• Network Programs received and responded to 14,964 hotline crisis calls.
• 7,659 children and youth were identified as having been exposed to domestic violence in their homes. 194 children were sheltered in Network Program shelters or safehomes; 903 children received services in addition to shelter, and 163 children and youth under the age of 18 were victims of sexual violence.
• 119 Vermonters over the age of 60 received services from Network Programs, as well as 578 Vermonters with physical or emotional disabilities.
• The Programs’ prevention-education work throughout the state reached 15,389 kindergarten thru high school youth, and 8,853 college students.

Vermont Network 2005 Financial Statement

INCOME:
Federal grants .......................... $1,743,829
State allocations .......................... $45,119
Other .................................. $1,127

TOTAL .................................. $1,788,075

A/R .................................. $37,045

TOTAL INCOME ......................... $1,825,120

EXPENSES:
Passthrough to NW Programs ...... $1,015,568
Outreach/Training/Education ......... $74,064
Consultants & Sub-Grants .......... $15,471
Salaries & Benefits .................. $401,220
Operations ............................. $1,127

TOTAL EXPENSES .................. $1,693,974
Balance .................................. $27,972

Average Budgets from Federal
Grants/Allocations $93,973

Adults and Children Served By Member Programs 2005

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Greetings from the Board of Directors

The restructuring work that has engaged the Board for several years led this year to a consensus to adopt Board Policy Governance as a model for the Board’s work. The Board planned for and participated in extensive training in governance, followed through with policy revision, and made a commitment to continued Board development.

The Board of Directors also worked, along with the human resources of the Network Office staff, to help a Member Program that had identified a need for a thorough assessment of its viability. Together we provided leadership, guidance, and assistance to that Program, which ultimately led to its reorganization and progress into a newly strong and effective local Program.

The Vermont Network continues to support the work of the Network Office staff, whose hard work expands across the state, operating at the State level in areas that are important to the mission of the Network. In addition, their support of local Member Programs has been invaluable.

Throughout all this change, the Network Board of Directors has maintained a unity of purpose while pursuing the diversity and autonomy of local Member Programs.

Supporting The Network Programs

The Network Office plays a key role in fostering the interchange of information, ideas and expertise within and to the Program staff, task forces and work groups, convening advocates to talk about their work, and share experiences and resources.

The Network Office also serves as a channel for the flow of information and resources at the state and national level. While the Programs inform the state on domestic and sexual violence issues through their connection to the Network Office, the Network Office analyzes and synthesizes information, trends and resources from the larger world, making them available for Programs’ use and ensuring that Programs are updated on the larger context in which they do their work.

Taking Care of Our Young People

• The Children’s Youth Subcommittee of the statewide Governor’s Council on Domestic Violence began work with a committed group of Children’s Mental Health Professionals and Advocates to compile and create tools to utilize when working with youth exposed to battering.

• The Youth Advocacy Task Force (YATF) focused primarily on producing informed responses to bullying, evidenced based prevention programming, gender, and youth involvement.

Advances In Court Advocacy

• The Court Advocates’ Task Force (CATF) completed a court survey within the counties in which information on relief from abuse order hearings was collected. Results from this effort will be forthcoming.

• The Network continues to develop its resource list of Expert Witnesses, professionals in the state who are available to testify about the experience of survivors of sexual and domestic violence. A relevant training is being developed for these and other interested individuals.

The Health Care Initiative

The Vermont Curriculum on Intimate Partner Violence for Health Care Professionals, published in a joint collaboration in 2004, is now available for $2000 edition and is 15% CD. The Network continues to provide training and technical assistance to health care providers throughout the state using the Curriculum.

Addressing Economic Justice

Funding from the Alfa Foundation has opened the way for the Network to collaborate with the Council on Domestic Violence, the Center for Crime Victim Services, and the state Agency of Humanities (AHS) to implement a public policy and direct service advocacy initiative with AHS. The AHS Task Force has been strategizing about the design and implementation of a comprehensive (coordinated) approach to domestic violence within all of AHS. The work has culminated in a thorough report of recommendations and Action Steps to the Agency Secretary.

Sexual Violence Awareness

• On Honor Survivors Day, an annual April event, 3,000 red flags were placed on the statehouse lawn to reflect the number of individuals sexually victimized in Vermont in 2004.

