

## **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Greater Omaha 2000 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.

### **2000 Douglas County Domestic Violence Accomplishments**

DVCC facilitated domestic violence education and trainings for over 12,500 physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals. DVCC Medical Committee created three new subcommittees to further the efforts of the larger group. The (3) additional committees are Coding, Medical Public Awareness, and Curriculum.

DVCC facilitated domestic violence education and trainings for over 6,500 employees, employers, and managers. DVCC hosted its third annual "Work to End Domestic Violence" conference and workshops that was attended by representatives from over 230 area employers and released its first "Take Action!!" newsletter for employers and employees. The newsletter is distributed to approximately 450 local employers.

DVCC facilitated a domestic violence education and informational mailing to 650 clergy persons and conducted a "Train the Trainers" workshop for the Omaha faith community.

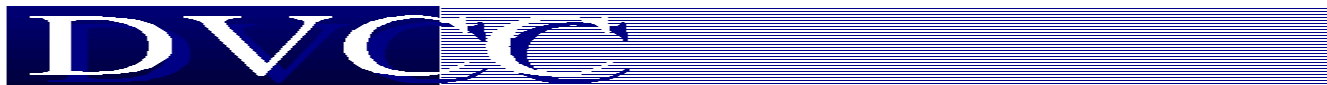
DVCC in conjunction with Y.W.C.A., Family Service, Catholic Charities, Sarpy and Cass County Domestic Violence Response Teams hosted the Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Candlelight Vigil.

DVCC, in collaboration with the US Attorneys Office created an Evaluation Committee. Review of high risk/serious injury, homicide, and murder/suicide cases studies and data driven interventions will be targeted.

Since its beginning, the DVCC has (in conjunction with City of Omaha) has helped secure over \$7million in funding for area domestic violence related services.

### **2000 Greater 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.

## 2000 Domestic Violence Related Statistics in Douglas County

1. Number of domestic violence related murders in Douglas County: <b>(5 adults and 2 children)</b>	7
2. Total number to Hotline calls to the Douglas County domestic violence programs: (YWCA and Catholic Charities)	14,433
3. Number of women and children sheltered at Catholic Charities:	276
4. Total number of 911 calls received in Douglas County/Omaha:	10,112
5. Number of domestic violence cases investigated by OPD/Dom. Viol. Investigation Squad:	5,184
6. Number of civil domestic violence protection orders filed:	3,198
7. Total number of DV crime victims assisted by Omaha/Do. Co. Victim Witness Unit:	5,619
10. Number of cases filed by the Douglas County Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit:	2,335
11. Number of domestic violence guilty pleas:	2,031
12. Number of misdemeanor domestic violence trials held:	63
13. Average annual number domestic violence offenders on probation at any one time:	904
13. Number of court ordered domestic violence pre-sentence investigations.	221