

DVCC

**Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
of Greater Omaha**

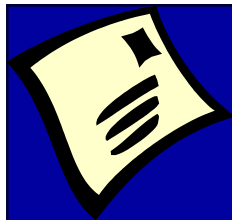
2001 Annual Report

**THERE'S NO EXCUSE
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Letter from DVCC Chair

As DVCC Chair for 2001, I followed in the footsteps of some remarkable community leaders. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have worked for such a worthwhile organization that is committed to ending a serious community problem. I appreciated working with so many hard-working and dedicated people.

I worked closely with the Executive Committee, eleven committee chairs, and Council staff to help realize the Council's Mission.



The accomplishments of the DVCC are many and the momentum is strong. While not always

easy, I am confident that we met our goals and objectives with success.

I became interested in domestic violence as an Emergency Department staff nurse in the early 1990's. This led to research on

injury patterns and incidence of domestic violence among women seen in the Emergency Department.

Our community has made significant progress since those lonely days of data collection. Now, our city has so many hard-working people who share a common desire to eliminate domestic violence. It is no longer only a family problem, a police problem, or an ER problem...it is our community's problem.

It has been an honor to serve this group.

DVCC at a Glance

DVCC Mission Statement

Pull domestic violence
"Out of the Shadows,"
Unite the Community
against it, and
Stop the Violence

DVCC Goals and Objectives

- Facilitate the cooperation and coordination between agencies, departments and the court system dealing with domestic violence;
- Promote effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques for those with working with DV victims and offenders;
- Raise awareness and improve the community's response to domestic violence



TAKE ACTION!

- ◆ 'Dangerous Scale' template developed by independent research firm in conjunction with Evaluation Committee members for use in ongoing DV case reviews.
- ◆ Area DV victim advocates and Child Protective Service advocates collaborated on implementation of local protocols and policies.
- ◆ Medical DV physician guide, medical facility tent cards, and healthcare system resource posters developed and

- disseminated to area facilities.
- ◆ DV Healthcare Program and its 133 medical volunteers have trained 17,290 healthcare providers to date.
- ◆ Council votes to implement DVCC Court Watch Program .
- ◆ Court Watch Program Director added to DVCC staff.
- ◆ Douglas County Batterer Intervention Program/Provider Standards

Accomplishments of the DVCC

- and Accreditation process developed certifying five area programs.
- ◆ 'BIP Bench Guide' created for County and District Courts to refer DV offenders to accredited batterer intervention programs.
- ◆ DV awareness and educational conferences provided to area businesses, faith providers, fire fighters, city/county, and mental health workers at no cost.

DVCC Court Watch

The DVCC Court Watch program began in October 2001 and was modeled after successful and proven programs across the country. The Mission of the Court Watch is to make the Douglas County justice system more effective and responsive in handling cases of domestic violence and create a more informed and involved public.

Court Watch recognizes that a truly effective justice system plays a pivotal role in ending the cycle

of domestic violence.

By providing a public presence in our courtrooms, analyzing data, developing reports of findings and proposing practical solutions, the DVCC Court Watch program strives to increase offender accountability and enhance victim safety and confidence in the system.

Volunteer Court Monitors who have completed our application and training process, monitor do-

domestic violence cases in Douglas County, Nebraska. Reported observations are tracked and shared with justice system officials, for the purpose of revising policies and procedures.



DVCC COURT WATCH

DVCC Domestic Violence Healthcare Project

The DVCC Healthcare Project had a very successful year with many accomplishments in 2001. With two additional "Train-the-Trainer" Courses, the project now have 133 dedicated trainers within the area healthcare systems. The project delivered DV education to over 6,000 individuals. Since 1999, the cumulative total of individuals receiving domestic violence education has grown to 17, 290.

Under the direction and guid-

ance of Michael Levine MD, Medical Committee Chair, three subcommittee are actively involved in various, ongoing medical projects. These projects include a statewide survey for future research and the development of a specialized curriculum for medical, nursing and allied health students.

