Our Position Statement
As the statewide leader of the movement to end domestic and sexual violence, the Vermont Network, in collaboration with its Member Programs, is the collective voice for social change on behalf of domestic and sexual violence survivors.

Our Global Goal
The Vermont Network exists so that conditions are favorable for Member Program success. Member Program success means survivors are supported and empowered in getting their needs met and communities are working toward eliminating domestic and sexual violence.

Our Core Values
Social Justice — valuing the dignity of every human being and promoting human rights and cultural equity.
Learning — embracing creative and innovative practices.
Empowerment — committed to supporting and inspiring staff, survivors, individuals and communities in the expression of their own agency.
Change — using our strength to advocate for social change.
Outcomes — striving to achieve the most good and the least harm for the greatest number of survivors.
Holism — acknowledge all aspects of the lives of individuals, including relationships to oppression.
Survivor Informed — guided by the voices and experiences of all victims and survivors.
Collaboration — informs our work and affords us the opportunity to build capacity, maximize resources, and bring new paradigms into view.

What Are Victims Experiencing?

Network Member Programs Served 6,957 Victims in 2014

- Intimate Partner Violence 73%
- Sexual Violence 18%
- Stalking 6%
- Other Family Violence 5%

Network Member Programs Served 1,229 Victims of Sexual Violence

- Rape: 54%
- Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: 13%
- Child Sexual Abuse: 13%
- Sexual Harassment: 6%
- Attemped Rape: 4%
- Sex Trafficking: 2%
- Other types of sexual violence: 24%

Note: Some victims disclosed multiple types of sexual violence

What Are Victims Experiencing?

- Intimate Partner Violence: 73%
- Sexual Violence: 18%
- Stalking: 6%
- Other Family Violence: 5%

Network Office Staff
Karen Tronsgard-Scott Executive Director
Sarah Kenney Associate Director of Public Policy
Michelle Oliver Supervising Attorney
Dana Paull Associate Director of Finance
Chani Waterhouse Associate Director of Member Program Support
Alex Bottinelli Clearinghouse & Resources Coordinator
Bethany Pombar Prevention Specialist
Meg Cogy Provost Administrative Assistant
Kalli Risiano Legal Projects Coordinator
Sarah Kunz Robinson Special Initiatives Coordinator
Anna Smith Training & Technical Assistance Coordinator
Auburn Waterson Economic Justice Specialist

Contractors
Emily Blaisse SANE Program Coordinator
Jean Caren SANE Clinical Coordinator
Kim Kline & Kim Jordan DIVAS Advocacy Coordinators
Rebecca Gurney DIVAS Administrative Coordinator
Heather Holter Vermont Council on Domestic Violence Coordinator
Rebecca Thompson Hauser Benson Accountability Coordinator
Amy Torchio Children's Advocacy Coordinator
Pat Worcester Database Coordinator

2014 ANNUAL REPORT
Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
P.O. Box 405
Montpelier, VT 05601
802-223-1302
E-mail: vtnetwork@vtnetwork.org
Website: www.vtnetwork.org

STATEWIDE HOTLINES
1-800-489-7273 (for Sexual Assault)
1-800-228-7395 (for Domestic Violence)
2014 Vermont Network Highlights

Public Policy for a Safer and More Just Vermont

Firearms: • The Network supported the legislation to create a statutory process for the storage of firearms ordered to be relinquished under protection orders. We hope that this provision will encourage judges to take seriously the threat posed by abusers’ access to firearms and order weapons to be relinquished.

Survivor Rights: • The Network helped secure passage of a law to protect sexual survivor rights: • The Network supported the legislation to create a statutory process

Criminal and Civil Justice System Personnel

Anti-Poverty: • The Network provided 36 trainings with 695 attendees

Supporting Member Programs and Statewide Partners

The Network: • Published a Title IX and Act 1 guide for student victims of harassment or discrimination in school. • Library loaned 730 resources to member program advocates and state allies. • Provided technical assistance in litigation related to cases of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Network’s Direct Service Projects

Technical Assistance (TA) Projects

DV/SAV Advocacy Organizations

1557 TA Contacts

Criminal and Civil Justice System Personnel

412 TA Contacts

Health and Mental Health Care Providers

78 TA Contacts

The Network provided 36 trainings with 695 attendees

• 50 Member Program advocates attended the annual All Network Institute, Empowering Survivors With Mental Health and Substance Addiction Needs.

• 15 health care providers received Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training and over 40 nurses received continuing education regarding the care of victims of sexual violence.

• PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) and Network staff collaborated with the Dept. of Corrections to train their staff, inmates, and contractors about inmates’ rights under PREA.

• Consultation and training was provided to Vermont’s COPE Parenting Program, a program designed to help children deal with divorce, and specifically to enhance the program’s response to domestic violence.

Advocates supported 572 survivors in the following activities

2014 Vermont Network 2014 Financial Statement

Federal grants: $718,566

Specialized Programming Contracts*: $332,065

Operations: $167,587

Total: $1,649,206

Expenses 2014

20.13% Support for Direct Services: $375,890

39.36% Network Personnel: $649,128

7.56% Outreach/ Training/ Education: $124,736

10.15% Support for Parents: 412 TA Contacts

22.79% Information & Referral: $25,768

8.82% Emotional Support: 104 survivors

47.61% Safety Planning: 1969 persons

Federal grants: $718,566

Network Personnel: $649,128

Support for Parents: 412 TA Contacts

Emotional Support: 104 survivors

Safety Planning: 1969 persons

Support for Parents: 412 TA Contacts

Total: $1,649,206

Expenses 2014

Adovocacy Services Were Provided to 8,559 Individuals

Economic Empowerment

Housing Snapshot

• 1,969 persons received advocacy for housing needs. • 496 adults and 288 children stayed in emergency shelter. • Transitional housing was provided to 67 adults and 62 children. • Bednings in shelter were 28,942, and 20,775 in transitional housing.

Advocates supported 572 survivors in the following activities

60% To increase financial security

43.57% To increase housing security

6% To increase financial security

43.57% To increase housing security

26.1% To increase financial security

20% To increase housing security

20% To increase financial security

20% To increase housing security

— A survivor

— A survivor

14 Member Programs Meeting Survivors’ Needs

My local Network Program was with me every step of the way whether it was to vent my emotions or help me find a new career. If it wasn’t for them I would still be stuck in the same pattern. I am now a college student graduating in the spring with an Associates and moving on to my bachelors. My children are happy and our family is stable.

— A survivor

Now that I’ve moved myself and my kids, it is my wish to strengthen my credit foundation. This program provides a renewed sense of direction to someone, as myself, who is down and out, feeling lost and confused.

— A survivor

This publication is available in large print upon request: library@vtnetwork.org