

THE SAFETY NET

Spring/Summer 2009 Newsletter

Domestic Violence Services Network engages and supports communities to end domestic violence

Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN)

A collaboration among the Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, Stow, and Wayland Police Departments, Hanscom Air Force Base, the Concord District Court, community volunteers, and Domestic Violence Services' Network Board of Directors

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DVVAP):

DVVAP Advocates are carefully trained to support clients in identifying their own pace for change and in finding appropriate interventions that meet the needs of their specific situation and level of danger.

COURT SUPPORT PROGRAM (CSP):

Court Advocates help orient clients, answer clients' questions about procedures and court personnel, decipher unfamiliar and seemingly mystifying behaviors, and offer non-judgmental support and encouragement.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM (EOP):

The NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S LIVES, established in 1992, joined **Domestic Violence Services Network** in 2008 as DVSN's Education and Outreach Program. This program raises awareness about domestic violence in our communities through violence prevention education and outreach activities.

For Information call 978-318-3421
PO Box 1556, Concord MA 01742
www.networkforwomenslives.org
www.dvvap.org (redesign in process)

DVSN Help Line:
888-399-6111
(toll free)

Domestic Violence Services Network Celebrates Ten Years of Service

HOPE AWAKENS

You are invited to the Tenth Anniversary Celebration on March 28th, 2009, at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington from 6:30-9:30 pm with hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, musical entertainment, and a silent auction--honoring Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone, Police Chiefs from our Partner towns, and DVSN Advocates with 10 years of service.

Tickets are \$50. Please send a check payable to DVSN, P.O. Box 1556, Concord, MA 01742. For more information, call 978-318-3421.

Volunteer Advocacy Training Programs

Spring Training: In Session March 2-21, 2009

Volunteers complete 36 hours of training at the Concord Police Department to provide direct service to domestic violence survivors through phone and at the Concord District Court. DVSN also works in the community and the schools through its outreach and education programs.

Fall Training: Dates to be Determined

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Women's Empowerment

Joan Rubin-Deutsch is conducting a Five-Week skill-building workshop for women to help develop practical skills and tools to build resilience and self esteem.

Beginning April 6,
Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm
For more information, call 978-318-3421

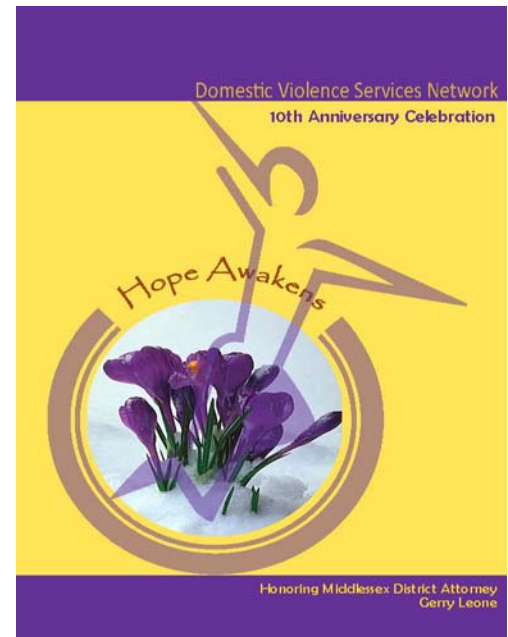
Session 1: Identifying your needs, Pinpointing limiting thoughts

Session 2: Managing anxiety and stress, Countering your limiting thoughts and beliefs

Session 3: Building trust, Identifying trust issues

Session 4: Developing your voice, Opening to intuition
Taking back power

Session 5: Creating your empowered life, Achieving self-acceptance, Envisioning and creating an empowered life



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2009 INTERFAITH CLERGY SYMPOSIUM

Faith & Safety: Building Skills & Protocols for a Community Coordinated Response

Wednesday May 6,
8:00 am-1:00 pm
Venue to be Determined

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Anne Marie Hunter, Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? All clergy who are committed to developing a coordinated community response to help victims of domestic abuse within their faith communities are invited to attend. Please encourage clergy, pastoral staff, youth ministers, pastoral associates, directors of religious education, lay leadership, and advocates from our local communities to attend this symposium.

Detailed information will be forthcoming in April 2009. Please call 978-318-3421 with questions.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Funded by the Violence Against Women Act: GRANT TO ENCOURAGE ARREST, DVSN will conduct A South Asian Cultural Awareness Training for 150 police officers from our ten partner towns in May 2009.



DVSN recently received a Federal STOP GRANT to conduct a (CRA) Community Readiness Assessment to determine the viability of building a high-risk response team in the Concord Community.



DVSN is currently conducting a Strategic Planning process to better focus our resources toward developing more effective violence prevention education in our communities and with school-aged children and their families.



Grants from Acton-Boxborough United Way, Concord-Carlisle Community Chest, Stow Community Chest, Maynard Community Chest and private donations from individuals, faith communities, and local organizations provide additional funding for DVSN programs.



DVSN collaborates with ten police departments to service residents in those jurisdictions and other clients in over 90 communities in Massachusetts and New England

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PAST ACTIVITIES

DVSN's Candle-Light Vigil

DVSN sponsored its annual candle-light vigil at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Wayland on Tuesday, October 28, 2009 to commemorate the 86 individuals who lost their lives to domestic violence in Massachusetts since January 2007. This is the highest fatality rate in 15 years. Detective Ruth Backman of the Wayland Police Department spoke about domestic violence in our suburban communities, and a domestic violence survivor shared her story during the vigil. Congress has designated October as the National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We hope you can join us at our next Vigil in October 2009.



Eve Ensler's A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer

MMRP is a groundbreaking collection of monologues by world renowned authors and playwrights, edited by Eve Ensler and Molly Doyle

This V-Day 2009 Campaign Event to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls benefited the Domestic Violence Services Network and Women and Girls of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Performed March 7 & 8, 2009



Shower for Shelters

In June 2008, DVSN participated in the Sudbury/Lincoln/Wayland (S-W-L) DV Roundtable's annual virtual Shower for Shelters. Each Spring, in collaboration with S-W-L Domestic Violence Round Table, DVSN helps to collect much-needed items for families who have fled from abuse and are starting new lives. Most of these families have only the clothes on their backs and a few other possessions they could carry. The *Shower for Shelters* is an effort to help these families establish new lives free of abuse. Please call 978-318-3421 for more information.

Your generous contribution helps support our program. Please consider making a deductible contribution today!

Checks can be made payable to DVSN.

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