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Kitsap SAIVS Update

By Claire Bradley,
Chief Deputy Prosecutor, Felony Division
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Kitsap Special Assault Investigations and Victim's Services (Kitsap SAIVS) is a county-wide, inter-local organization comprised of Prosecutor's, Clerk's and Sheriff's Offices, County, City, State and federal Tribal law enforcement agencies, the Kitsap Sexual Assault Center, Harrison Medical Center, YWCA, Naval Family Advocacy Program and Criminal Investigation Service, District Court Probation, *Kitsap Legal Services, Inc.*, Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force, Kitsap Parent Coalition and the State Dept. of Social Health Services Division of Children & Family Services.

Coordination of services provided by each of these agencies was made formal through an Inter-local agreement. For the past decade, SAIVS has demonstrated potential for coordinating a system of services with the establishment of a task force in 2000 to deal with domestic violence and sexual assault, developing the first sexual assault nurse examiners program in 1997 so that child victims would not be required to travel to neighboring counties, and hiring a specialist in child victim advocacy in 1996. The same hospital-based program is now in the process of expanding services to include treatment of acute domestic violence victims. *Kitsap Legal Services* has been part of the "Access to Justice Network" for 14 years serving low-income residents to provide services to clients in need.

In 2005, with the consent and guidance of SAIVS, the prosecutor's office began video recording of all child victims of abuse. At present, we are Associate members of the National Children's Alliance (NCA), but we have committed to make the necessary changes to become Full members of NCA. We are currently in the process of adopting protocol to ensure that our facility and organization meets all the standards and criteria of NCA Full membership.

Also, in 2007 and the early part of this year, substantial remodeling of the county building that houses several of our member agencies occurred in order to accommodate all of the necessary member agencies of SAIVS. We are in the final stages of this remodel and expect the agencies will be able to move in to the building by the end of the summer. Our facility, which is within walking distance of the courthouse, will soon be housing prosecutors, court clerks, advocates, law enforcement, child protective services employees and other programs that provide related services to victims and their families. In joining together we seek to improve the collaborative services that we provide (cont. on page 4)

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KITSAP COUNTY Domestic Violence TASK FORCE

Mission

To create a community free from domestic violence.

Goals

To promote victim safety and perpetrator accountability the KCDVTF will:

- Educate the community about domestic violence;
- Establish and maintain a Coordinated Community Response;
- Encourage and support agencies that work with domestic violence;
- Maintain information regarding Kitsap County domestic violence resources;
- Advocate for legislative progress in issues as they relate to domestic violence;
- Develop funding resources to maintain the KCDVTF and to support the efforts of our community;
- Collect and maintain data on domestic violence in the community.

How to reach us:

- Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force
Post Office Box 48
Bremerton, WA 98337
- Phone: 360.373.5392
- Email: kcdvtf@silverlink.net

Upcoming KCDVTF Meetings

~ all meetings are open to the public ~

KCDVTF Board Meeting

- Second Tuesday of the month at 4 PM
- YWCA Bremerton

Faith Community Action Group

Serving as a resource for information and training to the local faith community on DV issues.

- 2nd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m.
- YWCA office - 905 Pacific Avenue, Bremerton

RESPECT (Relationship Education Strengthens & Provides Empowering Choices for Today's) Kitsap Youth

Addressing multi-disciplinary issues around youth.

- 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Waterfront Bakery, Old Silverdale, Upstairs

For more information contact: Candy Cardinal 360.337.5235 x6338

Treatment Providers

Addresses issues of coordination and cooperation between the certified treatment providers in Kitsap County and the district, municipal and Dept. of Corrections probation officers.

- 3rd Tuesday
- Jackson Park, Bremerton

For more information, email Steve Garcia @ stephen.garcia2@navy.mil

Community Education Committee -offering speaker and trainers to the community on D.V. issues. Contact the Task Force for more information.

The Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force
Would like to welcome our newest board members:

Marvin McKinney

Port Orchard Police

If you or someone you know would like to apply for a position on the Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force Board, please visit our website at www.kcdvtf.org and click on "who are we" and then "volunteer opportunities"
. Or you can email us at kcdvtf@silverlink.net or call 360-373-5392

The 6th Annual Community Picnic

Held on July 22, 2008 was again a huge success! We want to thank all those who helped make it possible through their donations of time and/or financial support! Minders Meats, Tim's Cascade Chips, Gai's Bakery, Garguile's Red Apple Market, Fred Meyer, Costco, Central Market, Nicole Matheson of Mirracole Morsels, Bremerton Police, Port Orchard Police, Bainbridge Island Police & Bremerton Fire & Rescue.

The Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force is a 501c3 non-profit organization. If you would like to make a donation please contact us at 360-373-5392 or by email: kcdvtf@silverlink.net Together we can create a community free of domestic violence.

Interpersonal Violence: Here There & Everywhere

October 17, 2008—Crossroads Neighborhood Church

Target Audience: law enforcement, prosecutors, social workers, sexual assault, chemical dependency, advocates, medical, counselors, and anyone interested in learning more about the field of DV and / or working with those who have experienced interpersonal violence.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the relationship between DV, CD, and MH issues.
2. Describe steps to protect self and others from stalking.
3. Evaluate the challenges and needs of those experiencing intimate partner violence.

Our thanks to The Kitsap County Sheriffs Office and Soroptomists International for their support of this event.

Cost: \$35.00 Please make checks payable to Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force. Purchase orders OK. (limited scholarships available)

Lunch is included in the fee If you do not register by October 10th, lunch may not be provided for you.

Resource Tables are available for \$10

Please mark box if your agency/business would like to reserve a table

Please let us know if you have any special needs so we can accommodate:

Send registration form & check/purchase order to:
KCDVTF, P.O. Box 48, Bremerton, WA 98337
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL: 360.373.5392 WEBSITE: www.kcdvtf.org
EMAIL: kcdvtf@silverlink.net

Name _____

Agency/Business _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Registration begins at 7:30 A.M. program is scheduled to conclude at 4:00 P.M.

and to enhance our community's resources.

In 2008, SAIVS facilitated the creation of child death and criminal child neglect protocol. This project was an arduous task that was mandated by the legislature. The legislature mandated that all counties in Washington expand their current protocol to include investigations relating to child fatalities, child physical abuse, & criminal child neglect. The mandate included requiring each county to address coordination between prosecutors, law enforcement, CPS, EMS, and advocacy groups and to "...incorporate the statewide guidelines for first responders to child fatalities developed by the criminal justice training commission." As a result, representatives from each of these agencies as well as CENCOM and the Coroner's Office joined forces and worked tirelessly to create detailed protocol.

The project commenced in January of 2008 and the member agencies involved met every other week until the protocol were drafted and adopted in late June of 2008. The protocol that were developed focused largely on ensuring that law enforcement and EMS are all aware of the local CPS contact information, forging agreements for immediate law enforcement and CPS response and information exchange, formalizing who takes the lead at the scene and detailing how decisions regarding protective custody of children in the home will be made.

The last piece of this project has yet to occur. The project committee members developed an easy-to-read reference tool that will fit in any law enforcement or EMS personnel uniform pocket that reflects the salient features of the protocol that were developed. Every EMS and law enforcement agency in the county will receive this pocket guide, now known as the Kitsap CPOD Cards. In addition, there will be mandatory training sessions for all law enforcement and EMS personnel related to the new protocol which will be scheduled later this year or in the beginning of 2009.

The project was an extremely gratifying experience: to witness all of the member agencies at the same table working together in a collaborative approach to a very complex issue was a testament to the quality of people affiliated with the member agencies.

ORDER FORM

You can also order on line at www.kcdvtf.org

Name: _____

- RESOURCE GUIDES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS**
PRICE: \$10 for each 100 guides, \$50 for 500, \$100 for 1000 etc. Please order by denominations of 100. FREE 50 and a brochure holder if you've never received them before

Business/Agency/Faith Community: _____

Address: _____

- WHAT EVERY CONGREGATION NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
PRICE: \$10 for each 50 brochures, \$20 for 100, \$40 for 200 etc. Please order by denominations of 50. FREE 50 and a brochure holder if you've never received them before

Phone: _____ Fax number: _____

Email Address: _____

Quantity: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

- What is dating violence?**
Price: \$10 for each 50 brochures, \$20 for 100, \$40 for 200 etc. Please order by denominations of 50. FREE 50 and a brochure holder if you've never received them before

- Free 50 and Holder (I haven't received any RGs, Faith or Youth brochures before, free or purchased)

Do not add tax. We will call you to make drop off/pick up arrangements.

Send this form and your check or purchase order to: Kitsap County Domestic Violence Task Force, P.O. Box 48, Bremerton, WA 98337. We do not take credit cards at this time. Questions? Please call 360.373.5392 or drop us an email at: kcdvtf@silverlink.net