Violations of women and children are occurring all around us and have become so common place as to not garner much of our attention. Yesterday I was at the post office; I noticed a young woman and a child of about five. As I was leaving I noticed that a young man had joined the two of them. The child called him Daddy and expressed real joy and anticipation about being with him. It became clear to me that I was witnessing a visitation exchange. The man made a request of the women that she go along with him and the child. When she declined he berated her with curse words. When she asked him quietly to please not do this in front of the child, he demanded a cigarette (which she said she did not have) and then told her “f--- you”, all the while holding the hand of this small child. The child stood looking into the sky, expressionless as she waited for the interchange to end. As the man and the child walked away the mother stood watching while they walked several blocks and turned the corner, and I stood watching her realizing that despite the busyness of the post office no one else seemed to notice the relatively loud and menacing exchange. I understood the desire of the passersby not to notice. After all what is there to do? I grappled with this dilemma myself and by the time I decided to give her some information about the Network and had rummaged through my purse to find it, she was gone.

We are often more aware of the human rights violations of women that occur in other countries and less aware of those that occur in our own communities. 53% of Vermont’s total homicides (from 1994-2003) were related to domestic violence. The number of reported rapes in Vermont rose nearly 20% from 2002-2003. Three “massage parlors” operating in Chittenden County were “busted” for prostitution (see Trafficking In Vermont). In 2003 there were 6,888 adults and 7,778 children victimized by domestic violence and served by the VNADVSA Programs.

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The Vermont Network continues to organize communities to end violence against women and though we haven’t created a magic wand to make it disappear, we do have useful strategy suggestions. As you read this Newsletter I encourage each of you to examine how you might make a difference. There is something for everyone to do: political advocacy, individual support of victims, holding abusers accountable, prevention, financial or material support, etc.… Call the Network office or the local Program serving your area to find out more — Rose Pulliam

1 If you are interested in finding out more about safe visitation exchange contact Amy Torchia at the Network Office.
3 http://www.dps.state.vt.us/cjs/crime_02/statewide.htm
4 Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Annual Report

Human Trafficking: The Unseen Problem

By Bethany Pombar, Training and Outreach Manager

Control, isolation, physical abuse, intimidation, sexual violence; these are some of the abuses we unfortunately see everyday in the movement to end domestic and sexual violence. These are the same coercive actions that lead to victimization through human trafficking, a form of modern day slavery defined as the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining by any means, of any person for forced labor, slavery, peonage or servitude in any industry or site such as agriculture, prostitution, domestic service, or marriage.¹

At first glance, this issue may not appear to be a problem in our small, northern, rural state of Vermont. However, Vermont is in a particularly vulnerable position as a state with an international border and neighboring New York State, a hub of human trafficking. As Laura Lederer, Senior State Department Advisor on Trafficking, has stated, “We’re not finding victims... because we are not looking for them.”²

This is a call for all of us to become aware of this issue, learn about its complexities, and know about available resources for its victims.

“A recent CIA report estimated that between 45,000 to 50,000 women and children are brought to the United States every year under false pretenses and are forced to work as prostitutes and abused laborers or servants.” At least 700,000 more men, women and children are trafficked into forced labor activities worldwide.³

Kevin Bales, President of Free the Slaves, says that the number of people trafficked into the United States each year for the purpose of sexual exploitation is at least 10,000... The health of a person being trafficked includes stages of physical and mental degradation. A victim gets deprived of food, gets hungry, a little dizzy and sleep-deprived. She begins to break down; she can’t think for herself. Then take away her travel documents, and you’ve made her stateless. Then layer on physical violence, and she begins to follow orders. Then add a foreign culture and language, and she’s trapped.”⁴

In 2000, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act was signed into law thus increasing penalties for traffickers and providing some social services for victims. This is a major step forward: in the past victims had no access to services once they had escaped or been freed, and most had been stripped of their documentation by their captors. This new law helps to safeguard human rights regardless of nationality status and allows some victims of trafficking to be seen as victims of crime rather than illegal and undocumented “aliens”. However, in order to qualify for these protections victims must be willing to cooperate with the federal investigation and prosecution of the traffickers. For many victims, this unfortunately means that if there is insufficient evidence to prosecute their captors, they are left with little official recourse and without access to important services like medical treatment or legal consultation.

