to provide community outreach through various training and awareness programs to local hospitals, businesses, organizations, and fairs. We conducted 54 community trainings and events from October 2015 to June 2016. Prevention education and community outreach are vital in the agency's fight to end violence and empower survivors. Looking into the next fiscal year, we hope to continue expanding efforts and providing outreach and resources to more individuals.

AMEND Program

Founded in 2008, AMEND is a 26 session group program for men who are violent and abusive in their close relationships. AMEND is based on the Duluth curriculum, *Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter*. It uses a psychoeducational approach to challenge underlying beliefs about violence and women that typically sustain violence and abuse.

In the spring of 2015, a graduate class in the Social Work Department at Shippensburg University conducted an evaluation of AMEND. The results show with a 95%

certainty that participation in AMEND affects changes in attitudes and beliefs of the program enrollees.

Since 2008, AMEND staff have repeatedly reached out to potential referral sources within the community. As a result, the program has grown and developed a reputation for quality work. In the spring of 2016, AMEND was approached by Franklin County to offer the AMEND program in Franklin County. A new group was formed and sessions began in June 2016. AMEND is self-sustaining as men pay on a sliding fee to attend.

STATISTICS *and* FUNDING AFFILIATIONS

Service Statistics

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Counseling & Advocacy

Hotline Calls Answered: 946

Clients Served: 1,014

Clients Sheltered: 263

Legal Advocacy - PFA's: 274

Individual, Group & Child Counseling Hours:
3,446

Referrals Provided for Medical, Housing &
Employment: 312

Prevention Education Programs

Schools: 106

Community: 29

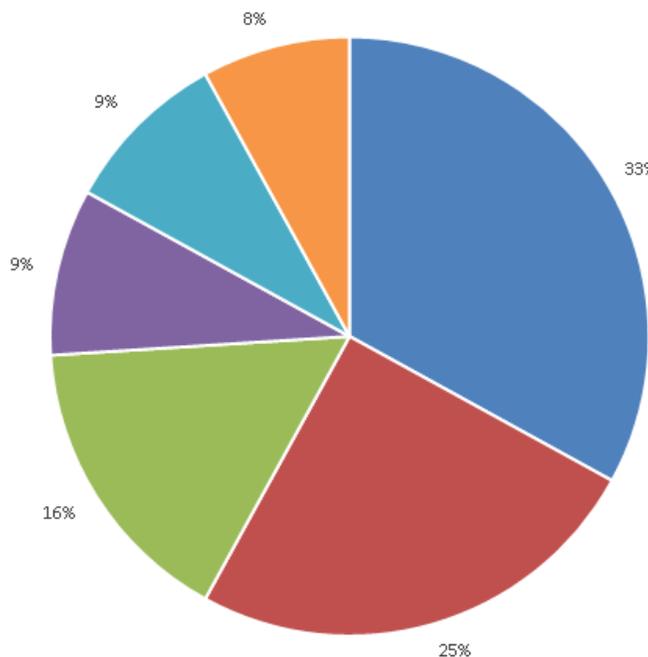
Other Events: 25

Volunteer Hours

On Call: 5,519

Public Education: 17

Funding Sources



■ PCADV ■ PCCD ■ United Way ■ Foundations and grants ■ Donations ■ Fundraising

THANK YOU

Through the incredible generosity of this community, DVSCP has been able to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence with skill and compassion. From a variety of sources - individual gifts, corporate giving, fundraisers, communities of faith, clubs, and foundations - the organization has made maximum use of community caring and support to better accommodate the needs of those we serve. The Board of Directors and Staff thank everyone who has made a contribution to this agency in the past year. Our work would not be possible without you.

Key Funders

Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence	\$285,397
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency VOCA Grant	\$173,400
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency STOP Grant	\$30,000
United Way of the Capital Region	\$70,689
United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County	\$30,000
United Way of the Shippensburg Area	\$6,700
Alexander Stewart MD Foundation	\$12,000
Lawrence & Julia Hoverter Foundation	\$7,000
Leo & Betty Balzereit Foundation	\$7,000
CommunityAID Foundation	\$5,000

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties engages Boyer & Ritter, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, to perform an audit of the financial statements at the end of each fiscal year. A full financial report is available upon request.

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