

Vermont Network

Against Domestic & Sexual Violence



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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 We Are

The Vermont Network is the federally recognized domestic and sexual violence coalition in Vermont. The Vermont Network is a statewide resource on domestic and sexual violence issues. Its staff provide support for Network programs through training, technical assistance and capacity building; advocate for public policy that supports victims and holds offenders accountable; and seek to change societal attitudes and beliefs through community outreach and prevention.

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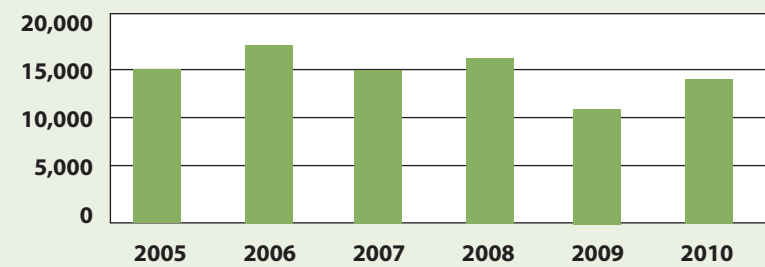
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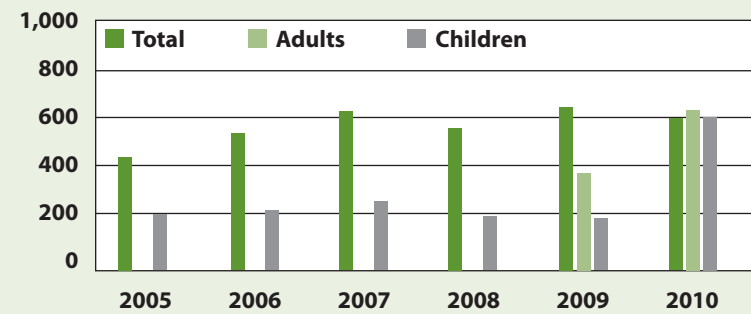
2009 Compared to 2010

Service	2009	2010	% Change
Sexual Violence Victims	1,002	1,261	+26%
Domestic Violence Victims	6,567	7,037	+7%
Shelter Services	642	773	+20%
Shelter Nights	18,953	21,642	+14%
Turned Away From Shelter	142	244	+72%
Hotline Calls	10,676	14,621	+37%

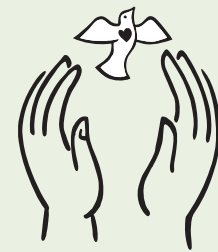
Total Hotline Calls: 2005-2010



Total Housed in Shelters/Safehomes



Total Served



The Advocacy Program at
 Umbrella



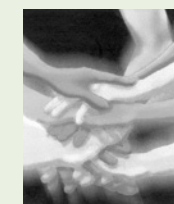
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New Beginnings



Sexual Assault
 Crisis Team



Safeline



Voices Against Violence
 Laurie's House



Women's Rape Crisis Center



WomenSafe



AWARE



Freedom
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Women Helping Battered Women



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Rutland County Women's Network
 & Shelter



WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER

Greetings from the Director

In 1986 the sixteen organizations that provided services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence formed the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence to act as their voice in statewide and national arenas. Nearly 25 years later, this partnership continues to deepen and grow to create communities where survivors of domestic and sexual violence have access to meaningful services provided by highly trained staff. In 2010 our fifteen member programs saw significant increases in the needs of survivors, and they provided unprecedented levels of services despite the lack of resources.

Inside the Vermont Network, our staff and contractors deepened and broadened our capacity to support our membership. In 2010 we provided training and consultation to build knowledge and skills, continued our commitment to creating specialized programming in the areas of prevention, services to children, sexual violence, and anti-racism work; continued to implement the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program; supported the implementation of the Batterers Accountability program; and collaborated with Member Programs to bring education and advocacy to women who are incarcerated.

2010 was a year during which we benefitted from emerging leadership within the staff of the Vermont Network. We continued to deepen our understanding of our organization and its culture in preparation for the challenges and opportunities which are sure to come to us in the future, and celebrated the honor it is that we can do our work on behalf of our Member Programs and survivors in Vermont.

— Karen Tronsgard-Scott

Vermont Network 2010 Financial Statement*

INCOME:	
Federal grants	\$1,908,984
State allocations	\$ 420,740
Other\$ 146,121	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,475,845
EXPENSES:	
Pass-through to NW Programs	\$1,079,372
Outreach/Training/Education	\$ 103,168
Consultants & Sub-Grants	\$ 401,420
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 437,891
Operations	\$ 188,710
Obligated Funds	\$ 255,260
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,465,821
Balance	\$10,024

*Note: This financial statement is not yet audited.