Accomplishments include the development of a Physician's Guide Pocket Card, a Clinic Office Tent

Card and an extensive resource library. Over 1,000 Health Care Provider posters with community agency numbers on tear-off sheets were distributed throughout area hospitals, clinics, mental health fa-

Over 17,000 area Healthcare Providers have received Specialized Domestic Violence Education and Training

DVCC 2001 Operating Revenue and Expenses*

2001 REVENUE _____	2001 EXPENSES _____	Administrative Costs	29,447
Federal Grants	205,028	Professional Fees	26,070
City/County Grants	75,832	Lease/Utilities	16,756
Grants/Foundations	164,975	Public Education/Awareness	<u>26,160</u>
Donations	49,602	Total General & Operating	246,791
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,660	Total Pass Through	173,447
Interest	<u>5,466</u>	General & Operating	
TOTAL REVENUE	507,563	Personnel Expenses	138,165
		Insurance	10,193
		TOTAL EXPENSES	420,238
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			*Unaudited

Criminal Justice & Domestic Violence in Omaha/Douglas County

City of Omaha/County of Douglas are proud of the following:

Omaha Police Department: DVIS
DV Investigation Squad (1 Sergeant, 4 Detectives, 1 Support)

Douglas Cty Attorney's Office: DVPU
DV Prosecution Unit (4 Misdemeanor Attys., 2 Felony Attys., 2 Liaisons, 1 Support)

NE State Probation Dept: DVProbU
DV Probation Unit (7 Officers, 1 Supervising, 2 Victim Specialists, 1 Support)

YWCA-Violence Against Women:
(22 FTE/PTE DV Advocates)

Catholic Charities: DV Services
(14 FTE/PTE DV Advocates)

Crime Victim Assistance Unit: CVA
(6 DV Advocates, 3 Supervising, 1 Support)

Five Accredited Batterer Intervention Programs: BIP
(Catholic Charities, Family Service, Life Skills of NE, Spence Counseling, YWCA)

Douglas County Sheriff: DCS
(1 FTE DV Process Server, .5 PTE DV 911 Tech)

DVCC DV Medical Trainers: DVCC
(133 DV Trainers)

2001 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED STATISTICS DOUGLAS COUNTY, NE

(note: this ONLY reflects Douglas County DV numbers)

Total homicides in Douglas County	27
Number of DV related murders	3
Total number of DV hotline calls (YWCA and Catholic Charities)	11,942
Women and children sheltered (Catholic Charities)	267
Total 911 calls for service	443,466
Total DV 911 calls	10,184
Civil DV protection orders filed	3,384
YWCA assisted protection orders	686
DV cases investigated by DVIS	5,396
Total number of DV arrests	1,598

DV crime victims assisted by Omaha/Dgls Cty Victim Witness	4,490
DV cases reviewed by DVPU	2,569
DV cases filed by DVPU	2,059
Number of DV guilty pleas	1,554
Number of DV trials held	70
Total DV cases closed	2,101
Conviction rate for DV cases	80%
DV offenders sentenced to probation	572
No. requests for prob. revocation	541
Court-ordered DV pre-sentence investigations	218
No. of DV offenders ordered to BIP	284
DVProbU victim specialist contacts	1,490

Remember My Name

Domestic Violence Murders.....One is One Too Many....

OMAHA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES

1997-Current

DAY	VICTIM	OFFENDER	HOW								
11-Feb-97	Heck, Gerald	Ratzsch, Mary Ann	Gun	09-Nov-98	Cox, Kimberly	Kratchovil, Kenneth	Gun	29-Jun-01	Gaines, Joseph	Gaines, Rochelle	Knife
03-Apr-97	Byrd, Annie	Bryd, Michael	Strangled	08-Jun-99	Hernandez, Anna	Hernandez, Rosendo	Gun	19-Nov-01	Ades, Melinda K.	Flores, Juan	Knife
22-Apr-97	Schon, Frances	Schon, Dennis (Suicide)	Gun	15-Aug-99	Byars, Garyanna	Relford, Charles	Gun				
23-Jul-97	Alexander, Tammara	Alexander, Terry	Knife	16-Aug-99	Ross, Kimberly	McDermott, James	Beaten				*Denotes child under 13 years of age
12-Aug-97	Elliott, Harry	Elliot, Gertude	Gun	17-Oct-99	Johnson, Shameka	Lott, Andre	Gun				
02-Sept-97	Estes-Torres, Marcella	McLemore, Mike	Knife	29-Nov-99	Huffman, Victoria	Blair, Michael	Knife				Other Area
11-Sept-97	Brown, Ray	Plunkett, Tracie	Knife	29-Nov-99	Huffman, Joshua*	Blair, Michael	Knife				Domestic Violence Murders Include:
24-Aug-98	Ledwith, Susan	Ausdmore, Leonard	Gun	29-Nov-99	Huffman, Matthew*	Blair, Michael	Knife	03-Feb-97	Kirkpatrick, Marguerite	Kirkpatrick, Rob	Beaten
06-Sept-98	Peralta, Deborah	Canbaz, Necdet	Gun	28-Jun-00	Granhholm, Crystal	Jensen, Justin (Suicide)	Gun	31-May-97	Seburger, Deborah	Relford, Charles	Fire
07-Sept-98	Dalton, Shannon	Dalton, John	Gun	28-Jun-00	Jensen, Austin*	Jensen, Justin (Suicide)	Gun	19-Feb-98	Trenkle, Linda	Bird, Rick	Gun
26-Sept-98	Sherman, John	Price, Susan	Knife	28-Jun-00	Jensen, Christian*	Jensen, Justin (Suicide)	Gun	08-May-01	McIntosh, Carol Ann	McIntosh, Jason	Strangled
21-Oct-98	Ely, David	Ely, Denise	Knife	17-Nov-00	Chandler, Tamara*	Gales, Arthur Lee	Beaten	02-Feb-02	Rowe, Jodi	Nuzum, Marty	Knife
				17-Nov-00	Chandler, Lataara*	Gales, Arthur Lee	Beaten				
				25-Jan-01	Haynie, Dana	Crittenden, Pamela	Knife				
				13-Mar-01	Jones, Gail	Jones, Richard (Suicide)	Gun				