In 2003, President George W. Bush addressed the United Nations General Assembly emphasizing more international action against the global sex trade. As an expansion of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, Bush signed the Protect Act into law in 2003. This criminalizes traveling with the intent of soliciting...
sex - otherwise known as sex tourism. It includes any foreign citizen traveling into the United States, or any U.S. citizen traveling abroad in pursuit of sexual solicitation.5

In addition to some of the grave implications of the U.S.’s tacit acceptance of this form of violence through minimal investigation, prosecution and jail time, there are currently no shelters for victims of trafficking in the United States. When law enforcement does intervene in a case of trafficking they often fail to recognize it as such. If they take any action, it may be to refer the victims to their local domestic or sexual violence shelter. Advocates may often be the first assistance a victim of trafficking will see.

This places a critical responsibility on advocates. Most victims of trafficking are undocumented and therefore ineligible for social services. Additionally, there may be legal issues relating to accessing services that could affect their chance of receiving a visa to remain in the United States. There are language and/or cultural barriers. And while the victim is trying to overcome these obstacles, she/he will also be suffering from the symptoms of abuse with which advocates are all too familiar.

There are services available to these victims. Yet, while we can see many similarities between domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking, and we are driven by the intent to help, we must be careful what actions we take when dealing with a victim of trafficking. There are local resources to assist advocates and the public in providing much-needed services to these victims without jeopardizing their legal status.

In Vermont these include:
• VT State Refugee Coordinator, Denise Lamoureux: (802) 241-4461
• Federal Bureau of Investigation: (802) 863-6316
• U.S. Attorney’s office: (802) 828-3171

Nationally these include:
• To report trafficking in persons to the Federal Government call (888) 428-7581.
• For refugee assistance call the Polaris Project: (202) 547-7909.
• Victims Rights Law Center: (617) 399-6720

1. Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), 2004; www.castla.org
5. Ibid

When we at the Network first contemplated a training on Human Trafficking, our initial thought was “Do we really need this?” In July of this year we received a resounding answer to that question: yes, sex trafficking is happening right under our noses here in Vermont.

Law enforcement officers raided three “spas” in Essex Junction, Williston and South Burlington. The scene they found inside was not one that most Vermonters would expect: eight women, most of whom did not speak English, and a few men who had apparently paid to receive “sexual services”. The police officers’ suspicions seemed to be confirmed; these women appeared to be victims of international sex trafficking. They came from China and Korea and most of them had entered the country illegally. Several of the women paid huge sums of money to be smuggled into the US, and were working to pay off those debts. The women gave massages and, for select customers, they also provided a range of sexual services. The women rarely left the spa buildings. In fact police found some interior doors bolted shut and alleged that the women’s passports and legal documents were being held until they paid off their smuggling debt. Police have stated that they suspect that an Asian organized crime ring was responsible for the women’s entry into Vermont and their subsequent indentured work.

Little information is available about what happened to any of these women after their initial interview with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (a branch of the Department of Homeland Security where the services of the former INS are now located).
Making History

Vermont's Model Protocol: Law Enforcement Response to Children at the Scene of a Domestic Violence Incident

In June of this year, a multi-disciplinary group including Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council, Vermont Department for Children and Families, and the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault released a groundbreaking document entitled Vermont's Model Protocol: Law Enforcement Response to Children at the Scene of a Domestic Violence Incident. The protocol's content outlines recommended responses for police officers who have historically been expected to respond to children exposed to batterers without formal guidance, encouragement, or resources for support.

Vermont's deliberately collaborative method for developing this model protocol has already received national recognition as a pioneering and exemplary process for addressing this issue. It is featured in an article by Jane M. Sadusky, June 2004, A Balanced Collaboration: How Vermont Built a Protocol for Law Enforcement Response to Children at the Scene of a Domestic Violence Incident. For a copy of the article and the Model Protocol see the Battered Women's Justice Project's web site (www.bwjp.org) or contact the Vermont Network Resource Coordinator at library@vtnetwork.org.