• Public Service Announcements addressing the myths of sexual violence were created and distributed to radio stations across the state.


• In a collaboration with the Vermont Dept. of Health and the Vermont Dept. of Justice, Prerogative Drug posters were distributed to all Vermont establishments that hold a liquor license.

• The 8th annual survivors’ conference Finding Our Voices provided a safe place for victims of sexual violence to find empowerment and healing.

Domestic Violence Awareness

A series of articles was published in local and state newspapers throughout October, including such topics as:

• battered immigrant women’s access to basic human rights

• men’s access to working in the movement to end violence against women

• battered mothers’ access to safe child custody hearings

• youths’ access to peer support around bullying and teen dating violence

• domestic violence survivors’ access to affordable, safe housing

• access to safety for survivors of domestic violence who defy traditional gender definitions

Technical Assistance

Training provided by the Network Office to our Member Programs and allies, and training created in collaboration with our allies for the broader public in 2005:

• Basic Advocacy Trainings for Network Advocates

• From Mayor to Mover: A Focus on Children and Youth Advocacy in Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs

• Technology, Advocacy, and Victim Safety

• Crisis Response for Vermont 211 [Info Line] in domestic and sexual violence calls

• Circles of Safety: Making It Safe To Talk About Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Responses to Trauma presented by two out-of-state experts, Melodee Pett and Theresa Zuberhofer.

• Moving Toward Community & Healing: Transforming our Work with the Criminal Justice Involved Women, Parts 1 & 2 in collaboration with the Department of Corrections and many others.

Our Annual Meeting

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Sujata Moorti of Middlebury College, spoke on gender, race, and violence throughout the world. Guest Speaker, Secretary of State Deb Markowitz spoke on the Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program, and the continued need for the Network Programs in Vermont.

The Statewide Community Advocacy Awards went to Tony Morgan of the State of Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity for his many years of support to the Network along with his recent help in establishing the first statewide fund for victims of sexual and domestic violence in their efforts to find and keep safe and stable housing; and to Lorri Scott, a Nurse Practitioner at Fletcher Allen Health Care, who reached out to the Network with the idea of implementing a domestic violence screening tool at the Women’s Health Center.

Our Work With Individuals Who Have Disabilities and/or Are Deaf

The Network, in collaboration with the Disability and Deaf Rights Community, has embarked on an exciting project to expand access to Network Programs for Deaf women and women with disabilities. The Grating Access Team (GAT) is working to create a tool and process by which the Programs can assess their current accessibility to women with disabilities and expand their accessibility to meet Federal Requirements and the Network Program’s goals of cultural accessibility.

Enacting Legislative Change

The Network Office and the Legislative Committee continued to work to ensure that proposed policies and laws protect the safety and rights of survivors of sexual and domestic violence:

• Economic Security: This new program provides economic resources to survivors of domestic and sexual violence who need to leave work due to the violence that they’re experiencing. The law establishes the Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors’ Transitional Employment Program to provide temporary, partial wage replacement to individuals who must leave employment.

• V cyanism: This law criminalizes the act of viewing or recording a person’s intimate areas without their permission in a place or under circumstances where that person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

• Stalking: Important changes to the state’s stalking law include implementing a “reasonable person” standard, extending the law to cover harassment of a victim’s family members, and other changes to make stalking easier to investigate and prosecute.

• Criminal Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults: Crimes against vulnerable adults were expanded and significantly improved. The law now includes the crime of sexual abuse of vulnerable adults.

• Corruptions Overcruising: Without compromising victim and community safety, Act 63 outlines measures to reduce the number of nonviolent offenders who are incarcerated, provides additional tools for supervision of offenders in the community, and promotes additional treatment opportunities for domestic and substance abuse in the state’s prisons.

Network Office Highlights 2005

Economic Security

Basic Advocacy Trainings

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Mission

The Vermont Network is a feminist organization committed to eradicating domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change.

Who Is the Vermont Network?

We are a statewide coalition of Member Programs governed by a Board of Directors whose policies are implemented by the Network Office. The Network is comprised of two parts: the 16 Programs located throughout the state and the Network Office in Montpelier which consists of a Statewide Coordinator and Staff. The Network Office and the Coordinator provide shared Network leadership.