2010 Vermont Network Highlights

In 2010, a total of 1,262 victims of sexual violence and 7,037 victims of domestic violence sought services through the Member Programs. Member Programs served 26% more sexual violence victims and 7% more domestic violence victims as compared to 2009. In addition, 773 people were sheltered by Member Programs in 2010, an increase of 20% from 2009. Shelter nights increased by 14% (21,642 shelter nights were provided) compared to 2009. The number of people turned away due to lack of room at shelters in 2010 was 244 – an incredible increase of 72% from 2009 levels.

Public Policy

The VT Network provides statewide and national leadership for developing public policy and legislation that supports victims and holds perpetrators accountable. In 2010, we provided leadership and advocacy for a number of initiatives including:

- Consulting with the Agency of Human Services and its departments on policies designed to improve the state's responses to victims of domestic and sexual violence.
- State funding for victim services.
- Advocacy to ensure that the Department of Corrections resources (including prison) are reserved for violent offenders.

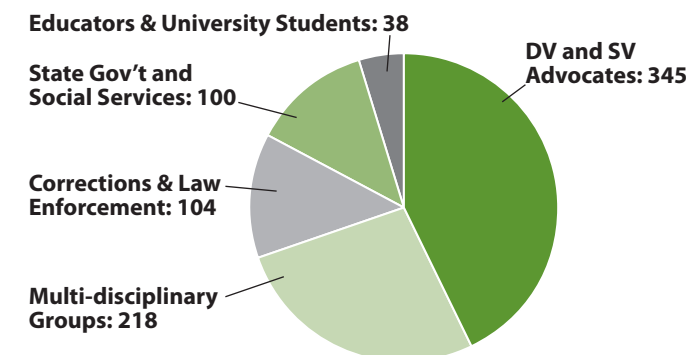
Member Program Support

The VT Network seeks ways to support victims of domestic and sexual violence by helping its membership and allied organizations develop the capacity needed to respond to victims/survivors. In 2010, the Network:

- Provided training and support to member programs: fundamentals of domestic violence and sexual violence, prevention, economic empowerment, providing accessible services to people with disabilities, use of technology, supporting children and youth, and pertinent laws.
- Developed resource materials and manuals for member program use.

- Provided consultation to the Vermont Agency of Human Services and its Departments of Corrections, Children and Family Services, and Health; Vermont Departments of Education and Mental Health; Community Justice Centers; Association of Diversion Programs; Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition; Vermont Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- Actively participated in the Human Trafficking Task Force, Vermont's Domestic Fatality Review Committee, Vermont's Domestic Violence Council, Vermont Youth Advocacy Task Force, Vermont's Child Poverty Council, and the Vermont Child Trauma Collaborative.
- Maintained innovative working partnerships with the Opportunities Credit Union and Vermont Works for Women to support survivors' economic empowerment.

Trainings by Network Staff in 2010



Adults and Children Served By Member Programs 2010

	Victims of Sexual Violence	Victims of Domestic Violence	Victims/ Survivors Housed in Shelters/ Safehomes	Person-nights in Shelters/ Safehomes
AWARE Caledonia, Washington, & Lamoille Counties (of Hardwick area)	9	216	0	0
Circle* Washington County	14	278	56	1,958
Clarina Howard Nichols Center* Lamoille County	70	252	58	3,573
New Beginnings Windsor County (southern) & town of Rockingham	22	304	2	2
PAVE* Bennington County	66	634	35	2,025
Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter* Rutland County	40	412	28	1,035
Safeline Orange and northeastern Windsor Counties	65	526	0	0
Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT)* Washington County	169	0	27	159
The Advocacy Program at Umbrella* Caledonia, Orleans & Essex Counties	75	609	71	1,640
Voices Against Violence* Franklin and Grand Isle Counties	36	416	79	2,675
WISE* Northeast Windsor County	58	377	29	453
Women Helping Battered Women* Chittenden County	28	2254	288	7,451
Women's Freedom Center* Windham County (including the village of Bellows Falls)	32	324	98	669
Women's Rape Crisis Center Chittenden County	527	0	0	0
WomenSafe Addison County and the town of Rochester	50	435	2	2
TOTAL	1261	7037	773	21,642

*Program with Shelter

- 201 Vermonters over the age of 60 received services from Network Member Programs in 2010.
- At least 1230 people living with disabilities received services from member Programs.
- There were 280 child victims of sexual violence served by Network Member programs this year.