Prior to the protocol's development, a small multi-disciplinary group met to design a curriculum for police officers about children and domestic violence. After identifying the need for further philosophical understanding and agreement about what to teach officers, it became clear that there needed to be a broader dialogue. Advocates, law enforcement, and child protection needed to agree on what children exposed to domestic violence and their non-offending parents needed from law enforcement and what law enforcement officers could realistically provide them.

Coming Together

In 2002, national expert Loretta Frederick from the Battered Women's Justice Project was invited to facilitate a three day planning session. The participants included Vermont state and local law enforcement officers from both rural and urban areas, state and local domestic/sexual violence and children's advocates, specialists from the Domestic Violence Unit of the Department For Children and Families (Vermont's child protection agency), and child development experts. The goal of this discussion, affectionately known as the Kids and Cops Forum, was to work together until the group could articulate clear common ground around law enforcement response to children at the scene of domestic violence calls.

Guiding Themes

- Law enforcement officers currently experience frustration with the lack of clarity/guidelines about responding to children.
- Law enforcement response to a family is never
completely neutral and will always impact every member of the family including children.

- Safety for children and adult victims is paramount.
- There are many variables which impact/mediate the effects of battering on children.
- In determining how to respond to children, it is important to carefully consider the impact of any action on the child based on the child’s age and developmental level as well as the severity and danger of the situation.
- Developing an ideal response requires a working knowledge of child development as well as an understanding of the impact batterers and their behaviors have on children.
- Gathering evidence from children can be both valuable to a case and detrimental to an individual child.
- An ideal response should support the children’s connection to the non-offending caretaker.

Objectives of the Protocol
The protocol’s objective is to effectively enhance law enforcement officers’ response to children at the scene of a domestic assault. The primary areas of response include assessing whether children have been (physically) harmed, minimizing the impact and repercussions to children who are present, empowering children as much as possible in the process, maintaining victim safety, and maintaining batterer accountability.

Protocol Highlights:
- When Should Officers Look for Children? This provides guidance that assists officers in making decisions about whether to look for children and how to do so safely.
- Welfare Checks on Children This suggests that officers observe and talk to children at the scene and provides information about appropriately reporting child abuse.
- Talking With Children About the Incident This provides practical guidance to assist officers to balance the potential impact of an interview on the children with the need to collect evidence.
- Managing Adults in the Presence of Children This suggests that to minimize the impact and repercussions to children, officers avoid subduing an aggressive party and/or arresting parties in the presence of children.
- Separating Children from Care Giving Parent/Guardian This assists officers when deciding whether arresting both parties is necessary and provides practical alternatives to this practice.

With the adoption of the components of this newly released Model Protocol and a parallel elective course for officers which will be offered by the Vermont Police Academy, Vermont children who are exposed to batterers should begin to experience a more consistent and comprehensive response from law enforcement officers. Victim parents will be able to count on officers making efforts to look for, comfort, and talk to children about the violence as well as offer community resources. Officers will have tangible guidance and available training to help hone their skills and respond more effectively to children exposed to batterers.

For further information on this project, please contact:
- Family Violence Training Coordinator, Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (802) 483-6228
- Coordinator of the Domestic Violence Unit, Vermont Department for Children and Families (802) 241-2131
- Children’s Advocacy Coordinator, Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (802) 223-1302

Candidates Forum
Gubernatorial candidates Jim Douglas and Peter Clavelle have agreed to participate in a Candidates Forum on

Wednesday, October 13,
10:30 am to 12 noon
at the
Old Labor Hall in Barre, Vermont

Marselis Parsons, Channel 3 News Director and News Anchor, will moderate.

Sponsored by VANPO (VT Alliance for Nonprofit Organizations) & the Snelling Center for Government

This forum will focus on the partnership of government and the nonprofit sector in Vermont, touching on issues of human services, health care, the environment, the arts, charitable giving, education, and more. Marselis Parsons, Channel 3 News Director and News Anchor, will moderate.
October 2nd, Saturday
• Commemoration & Celebration: Speakers (including special guest, Madeline Kunin, former governor of Vermont), music, and activities at the Peace Park in Montpelier from 1-3 PM; co-sponsored by Battered Women’s Services and Shelter.

October 21st, Thursday
• Third Annual Domestic Violence Leadership Forum co-sponsored by the VNADVSA and the Vermont Council on Domestic Violence, to be held at the Pavilion Bldg. in Montpelier, 4th Floor Conference Room from 9 AM to 12 noon.

