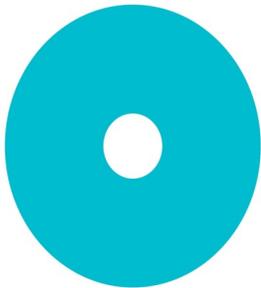




In Touch

Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

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TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

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VAWA PASSES CONGRESS

The Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition joins local, state, and national partners in commending Congress for passing S. 47, the Senate version of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization bill.

The Senate passed S. 47 on February 12. The House considered and voted on an alternative version, which did not pass. On February 28 the Senate version passed in the House with bipartisan support in a vote of 286 to 138.

This legislation includes stronger protections for some of the more vulnerable victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. This includes protections for women on Tribal lands, immigrant victims, survivors in the LGBT community and others.

S. 47 also includes several new components that will strengthen responses to sexual violence and the services for victims and survivors. This includes renewing the Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) and the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) funding streams and expanding protections for victims on campus colleges. Additionally, this legislation includes the first federal public housing protections specifically for victims of sexual assault. It also increases and improves efforts to address the backlog of rape collection kits yet to be processed.

1. Press release from the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, received through email communication on February 28, 2013.
2. Press release from the National Network to End Domestic Violence, received through email communication on February 28, 2013.

NDVSAC is elated that VAWA was passed in the House today. The bill that was passed will provide protection for all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including the most underserved populations. Nebraska's network of 21 domestic violence and sexual assault direct service programs joined with the Coalition to support and achieve the reauthorization of VAWA.

-Lynne Lange,
Executive Director, NDVSAC

The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is thrilled with the passage of VAWA by the House today. Congress has signaled a new day in this nation's efforts to address the crime of rape.

-Monika Johnson Hostler,
Board President, National Alliance to End Sexual Violence¹

Victims of violence and their advocates are breathing a collective sigh of relief today, knowing that this critical bill is on its way to President Obama for signature. We commend those who stood in support of victims and put the needs of those suffering from abuse ahead of partisan politics.

-Kim Gandy,
President and CEO of the National Network to End Domestic Violence²

February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month

By Rachel West, Prevention Coordinator

So What Works With Teens?



As if we have not already had a busy start to the New Year, along comes National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month! Each year, February is filled with activities and events to build awareness and prevent dating violence among teens. Given the limited time we have to spread such an important message (after all, February *is* the shortest month of the year), it would be foolish not to ensure that we are using what “works” with teens in our efforts.

Use the right lingo.

Teens seem to speak in their own language, which means that they aren’t relating to ours. According to the Center for Healthy Teen Relationships, some teens consider the terms “dating violence” and “abuse” to be outdated or associated with adults. Talk to teens to find out what words they currently use to describe dating violence and incorporate that terminology into your work.

Focus on the positive.

Dating is new to teens. For that reason, they struggle with being able to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy relationships. While it is important to help teens to be able to identify the characteristics of an unhealthy relationship, it is equally important to help teens understand what makes a healthy relationship. Again, language is key! Some teens cringe at the terms “healthy” and “unhealthy.” Instead, they might describe a healthy relationship as being “real.” Either way, the take-away point is to provide positive messages that reinforce healthy relationships.

Provide culturally relevant and engaging programming.

Using the right lingo can only carry us so far. We must also make sure that the content of our message draws in teens and is something that they can relate to. Yes this is a daunting task. Who can keep up with that ever-changing teenage culture? Well, teens! Get teens involved in designing and implementing programs. Be sure to incorporate relationship quizzes, video contests, art projects, and other creative ways in which teens can interactively learn about healthy relationships, practice healthy relationships skills, and help spread the healthy relationships message among their peers. Don’t forget to make it easy for teens to participate in the program. They are more likely to participate in activities that do not require too much of their time, particularly if their friends are participating as well.

Build the right environment.

School personnel and parents need to be on board with dating violence prevention programming. This doesn’t mean gaining access into schools for a one-time educational session. This doesn’t mean simply training school personnel and parents on dating violence 101. This means recruiting school personnel and parents to encourage and make it easy for students to participate in prevention programs multiple times throughout the year. This means sending those healthy relationship messages in both universal educational settings and perhaps more targeted support group sessions; in health classes *and* art classes; during school and in extracurricular groups as well. And go ahead – market your program! Just be sure to hang that sign in a classroom or a library where teens linger, rather than that crowded hallway in which they are simply bustling past.

