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.

2009, 2010 and 2011 Comparison

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Total Hotline Calls: 2006-2011

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Total Housed in Shelters/Safehomes

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Total Served

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Greetings from the Director

As the statewide leader of the movement to end domestic and sexual violence, in 2011, the Vermont Network collaborated with our Member Programs and allied organizations to increase the likelihood that survivors of domestic and sexual violence will be supported and empowered, and we continued our work with Vermonters to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault in our state. We provided training, technical assistance, and public policy advocacy and we worked with our fifteen Member Programs to help them build capacity for providing direct services to survivors and their children.

This year has been a busy one for the staff of the Network. In 2011 we bid farewell to Jennifer Matthews, the associate director of Finance at the Network, but we welcomed Dana Paull into this role. We also welcomed Zoë Gascon a new Legal Projects Coordinator. Zoë came to us from one of our Member Programs and has years of incredible experience in advocacy and community organizing. Our office family also grew with the addition of two babies and one puppy in our midst. And in May, the Vermont Network moved to 63 Barre Street. Our new, accessible and accommodating space has helped us to better coordinate and communicate within the organization.

Our Annual Report provides a snapshot of our organization and information about the direct services provided by our Member Programs. These fifteen organizations continue to meet the expanding and emerging needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in every community of our state even as resources shrink. We proudly and humbly support the efforts of our Member Programs, and of all Vermonters who share our goal of ending domestic violence and sexual assault in our state.

— Karen Trongstad-Scott

2011 Vermont Network Highlights

In 2011, a total of 1,025 victims of sexual assault and 7,317 victims of domestic violence sought services from the Member Programs of the Vermont Network. In addition, 747 people were sheltered by Member Programs in 2011 with a total of 22,392 shelter nights provided.

Public Policy

The VT Network provides statewide and national leadership for developing public policy and legislation that supports victims and holds perpetrators accountable. In 2011, we provided leadership and advocacy for a number of initiatives including:

• Bringing together of youth and court/legal advocates to identify concerns and collaborate on solutions to sexual and domestic violence related legal issues facing youth in Vermont.

• State and federal legislation advocacy, including the passage of a comprehensive law addressing the crime of human trafficking in Vermont.

• Policies addressing prison rape, the National Guard’s response to sexual and domestic violence, abuse of vulnerable adults and workplace responses to domestic and sexual violence.

• Resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, funding for Network Member Programs, state funding for emergency housing for domestic violence survivors, and expanded economic empowerment resources for survivors.

• The doubling of the number of attorneys available through the Legal Assistance to Victims project thereby expanding the cadre of Vermont attorneys with expertise and experience in working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Community Outreach

The VT Network supports the community, our Member Programs and partners through prevention and educational efforts designed to help them develop the capacity to understand and serve victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. In 2011, the Network:

• Actively provided leadership for the Governor’s new Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force.

• Provided prevention “train-the-trainers” education at 21 Vermont schools (125 youth and adults) about the importance of consent in intimate relationships.

• Conducted over 40 trainings of 1072 individuals for Network Membership Programs and allied organizations such as colleges and schools, state agencies, the Vermont National Guard, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners and the Police Academy on topics including the fundamentals of domestic and sexual violence, economic justice and empowerment, child sexual abuse, trauma informed care and legal training.

Member Program Support

The VT Network supports victims of domestic and sexual violence by helping its membership and allied organizations develop capacity to respond to victims/survivors. In 2011, the Vermont Network:

• Provided over 150 site visits to Member Programs and over 2,000 technical assistance sessions.

• Created an interactive training for Vermont law enforcement entitled, “Vermont Kids, Cops and Domestic Violence” to better serve children exposed to domestic violence.

• Provided technical assistance to Member Programs regarding child abuse reporting, best practices in serving children and youth, trauma informed practice, and child sexual abuse.

• Provided training and technical assistance to Member Programs on leadership, Board functioning, organizational development, and service enhancement.

• Began a new Network bookmobile service and conducted six bookmobile site visits to Member Programs.

Vermont Network 2011 Financial Statement*

**INCOME:**
Federal grants ........................................ $1,674,672
State allocations ................................. $ 475,245
Other .............................................. $ 182,141
TOTAL INCOME ..................................... $2,332,058

**EXPENSES:**
Support for Direct Services .......................... $1,210,075
• Network Program grants
• Emergency Housing for victims
• Legal representation for victims
• Batterer Intervention grants
Outreach/Training/Education .......................... $ 115,315
Consultant Contracts ............................ $ 181,133
Network Personnel .............................. $ 541,710
Office ............................................. $ 181,176
Obligated Funds ..................................... $ 102,649
TOTAL EXPENSES ..................................... $2,332,058

*Note: This financial statement is based on projections.

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