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been left off inadvertently.
Please accept our apology.

WHO IS THE DVCC

The DVCC began working as a collaborative force in 1996. The DVCC is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation comprised of 50 community leaders from all disciplines. The governing group is a four person Executive Committee. According to DVCC Articles and Bylaws, Council membership shall not be less than ten or more than fifty persons. All DVCC members are Directors and are chosen based on the position they hold, the expertise they obtain, or both. DVCC Membership terms run for three-years or the duration of the position held.

2001 DVCC Executive Committee:

Chair: Patricia Lenaghan
 Vice Chair: Don Carey
 Treasurer: Frank Goodroe
 Secretary: Mary Ann Borgeson

Committees of the DVCC:

Social Human Service: Dianne S. Lozier
Medical: Dr. Michael Levine
Public Awareness: Cyndy Peacock
Law Enforcement: Capt. Don Thorson
Membership: Mary Larsen
Clergy: Rev. Tom Thompson
 Rev. Dan Johnston
Evaluation: Anne Hindery Camp
Legislation: Mary Anne Borgeson
 Trish Freeman
Employment: Casey Wolfe-Ferguson

In the DVCC Office

Executive Director: Joan L. Skogstrom, JD
 Medical Director: Sue Michalski, RN
 Court Watch Director: Tracy Grinstead-Everly, JD
 Public Awareness: Joyce Bunger
 Administrative Asst: Michelle Ham

2001 DVCC Membership

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Omaha Chief of Police: Chief Donald Carey
 Douglas County Sheriff: Sheriff Tim Dunning/Lt. Pat Mason
 Douglas County Attorney: County Attorney Jim Jansen
 City Attorney: City Attorney Marty Conboy
 NE Chief Probation Officer: Chief Deb Minardi
 US Attorney's Office: Tom Monaghan/Anne H. Camp
 Douglas County Public Defender: Open

JUDICIARY

District Court Representative: Frank Goodroe
 County Court Representative: Margaret Jurgensen
 Juvenile Court Representative: James Fahy

MEDICAL COMMUNITY

Medical Society Exec. Director: Robin Kammandel
 Medical Society President: Bill Bruns, MD
 Nursing Representative: Pat Lenaghan, RN
 Physician Representative: Michael Levine, MD

Physician Representative
 Academic Medical Rep.

GOVERNMENT

City of Omaha Mayor
 Nebraska State Legislator
 Douglas Cty Commissioner
 Omaha City Council Member
 Dept. of HHS (Eastern)
 Douglas Cty Health Depart. Dir.

LEGAL COMMUNITY

Legal Aid Society Exec. Director
 Omaha Bar Association President

CLERGY

Faith Community Rep.
 Omaha Archdiocese
 Interdenom. Ministerial Alliance
 Omaha Rabbinical Council

BUSINESS

Omaha Chamber of Com. Rep.
 Greater Omaha Business Rep.
 Health Insurance Industry Rep.

FOUNDATIONS

United Way Representative
 Foundation Representative

EDUCATION

K-12 Representative
 Post Secondary Education Rep.
 Academic Educator

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Victim Service Provider
 Victim Service Provider
 Victim Service Provider
 Batterer Service Provider
 Omaha/Douglas Cty Crime Victim
 Witness Assistance Unit

SURVIVOR

Survivor
 Survivor

AT LARGE

Dick Fellman, JD
 Ken Weiner, JD
 Gayla Chambers
 Mary Larsen

The following joined the DVCC mid-year 2001:

Medical Society President: Michelle Knolla, MD
 Omaha Bar Assoc. President: Michael Mullin, JD
 City of Omaha Mayor: Mayor Michael Fahey
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