National Stalking Awareness Month 2013

National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) began in January 2004 when several national organizations such as the Stalking Resource Center, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Office on Violence Against Women came together and decided communities needed to know more about this dangerous and possible lethal crime. 1 in 6 women and 1 in 19 men have experienced stalking in their lifetime.¹ The most common type of stalker is the Simple Obsession, also known as the domestic violence stalker. This type of stalker is the most dangerous.

It is because of this and more, that the Coalition works with Nebraska's 21 domestic violence/sexual assault programs and allied agencies to educate themselves and others on recognizing stalking and taking action to assist victims and hold the perpetrators accountable.

Each year for NSAM, the Coalition recognizes an individual and/or organization who has demonstrated significant efforts to increase awareness of stalking, to mobilize their communities to recognize that it occurs in "their hometown," and to increase and enhance response efforts to stalking victims and the stalker. This year the Coalition awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Stacey Lichtenberg from the Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault in Fremont as well as the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center.



Stacey Lichtenberg with the certificate of appreciation.

Stacey Lichtenberg has been a strong advocate for the Crisis Center for Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault for 12 years. She currently serves as the agency's Community Education Coordinator providing education and prevention programming to youth, civic and professional groups. Stacey has a strong interest and passion for educating others and addressing the challenges and safety concerns in our communities and in our nation. Suzanne Smith, Executive Director of the Crisis Center, states "Stacey is a tireless advocate, and one who consistently places the needs of the survivors first in everything that she does. Stacey has consistently assisted in providing stalking case examples to help others across Nebraska learn how to better serve survivors of stalking. She has been a valuable contributor in providing insight and information on what may or may not help for survivors of stalking. Yet most importantly, Stacey has been an unwavering advocate and stronghold for stalking survivors, believing them, assisting them, and speaking out on their behalf."

The Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) was also chosen to be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for NSAM. Over the past several years, the NLETC has devoted training time for their new recruits to learn the typologies of stalkers, the tactics and behaviors of stalkers, and best responses in cases that involve stalking. Because of these efforts, the NLETC is providing Nebraska with officers who are aware of and knowledgeable about the various aspects of stalking. They are prepared to assist victims of stalking who take the step to reach out for help.

For more information about stalking, contact the domestic violence/sexual assault program in your area or contact Sarah at the Coalition (sarahb@ndvsac.org or 402-476-6256). More information can also be found on the website of the National Stalking Resource Center, www.ncvc.org/src.

1. Stalking Resource Center website, retrieved February 6, 2013 from www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center/stalking-information#vic

Providing Trauma Informed Services

Those working with victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence are surrounded by trauma every day. In order to provide the most effective, supportive services, advocates must consider the impact of trauma on survivors as well as ways to incorporate trauma informed care into the services provided. The following information is excerpted from materials from the National Center on Domestic Violence.¹

Adopting a trauma-informed approach to domestic violence advocacy means attending to survivors' emotional as well as physical safety. This means that advocates assist survivors in strengthening their own psychological capacities to deal with the multiple complex issues they face in accessing safety, recovering from the traumatic effects of domestic violence and other lifetime abuse, and rebuilding their lives. It also means ensuring that all survivors of domestic violence have access to advocacy services in an environment that is inclusive, welcoming, destigmatizing, and non-retraumatizing.

There are five core components of a trauma-informed approach to advocacy. These include:

1. Provide survivors with information about the traumatic effects of abuse.

Many survivors of domestic violence will not be familiar with the concept of trauma. Some survivors may believe that it is a sign of strength to be able to withstand extreme difficulty without complaining.

2. Adapt programs and services to meet survivors' trauma and mental health related needs.

Work to create programs, policies, and settings that meet survivors where they are and that are careful not to retraumatize survivors.

3. Create opportunities for survivors to discuss their responses to trauma.

Once survivors are aware that most people have natural responses to extreme stress and pressure, it may be possible to help each woman to think about the specific ways that she and her children have managed, responded to, and been affected by the stress, pressure, and trauma that they have experienced.

4. Offer resources and referrals to survivors.

Resources may include selfhelp tools as well as referrals to knowledgeable providers in the community or consultants who provide services at a DV program.