For more information call Bethany at VNADVSA – 802-223-1302 ext. 23.

UM BRELLA
St. Johnsbury, Vermont

September 30th, Thursday
• Silent Witness March and Vigil, 5 PM at Courthouse Park
• Domestic Violence 101 Training from 12:30 to 4:30.

October 4th, Monday
• Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Training from 9 to 12.

October 5th, Tuesday
• Training on Effects of Battering on Children from 9 to 11.

October 6th, Wednesday
• Training on Sexual Violence & Stalking from 9 to 1.

October 12th, Tuesday
• Training on Advocacy Skills from 9 to 11.

October 14th, Thursday
• “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” Pizza & Movie Night at 5:30 PM.

October 25th, Monday
• UMBRELLA’S Annual Meeting & Dinner at 5:30. (location TBA)

All UMBRELLA events and trainings are free and open to the public, and located at 970 Memorial Drive, St. Johnsbury unless otherwise noted. Call for more info: 802-748-8645.

Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter
Rutland, Vermont

October 23rd, Saturday
• 25th Anniversary of RCWNS at the Paramount Theater in Rutland at 7 PM with Music by Lui Collins and Sandra Wright.

For more information call RCWNS at 802-775-6788.

Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)
Bennington, Vermont

October 2nd, Saturday
• An “Awareness” Breakfast for the community.

October 7th, Friday
• An “Awareness” Presentation from 6:30-8:30 PM for volunteers and staff at the Turning Point Club of Bennington County.

For further information call Nancy at PAVE - 802-442-2370.

Voices Against Violence
St. Albans, Vermont

October 9th, Saturday
• Franklin/Grand Isle Health Fair at the Town Educational Center – Information Table

Throughout October
• Purple Ribbon Campaign: signal your support to battered women and let your community know that domestic violence is not acceptable.

• Media outreach: listen & watch for public service announcements, talk shows, & newspaper articles.

• Libraries and Bookstores - displays of Resources on domestic violence awareness.

• Men’s Campaign: VAV is looking for a few good men to join in publicly speaking out about domestic violence.

• Cookies & Cops: as a way of saying “THANK YOU” to the local law enforcement agencies for a year of hard work.

To get involved or for more information call 802-524-8538.
### Women Helping Battered Women
Burlington, Vermont

**October 1st, Friday**
- Speak Out / Press Conference, 12 noon on the steps of City Hall on the City Park side (tentative location)

**October 5th, Tuesday**
- Handgun Safety Forum from 10 am to 12 noon sponsored by SafeVermont, 108 Cherry Street, Department of Health, Room 2C.

**October 14th, Thursday**
- Video and discussion on Faith Communities’ Response to Domestic Violence, Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts, 10 am to 12 noon (tentative location).

**October 13th-18th**
- Vermont International Film Festival: there will be one featured film about the global scope of violence against women, including speakers’ panel with staff from Women Helping Battered Women.

**October 24th, Sunday**

**October 28th, Thursday**

**Throughout October**
- Awareness messages on public buses.
- Bell ringing and moment of silence each day at noon in downtown Burlington (tentative).

### Battered Women’s Services and Shelter
Barre, Vermont

**October 2nd, Saturday**
- Join Us for Commemoration & Celebration: Speakers (including special guest, Madeline Kunin, former governor of Vermont), M usic, and Activities at the Peace Park in Montpelier at 1-3 pm.

### Women’s Rape Crisis Center
Burlington, Vermont

**Clothesline Project on Church Street (on display and creating new shirts)**

The Clothesline Project is a program started on Cape Cod, MA in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is a vehicle for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt which is hung on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women.

For more information call WRCC at 802-864-0555

### Women’s Information Center (WISE)
Lebanon, NH

**October 1st, Friday**
- “Domestic Violence in the Workplace: What It Costs Us All”: an event with keynote speaker, Bridget Healy Ryan, Esq., from Chicago’s Attorney General’s office; co-sponsored with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and three Chambers of Commerce.

**Friday Nights throughout October**
- A film series co-sponsored with the Women’s Resource Center and Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

For details call 603-448-5922

### SafeSpace
Burlington, Vermont

SafeSpace is a social change, social service organization working to end physical, sexual, and emotional violence in the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning people.

