

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Greater Omaha 1999 Year End Report

The definition of **domestic violence** adopted by the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Greater Omaha and used by the Omaha Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Douglas County Attorney's Office, and the Nebraska State Probation Department, is defined by the crimes and/or threats of crime within specific relationships. Said relationships may include spouses and/or former spouses, persons cohabiting or who have formerly co-habitated, past/present dating relationships, sexual or intimate partners, persons who share a child in common, and may include gay and lesbian relationships.

The **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC)** began working as a collaborative force in March 1996. The Council is comprised of 50 community leaders that includes: law enforcement, prosecution, probation, legal aid, private bar, public defender, abuse survivors, victim and batterer service providers, mayor's office, local and state elected officials, as well as representatives from the religious, business, academic and medical communities.

1999 Douglas County Domestic Violence Accomplishments

DVCC facilitated domestic violence education and trainings for over 2,000 physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals.

DVCC Medical Project facilitated four comprehensive "Train the Trainer" courses for medical professionals to become medical trainers.

DVCC developed Batterer Intervention Program (BIP) Standards, Appendices, Accreditation Manual, and a Preferred Provider List to assist Douglas County District and County Court judges with court ordered referrals for domestic violence offenders.

DVCC facilitated a domestic violence education and informational mailing to 650 clergy persons.

DVCC provided domestic violence employment education and training to over 3,800 local employees/employers.

DVCC in conjunction with Y.W.C.A., Family Service, Catholic Charities, Sarpy and Cass County Domestic Violence Response Teams hosted the Fourth Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil.

DVCC hosted its second annual "Work to End Domestic Violence" conference and workshops that was attended by representatives from over 150 area employers.

DVCC created a domestic violence education Awareness Video with actual Omaha 911 calls and victim photographs.

DVCC and the City of Omaha provided funding dollars to three area domestic violence providers to reach under-served minority populations that included: TEAM Inc. (African American teenage women), Family Passages (youth area in transitional housing), Creighton University (Sudanese women and men).

Since its beginning, the DVCC has (in conjunction with City of Omaha) has secured over \$2,650,000.00 in funding for area domestic violence related services.

1999 Omaha Statistics

- ◆ 1997 US Census Bureau data estimates the population of Douglas County at 442,266. (City of Omaha: 367,390 with future annexation adding another 15,000 by end of 2000).
- ◆ Omaha is comprised of 51.8% women and 48.2% male.
- ◆ Average educational level – 88% finished high school and 21% finished college.
- ◆ Omaha’s self-reported population is 74.6% Caucasian, 14.2 % African American, .6.1% Latino, 1.5 % Asian, .8% Native American, and 2.8% “other”
- ◆ Seventy-nine percent (79%) of Nebraska’s African American, 33% Asian-Pacific Islander, and 20% of Latino populations reside in Omaha.

1999 Domestic Violence Related Statistics in Douglas County

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| 1. | Number of domestic violence related murders in Douglas County: (5 adults and 2 children) | 7 |
| 2. | Total number to Hotline calls to the Douglas County domestic violence shelters: YWCA and Catholic Charities: | 13,582 |
| 3. | Number of women and children sheltered at Catholic Charities: | 282 |
| 4. | Total number of 911 calls received in Douglas County/Omaha: | 372,283 |
| 5. | Number of domestic violence 911 calls referred to Omaha Police Department: | 9,271 |
| 6. | Number of domestic violence cases investigated by OPD/Dom. Viol. Investigation Squad: | 4,800 |
| 7. | Number of civil domestic violence protection orders filed: | 1,944 |
| 8. | Total number of DV crime victims assisted by Omaha/Do. Co. Victim Witness Unit: | 3,002 |
| 9. | Number of cases filed by the Douglas County Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit: | 2,866 |
| 10. | Number of domestic violence guilty pleas: | 1,833 |
| 11. | Number of misdemeanor domestic violence trials held: | 92 |
| 12. | Monthly average of new domestic violence offenders placed on probation: | 47 |
| 13. | Number of court ordered domestic violence pre-sentence investigations. | 206 |