5. Reflect on our own and our programs' practice.

Being aware of our own reactions to others and to trauma helps ensure that our interactions with survivors are focused on supporting their best interests and wellbeing.

1. Creating Trauma-Informed Services: Tipsheet Series: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Domestic Violence Advocacy, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health, retrieved January 18, 2013 from http://nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Tipsheet_TI-DV-Advocacy_NCDVTMH_Aug2011.pdf

For additional resources, contact Michelle M at the Coalition (402-476-6256 or email her at michellem@ndvsac.org), or visit one of the websites listed below.

- ▶ National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health, www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org
- ▶ VAWnet: National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women, www.vawnet.org
- ▶ National Sexual Violence Resource Center, www.nsvrc.org

Advocacy Beyond Leaving: What Do Children Need?

For many survivors of violence, their children are the primary factor in deciding whether or not to leave an abusive relationship. In some cases, victims make the difficult decision to stay in the relationship. There are many reasons for this, including a desire to protect the children (which they may not be able to do if the abuser is awarded custody), religious and cultural beliefs about marriage and parenting, and a need to provide for the basic needs of the children.

If someone stays in an abusive relationship, they may still want support and services for themselves and their children. This article looks at what the children in the home may need in this situation. The following information is excerpted from a longer publication, *When Battered Women Stay...Advocacy Beyond Leaving*, by Jill Davies.¹

Knowing What Children Need to Be Okay

Children are victims of domestic violence. Safety for children requires strategies that are different but intertwined with their battered mothers' safety strategies. Our mission is to end violence and reduce its negative effects for all survivors. Children are very likely to have contact with their fathers, whether their mothers leave, stay in their relationships, or stay in contact. For these reasons, children should be able to count on us to help their battered parents to:

- ▶ Know whether or not their children are okay;
- ▶ Build opportunities for their children's well-being; and
- ▶ Try to prevent future harm.

If our work with battered parents is not enough to keep some children safe, then those children should also be able to count on us to take steps necessary to protect them from serious harm. This might mean involving other family members, social services, developing parenting intervention plans, or in some circumstances may even require involvement of child protection. It may also include an exploration of leaving as a strategy and advocacy that helps the battered parent obtain court orders that only allow safe contact.

How will we help battered parents to know if their children are okay?

In general, this will involve understanding the strengths and resources of each child, their family, and their community in combination with the effects of domestic violence and other risk factors. Every child is unique. Each has different strengths, resources, risks, and cultural contexts. All children face some risk to their development that might include factors such as domestic violence, poverty, family dysfunction, disability or other health issue, child abuse, inadequate schools, or parenting challenges.

To understand whether a child is okay, we must help parents understand their children's behavior, feelings, and interactions with others at home, at school, and in the social community. In other words, "How is the child actually doing?" The effects of a range of risk factors must be viewed together and considered with the benefits of positive aspects of the child's life. Whether or not a child is okay depends on more than just the effects of domestic violence. As with all advocacy, our work with parents must be done in partnership with them, partnerships built through understanding their perspectives and culture. Battered parents make decisions for their children in the context of their lives, including all risk factors – not just domestic violence.

1. When Battered Women Stay...Advocacy Beyond Leaving, Jill Davies, 2008, Retrieved January 18, 2013 from http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/BCS20_Staying.pdf

One Billion Rising



Advocates from various programs and the Coalition at an event in Lincoln.

One Billion Rising was implemented in 2013 as a day of global action, seeking to unit advocates and activities around the world on the same day - February 14. It consisted primarily of dance strikes, but other activities were included as well. One Billion Rising was created in conjunction with V-Day (another worldwide movement to raise awareness) and is based on the statistics that 1 in 3 women worldwide will be raped in her lifetime. **This equals approx. one billion women.** For more information about One Billion Rising, contact the Coalition or visit www.onebillionrising.org.

Local domestic violence/sexual assault programs as well as other organizations and community groups in Nebraska participated in One Billion Rising. There were dance strikes, a proclamation by the mayor of Lincoln, open houses, poetry readings, public policy initiatives related to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), letter writing campaigns, an art show, community forums and more.