**October 23rd, Saturday**
- 2nd Annual Healing Laughter Fall Benefit: An Evening of Queer Comedy at the Rose Street Artist’s Cooperative from 7 to10:30 pm. There will also be music, a silent service-auction, childcare, and sumptuous deserts. Cost is sliding scale from $15-$50.

For further information call Hannah at SafeSpace – 802-863-0003

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**DVAM Calendar Events 2004**

- Installation by Burlington artist, Sage Tucker-Ketcham, at Firehouse Center for Visual Arts on Church Street.
- “Stalking through Technology” Training for police officers throughout Chittenden County by Jane Hitchcock.
- Lecture by Jane Hitchcock on “How to Keep Your Children Safe on the Internet” - for parents (time & place to be announced).
- Self-Defense classes in collaboration with Colchester Police Department (time & place to be announced).
- In schools: “Kids on the Block” performances on Bullying and Teasing, Cultural Diversity, and Personal Safety.
- Candidates’ Forum hosted by Chittenden County Domestic Violence Task Force (last week of October – call for details).

For details call 802-658-3131
New Vermont Curriculum On Intimate Partner Violence For Health Care Providers!

The VT Network Office in collaboration with the VT Department of Health and the VT Medical Society created a curriculum specifically designed for health care providers. The comprehensive curriculum packet contains power point lectures with extensive lecture notes, handouts and exercises for the participants, videos, and materials to organize a community resource panel. It comes with a detailed facilitator’s guide.

The curriculum is based on the result of focus groups with Vermont health care professionals and follows the recommendations on family violence education for health care professionals provided by the Centers for Disease Control and the Institute of Medicine. It is designed to be facilitated by a teaching team including both health care professionals and domestic violence advocates. The four units can be implemented in 4-6 hours, either in four separate sessions or in one all-day training.

Contents Of The Curriculum Packet:

Facilitator’s Guide

Unit 1:
- Slide Lecture Introduction: Intimate Partner Violence and Health Care: Making the Connection
- Slide Lecture Topic 1: Understanding Intimate Partner Violence and its Health Impact

Unit 2:
- Slide Lecture Topic 2: The Clinical Encounter: Tools to Improve Health and Safety Outcomes for Patients who are Victims of Intimate Partner Violence

Unit 3:
- Slide Lecture Topic 3 Beyond the Clinical Encounter: Institutional and Legal Contexts

Unit 4:
- Slide Lecture Topic 4: Health Care Providers as Part of the Community Response to Intimate Partner Violence

Community Resource Panel Materials

Video 1: Domestic Violence: Voices of Survivors and Perpetrators
Video 2: Screening to End Abuse (Clinical Scenarios)

The statewide Health Care and Intimate Partner Violence Leadership Team is currently discussing strategies to make this curriculum available to Vermont health care providers and to recruit and train future facilitators. If you have questions, comments or ideas regarding this project, please contact Antje Ricken, Health Care Project Coordinator (802) 223-1302 or aricken@vtnetwork.org

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Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City ________________________________ Zip ________________

Mail or e-mail to: VNADVSA, P.O. Box 405, Montpelier, VT 05650 (attn: Alex) or library@vtnetwork.org
How do the 16 Network Programs train their new staff? Ask different directors and you will get different answers.

“We sit them down with the training manual and some videos, and then have them shadow experienced staff.”

“We have a formal 30-hour training for volunteers and new staff every four months, so new staff get on-the-job training until the next formal training starts.”

“Our entire staff spends the day with the new staff person, orienting her to our organization, our philosophy, our community and her position.”

And as good as Programs’ trainings may be, new staff often are hungry for more. “This work is so complex and intense,” reported one advocate, “I have been here for nine months and have learned a lot on the job, but there are still gaps in my knowledge, things that I should probably know but have never learned.”

In response to a broad need expressed by both directors and advocates, the Network has developed a Basic Advocacy Training; the pilot run will be in November and will give Program directors the opportunity to provide feedback. Network Program advocates will be invited to attend the first training session in December, and regularly-scheduled trainings thereafter.