One Billion Rising is about hope and action - in small ways and large ways. It's about speaking out against violence in our homes, communities, nation, and world. It's about taking up space and demanding to be heard - through dance, through our voices, and through any and all mediums available. It's also about celebrating the positive, healthy relationships in our lives.

Coalition staff were asked why they rise. Here's how they responded.

- ⌘ Lynne Lange, Executive Director: "I am rising because as a mother I am teaching my two boys about the value of healthy relationships, the passion for working to help others and the necessity to illustrate through actions and words that violence is not an acceptable behavior."
- ⌘ Sarah Balcom, Domestic Violence Program Coordinator: "I am rising because I am a voice for those impacted by domestic violence, stalking and sexual violence. I rise because I want the violence to stop, I want my children to experience life without violence."
- ⌘ Carly Beusch, Project Attorney: "I am rising because everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home."
- ⌘ David James, Bookkeeper: "I am rising because we all need to live in a world free from domestic and sexual violence."
- ⌘ Michelle Miller, Sexual Violence Program Coordinator: "I rise for a better world. Violence against one affects us all."
- ⌘ Lili Obakpolor, Administrative Coordinator: "I am rising to remove the stigma."
- ⌘ Robert Sanford, Legal Director: "I am rising because there are those whose voice is unheard."
- ⌘ Rachel West, Prevention Coordinator: "I am rising to demand an end to violence because it is my responsibility - as a woman, a mother, a daughter, a friend, a human being. The alternative - to sit back and do nothing - is simply not an option."
- ⌘ Michelle Zinke, Training and Resource Coordinator: "I am rising because I owe it to my mother, my grandmother, my great-grandmother and all the generations before them. I rise because my sisters, niece and I deserve better than a world where domestic and sexual violence is a part of the lives of 1 in 3 women worldwide. I rise because my brothers and nephew deserve better than a world where violence is seen as a trait of masculinity. I rise because I have hope for the future."

Why do you rise?

NDVSAC and Local Programs Receive Funds from Settlement



Above: Attorney General Jon Bruning and Lynne Lange, Executive Director for the NDVSAC. Below: Attorney General Jon Bruning and Chief of Staff Holley Bolen with Coalition staff, Board representatives and local program representatives.

The Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition is the recipient of funds from a settlement between the Nebraska Attorney General's Office and Lender Processing Services. Lender Processing Services was accused of engaging in unlawful practices. They agreed to pay \$121 million to resolve the claims that they wrongfully foreclosed on homeowners in 46 states.

The settlement funds granted to Nebraska total \$820,190. This money will be given to the Coalition for distribution to the Coalition and the 21 local domestic violence/sexual assault programs. The Coalition will distribute the funds based on the funding formula that is used for grant monies passed through the Department of Health and Human Services.

The funds will be used by the local programs and the Coalition in a variety of ways, such as services for victims and survivors, Josie's Fund (a grant program for pet related expenses of survivors), and items not normally covered by grants (i.e. some administration costs, individual needs of victims such as clothing). The monies will have an enormous impact on all of the programs, especially the smaller programs located in rural areas.



On February 6, Holley Bolen, the Chief of Staff for the Nebraska Attorney General's office, spoke at a meeting of the Board of Directors. On March 1, Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning and Ms. Bolen met with Coalition staff, Board representatives and local program representatives to present the check from Lender Processing Services.

The Coalition and the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs are grateful for this unexpected funding and thank Jon Bruning and the Nebraska Attorney General's Office for selecting the network of programs and the Coalition to be the recipients of these funds.

Some information from "State gets \$820K in mortgage settlement," retrieved February 1, 2013 from http://journalstar.com/business/local/state-gets-k-in-mortgage-settlement/article_cc973942-58b0-533e-8620-7757e862cc67.html

SAVE THE DATE: PAUSE! PLAN! PREVENT! CONFERENCE

Pause! Plan! Prevent! The Coalition will host a 2 day conference on primary prevention on May 21-22 in Lincoln. This conference is open to the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs and tribal programs.

The first day of the conference will include two national speakers, David Lee with PreventConnect and Jennifer Grove with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The second day of the conference will be a strategic planning session that will create a five year primary prevention plan for Nebraska. For more information, contact Rachel at rachelw@ndvsac.org or 402-476-6256.

Program News

Open Door Initiative



The Open Door Initiative (ODI) is a collaborative project of four local community-based agencies in Lincoln. ODI began in October 2008, as the result of the award of a three-year federal grant by the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice. The title of this grant is “Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to End Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities Grant Program.”

In October 2012, ODI was one of two continuation grantees awarded by the OVW Disability Grant Program. The four partner agencies are Friendship Home, Voices of Hope, St. Monica’s, and CenterPointe. These project partners are well-respected authorities in the Lincoln community regarding provision of services addressing domestic violence, mental health, and/or substance use.



St. Monica’s



The focus of ODI is enhancing services for women who experience domestic violence, mental health concerns and/or substance use issues. The mission and vision of the collaboration are to develop sustainable system change within and among the partner agencies. The goal of the project is that through collaborative systemic change survivors can access holistic, individualized, seamless services regardless of which agency door they enter.

ODI conducted a needs assessment and a strategic plan to address the identified needs. As a result, ODI has produced several publications: Confidentiality and Collaborative Communication; ODI Safety and Accessibility Review; Trauma-Informed and Domestic Violence-Informed Services, Collaborative Intake and Screening; and Collaborative Safety Planning. These publications and guidelines are used to provide cross-disciplinary trainings and opportunities for cross-disciplinary networking in order to create sustainable collaborative service provision to meet the complex needs of survivors who experience mental health concerns and/or substance use issues.

The continuation grant will build upon the achievements specifically in the areas of Collaborative Safety Planning, Safety and Accessibility, and Trauma-Informed Care through the lens of Domestic Violence.

Information about the grant and the Open Door Initiative publications can be found at the Accessing Safety website www.accessingsafety.org and using the Community Profile link found on the right-hand side of the web page.

For additional information, contact the Project Director, Deb Weston with the Friendship Home at (402) 437-9366.

Program News

Coalition Welcomes New Local Program Directors!

Two local domestic violence/sexual assault programs have new Executive Directors, and another program has a new Chief Executive Officer. The Coalition welcomes these new leaders to the network!

Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) (Ogallala): **Kathleen Bauer** was officially appointed the new Executive Director after serving as the Interim Executive Director for several months. Prior to becoming the Executive Director Kat served as the Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator for SCIP. Before joining SCIP, Kat worked as a family support worker and supervised visitation worker through McConaughy Discover Center. Kat holds a BA in Psychology from Chadron State College. Kat is excited about her new role with SCIP and moving the organization forward.

SASA Crisis Center (Hastings): **Jamie Manzer** is the new Executive Director for SASA. Prior to her work with SASA, Jamie was the Program Manager for a community-based care agency in Key West, Florida specializing in child abuse prevention, domestic violence, missing children and human sex trafficking. Jamie was also a qualified expert in the area of child abuse and neglect, testifying to the nexus of abuse and its emotional impact on children. Jamie holds a BA in Anthropology with an emphasis on social policy and an MA in Public Policy with concentrations in Economics and Public Management. Jamie is enthusiastic to join the SASA team and to collaborate with area agencies.

Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) (Omaha): The Women's Center for Advancement has a new Chief Executive Director, **Amy Richardson**. Lynn Pollitt remains the program director for the domestic violence/sexual assault services and will work closely with Amy regarding services, outreach, community education and prevention activities.

Nebraska Team to Attend Human Trafficking Conference

A team from Nebraska was selected to participate in a training opportunity on human trafficking. This training, Building Collaborative Responses to Trafficked Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, is being offered by Futures Without Violence (formerly the Family Violence Prevention Fund).

Interested participants were invited to submit an application and proposed team for consideration. Nebraska's team includes Dawn Conley, Program Director from Heartland Family Service (Papillion); Jeremy Kinsey, Detective Sergeant, La Vista Police Department Criminal Investigations Bureau; and Robert Sanford, Legal Director for the Coalition.

This training opportunity comes with one year follow up support on action plans. It focuses on providing effective skills on how to identify and assist domestic violence and sexual assault victims who may also be human trafficking victims. This training will focus on improving the collaborative response to the crime of international human trafficking. The training will be held March 14-16, 2013 in San Francisco, CA.

What's New at the Coalition?

NDVSAC Board Update

Over the past 1 1/2 years, the Board of Directors has engaged in a series of strategic planning sessions, in conjunction with staff and the directors of the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs. These sessions have yielded many things, including a revised mission statement and a list of core values (included in the 2012 3rd quarter issue of *In Touch*).