Rose Pulliam, Statewide Coordinator of the Network, reports that the Basic Advocacy Training will focus on the skills and knowledge advocates need in their day-to-day work, and will also “welcome new advocates into the fold, give them a chance to connect with staff from other Programs, and provide a consistent, coordinated introduction to the work.”

For more information contact Chani Waterhouse at chani@vtnetwork.org

Welcome Jill Richard, Economic Justice Project Coordinator

I arrived at the Network via a route that, although linear, often delivered me to places I had not intended to visit. My formal work in domestic and sexual violence advocacy began in 1994 as the Children’s Services Coordinator at Women Helping Battered Women. From there and for seven years I worked at the Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) providing consultation and then coordination for the SRS Domestic Violence Unit. In May of this year I completed a Master’s Degree in Education with a focus on non-profit leadership. Each of these pieces separately and together have contributed to my ever-evolving understanding of and passion for advocacy that I bring to my current role as Project Coordinator for Economic Justice.

Beginning in March I have had the task and the privilege of exploring, crafting and facilitating discussion and thinking regarding the role of economic justice in the work of the Network. This is an opportunity for us to explore violence against women through the lens of class relations. It allows us to engage a broader community in this discussion; it challenges us to see the role of poverty in men’s choices to batter; it compels us to reach further than we have previously reached. In exploring violence against women through the lens of economic justice we are enabled to move beyond previously defined frameworks for advocacy on individual and systems’ levels. It allows us to envision a community where people of all races, classes and genders are able to meet their basic needs for safety and self-sufficiency with true self-determination, dignity and independence.
NEW BOOKS AT THE NETWORK LIBRARY

The Library is available to NW Office Staff, the 16 NW Programs, & all NW Collaborators [For requests email Alex at library@vtnetwork.org]


“…will be of interest to anyone concerned about the elderly and ways to intervene when abuse is suspected, including family members, caregivers, and advocates.”

CHILD ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, and ANIMAL ABUSE edited by Frank R. Ascione and Phil Arkow, Purdue University Press © 1999.

“In linking the circles of compassion for prevention and intervention, this interdisciplinary sourcebook of original essays examines the relations between animal maltreatment and human interpersonal violence.”


“...A must-read for anyone interested in human rights, women’s issues, and the psychology of exploitation... A groundbreaking, eye-opening, landmark book that will forever change the way we view prostitution.”

SCARED TO LEAVE, AFRAID TO STAY by Barry Goldstein © 2002, Robert D. Reed Publishers.

“...The average abused wife makes seven attempts to leave her abuser. Each time she learns more about the resources available... shows how ten women left their abusers and what happened to them before, during and after leaving...”


“...we can no longer ignore the violence that is rampant in the teen and young adult culture... Both a call for action and a tool for change, this book is indispensable for teachers, counselors...and all readers concerned with fostering healthy relationships.”

CAN’T BUY MY LOVE: How Advertising Changes the Way We Think and Feel by Jean Kilbourne © 1999.

“...how the barrage of advertising drastically affects young people, especially girls, by offering false promises of rebellion, connection, and control.”


“...reveals an unintended and overlooked consequence of welfare reform - the exacerbation of domestic violence against low-income women and children......the author makes a strong case for new approaches to restructuring the welfare system...”


“...gives voice to the overwhelmingly low-income, non-white, young women in prostitution today... challenges the academy, the legal system, and society to wake up and listen to women like Olivia.”

WOMEN AT RISK: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND WOMEN’S HEALTH by Evan Stark, PhD, M SW, and Anne Flitcraft, MD; SAGE Publications © 1996.

“...an investigation of the violence that may bring women to emergency departments with injuries or suicide attempts. It outlines steps that hospital
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staff can follow to identify, care for, and advocate for battered women..."

DIVORCED FROM JUSTICE:
The Abuse of Women and Children by Divorce Lawyers and Judges

"WARNING!!! Contact with the divorce court system may be extremely dangerous. You may lose your children, your home, your life savings, and your health. Before you enter a divorce lawyer's office or courtroom, read this book to protect yourself and your children."


"A radical new approach to the study of gender, race, violence, and class... tells the stories of battered African American women incarcerated in a New York City correctional facility and explores what happens when the criminal justice system is introduced as a repressive force in their lives."