Another major component of these meetings has been the restructuring of the Board. The need for additional community representatives was identified. Several discussions were held regarding changes to the make up of the Board that would create greater participation by individuals and organizations outside of the local programs yet keep the local programs involved in the decision making process of the Board of Directors.

The new structure was implemented in January 2013, with several new Board members. This structure still includes regional representatives from the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs, yet allows for a larger number of community representatives than in the past.

The Coalition is excited about this new structure, and the opportunities it creates to move the organization forward. The 2013 Board of Directors includes:

- ⌘ Christon MacTaggart, Nebraska State Patrol, Chair, Papillion
- ⌘ Hilary Wasserburger, DOVES Program, Vice-Chair, Gering
- ⌘ Bob Moyer, Family Violence Council, Treasurer, Lincoln
- ⌘ Andrea Rodriguez, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Secretary, Norfolk
- ⌘ Suellen Koepke, Healing Hearts and Families, Parliamentarian, Broken Bow
- ⌘ Heather Duhachek, Generation Hope Counseling, Omaha
- ⌘ Francine McKenzie, Community Member, North Platte
- ⌘ Kelsie Myers, Legal Aid of Nebraska, Norfolk
- ⌘ Linda Olson, Bright Horizons, O'Neill
- ⌘ Keisha Patent, Nebraska Legislative Research, Lincoln
- ⌘ Lynn Pollitt, WCA, Omaha
- ⌘ Jay Rose, U.S. Bank, Lincoln



2013 Board of Directors of the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition, with Lynne Lange, Executive Director. Not pictured: Francine McKenzie and Bob Moyer.

What's New at the Coalition?

35 years of Empowering, Believing, and Leading



On December 28, 1977 the Coalition was incorporated. Originally named the Nebraska Domestic Violence Task Force, the Coalition has spent the past 35 years working to raise awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; support victims and survivors; and hold perpetrators accountable.

This has included projects to raise public awareness, monitoring public policy, developing program standards for local domestic violence/sexual assault organizations and batterer intervention programs, and collaborative projects to enhance community responses to victims and offenders.

A key component of the work has always been coordination with the local domestic violence/sexual assault programs. However, efforts have not been limited to Nebraska, staff have been involved with numerous regional and national projects.

The Coalition is celebrating 35 years of advocacy, safety, justice, prevention and education. To quote the vision statement, "We envision a world where domestic violence and sexual assault are a distant memory and healthy relationships prosper."

Won't you join us in creating this vision? In honor of the 35th birthday, the Coalition is asking for donations in the amount of \$35, one dollar for each year. Any amount, larger or smaller, is also greatly appreciated. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to NDVSAC, 245 S. 84th Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68510.

The Coalition sincerely thanks the donors who have already participated in this campaign.

Coalition Welcomes Two Externs

For several years the Coalition has worked with interns and externs from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's College of Law. This semester there are two externs, Nolt and Noelle. Nolt has volunteered with the Coalition in the past and will soon graduate from law school. Noelle is a second year law student. Both students have a background in working with survivors of domestic and sexual violence, having volunteered with local programs.

Nolt and Noelle will work with Robert Sanford, Legal Director, and Carly Beusch, Project Attorney on several projects. The Coalition thanks Nolt and Noelle for their time and interest in addressing domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

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Jay Rose, Lincoln

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Upcoming Events

March

- 5 Legislative Update Day, Lincoln, NDVSAC, 402-476-6256
- 6 Speaking of Children 6th Annual Conference with Ashley Judd and Laura vanDerboot Lipsky, Omaha, Project Harmony, 402-595-1326
- 26-28 Fundamentals of Advocacy Part II, Lincoln, NDVSAC, 402-476-6256
- 27 Finding Light through the Darkness: Suicide Prevention, Lincoln, School Crisis Intervention Program, 402-483-4581

April

- 1-2 Nuestras Voces National Bilingual Sexual Assault Conference, Des Moines, IA, Art Sana, www.arte-sana.com
- 11-13 Nebraska Crime Victims' Rights Conference, Omaha, US Attorney's Office, 402-661-3700
- 24 Legal Advocacy: An Overview, Grand Island, NDVSAC, 402-476-6256