The Vermont Network’s Annual Meeting and Training
October 7th, 2004
Sugarbush Inn, Warren, Vermont

The theme for this year’s training/conference is “New Partners/New Challenges: Meeting the Economic Needs of Battered Women and Sexual Assault Survivors.” We are extremely pleased to have two exemplary persons in this field as presenters: Attorney Jill Davies, Deputy Director of Greater Hartford Legal Aid and co-author of the book, Safety Planning with Battered Women: Complex Lives/Difficult Choices, and Anne Menard, an activist who has worked on policy, practice and research issues affecting battered women and sexual assault survivors for over 25 years. The event is open to all Network Programs and Network office staff.

Working to End Abuse of Elders, People with Disabilities and Deaf Individuals: Building Partnerships in Our Communities

The Network Office is one of many partners sponsoring a series of regional trainings. There will be three trainings in all: Manchester on 8/25, St. Johnsbury on 9/9, and Burlington on 11/9. These events will focus on recognizing abuse, identifying additional supports a victim may require due to disability, infirmities of aging or deafness, and responding and referring to available resources and agencies. The target audience includes program victim advocates, state-based advocates, law enforcement, Home Health Staff, Advocates for people with disabilities and elders, case workers, and others. Please spread the word and attend if you are interested.

For more information, please contact Karen Vastine—223-1302 or 241-4395

This Newsletter is available on line at www.vtnetwork.org***

Also available on line is information on ending domestic violence:
• What you can do to help a friend or family member who is being abused.
• What can your health care provider do to help end domestic violence?
• How faith communities can make a difference.
• How can you help your local Domestic & Sexual Violence Program(s)?
• How work places can make a difference.
• What towns can do to help end domestic violence in Vermont.
• How schools can make a difference.

***Please note that we are in the process of improving our web site.
Vermont Network Member Programs

*A = Shelter

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*Battered Women’s Services and Shelter*
P.O. Box 652, Barre, VT 05641
Hotline: 802-543-9498
Email: bwss@sover.net

**Clarina Howard Nichols Center (CHNC)**
P.O. Box 517, Morrisville, VT 05661
Hotline: 802-888-5256
Email: chnc@clarina.org

**New Beginnings**
12 Valley Street, Springfield, VT 05156
Hotline: 802-885-2050 or 802-674-6700
Email: newbeg@vermontel.net

**Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE)**
P.O. Box 227, Bennington, VT 05201
Hotline: 802-442-2111
Email: pave1@adelphia.net

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P.O. Box 313, Rutland, VT 05701
Hotline: 802-775-3232
Email: rcwnsreb@yahoo.com

Safeline
P.O. Box 446, Randolph, VT 05060
Hotline: 800-639-7233
Email: safeline@valley.net

*Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT)*
4 Cottage Street, Barre, VT 05641
Hotline: 802-479-5577
Email: gagnepad@aol.com

Step O.N.E.
P.O. Box 1004, Newport, VT 05855
Hotline: 800-224-7837
Email: step_one@verizon.net

**Umbrella**
970 Memorial Drive, ST. Johnsbury, VT 05819
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*Voices Against Violence*
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Email: voices@cvoeo.org

*Women Helping Battered Women (WHBW)*
P.O. Box 1535, Burlington, VT 05402
Hotline: 802-658-1996
Email: whbw@whbw.org

*Women’s Crisis Center*
P.O. Box 933, Brattleboro, VT 05302
Hotline: 802-254-6954 or 800-773-0689
Email: wmnscc@together.net

*Women’s Information Service (Wise)*
79 Hanover Street, Lebanon, NH 03766
Hotline: 603-448-5525
Email: peggy.neider@wiseoftheuppervalley.org

Women’s Rape Crisis Center
P.O. Box 92, Burlington, VT 05402
Hotline: 802-863-1236 or 800-773-0689
Email: stoprape@sover.net

WomenSafe
P.O. Box 67, Middlebury, VT 05753
Hotline: 802-388-4205 or 800-388-4205
TTY: 388-9181
Email: info@womensafe.net

Statewide Hotlines:
[will connect you with closest local Program]
1-800-228-7395 (Domestic Violence)
1-800-489-7273 (Sexual Assault)