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New Mexico FY 2000 Grant Information

STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program

The New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission is the state agency administering the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program. New Mexico's program priorities include: addressing sexual assault issues more comprehensively; enhancing law enforcement's response to violence against women; increasing prosecution of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking cases; and improving the state's compliance with the full faith and credit provision of the Violence Against Women Act. New Mexico will support the following projects with fiscal year 2000 funds: providing training to state and tribal prosecutors and law enforcement officers on effectively investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases; creating four specialized prosecution units and four specialized law enforcement units; developing a campus law enforcement and victim services project to address domestic and sexual violence and stalking on campuses; implementing the Native American Full Faith and Credit Initiative to enhance the enforcement of protection orders within the 19 Pueblos of New Mexico; and initiating two domestic violence projects in Magistrate Courts to improve case management and ensure perpetrator compliance. In addition, New Mexico will continue to utilize its Domestic Violence Data Central Repository to collect accurate incident data about domestic violence cases.

STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grants Program

Eight Northern Indian Pueblos:

The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council provides services to the Pueblos of Tesuque, Pojoaque, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Picuris, Nambe, San Juan and Taos. VAWA funds have enabled the Council to support legal services for victims, train Tribal law enforcement, and provide direct victim services to the eight northern Pueblo communities. With the new award, the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. will improve collaboration among social services, Tribal Police Departments, Tribal Prosecution, Tribal Courts, and the Peacekeepers Domestic Violence Program. Additionally, the project will continue to provide training to law enforcement and advocacy services for victims.

Jicarilla Apache Tribe:

The Jicarilla Domestic Violence Prevention Program provides a comprehensive range of community based services to members of the Jicarilla Apache Tribe and individuals residing near the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. The prevention program includes Tribal police officers, victim advocates, social services staff, health care professionals and Tribal prosecutors, and has worked closely with Jicarilla's judicial agencies and law enforcement to enhance victim safety and offender accountability. The new award will expand advocacy for victims and revise domestic violence policies through partnerships involving the Tribal Court, Tribal Prosecution, Jicarilla Mental Health and Social Services, Jicarilla Police Department and Indian Health Services.

Pueblo of Laguna:

The Pueblo of Laguna is located in central New Mexico and is comprised of six villages. With VAWA funding, the Pueblo adopted a Family Violence Protection Code in 1998 and convened a task force to recommend changes to its violence against Indian women policies. With this award, the Pueblo will continue to train law enforcement, support an investigator and a victim advocate, provide enhanced victim services, and develop new sentencing guidelines for domestic violence crimes. The Pueblo also will partner with traditional village officials to develop improved responses to violence against Indian women within the six villages, and will implement a tracking system for domestic violence cases.

Pueblo of Santa Ana:

With its new award, the Pueblo of Santa Ana will continue to provide services to victims of domestic violence by offering shelter referrals, counseling, legal assistance, and transportation. The community will continue to facilitate a women's support group and to train law enforcement officers about domestic violence. To ensure perpetrator accountability, staff will monitor offender compliance with Tribal court orders and track domestic violence cases through an updated computer database.

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies

Santa Fe:

Security Planning | The Domestic Violence Unit within the First Judicial District Attorney's Office developed a coordinated community response to domestic violence and stalking involving prosecution, law enforcement, and victim advocacy agencies. Esperanza, the local domestic violence shelter, supports an court-based advocate to assist victims in obtaining orders of protection, and in one grant cycle, the advocate assisted 1449 victims in court. The award also supports another victim advocate to serve rural northern areas of the state, where many victims are isolated and unable to access services.

Taos Pueblo:

With VAWA support, Taos Pueblo has worked collaboratively with the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, the New Mexico/Colorado Tribal Judges Association and the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals to implement its Family Protection Code. The Tribal Court and victim advocate coordinated training for court staff and encouraged the implementation of mandatory arrest policies in the Tribal police department. The new award will allow Taos Pueblo to continue these activities enhancing the victim safety of victims and the Pueblo's capacity to respond to domestic violence crimes.

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grants:

Pueblo of Jemez:

The Pueblo of Jemez will continue to enhance services for women and children victims of domestic violence by creating a comprehensive domestic violence and child abuse program. The Pueblo will create a village-wide response to domestic abuse by enforcing its Domestic Violence Code, and by collaborating with the Tribal Court and law enforcement to investigate and prosecute violations of the Code. The Pueblo also will provide training for Tribal officials, staff and law enforcement. The new award will continue to support a Tribal Women's Support Group and the Tribe's Domestic Abuse Response Team.

Pueblo of Zuni:

The Pueblo of Zuni will provide training to Zuni police officers and court personnel regarding responding effectively to domestic violence. The New Beginning Shelter, which provides emergency housing, crisis intervention, individual and group counseling, transportation and advocacy, will continue to serve Zuni victims of domestic violence. The new award also will support positions providing services to children at the shelter, including a children's counselor and program coordinator.

Third Judicial District Attorney's Office:

This project will continue to support law enforcement officers responding to domestic violence cases and a local Domestic Abuse Response Team. Increased staffing for the prosecutors office will enable prosecutors to improve their handling of domestic violence cases. In addition, comprehensive victim advocacy and counseling services will be provided for women and child victims of domestic violence, including isolated victims in rural areas of Dona Ana County.

Morning Star House:

Morning Star House is a community-based advocacy program for women and children in Albuquerque. VAWA funding previously supported community outreach, interagency collaboration, services for women and children, and legal advocacy. Continuation funding will identify a network of safe houses for Indian women and children, and develop a plan for a permanent shelter that is culturally appropriate for Indian women and children.

San Juan Pueblo:

The San Juan Domestic Violence Program will continue its efforts to reduce domestic violence and child victimization in the four rural Pueblo communities it serves. This includes supporting domestic violence prosecutors and funding probation services for offenders. The Program also will standardize policies to enforce protection orders across state and tribal lines, and provide domestic violence prevention education to Pueblo children and educators. Additionally, the Program will assist the four Pueblos to develop and revise their domestic violence codes.

American Indian Law Center:

The American Indian Law Center will coordinate a national conference for tribal grantees on the Violence Against Women Act's full faith and credit provision. The conference will inform tribes about emerging efforts to enforce protection orders across state and tribal lines and discuss the needs of women victims in Indian Country. The conference will emphasize the need for state and tribal coordination in order to enhance the safety of victims of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Victims' Civil Legal Assistance Grant Program

El Refugio, Inc.:

El Refugio, Inc., a legal services center, will provide training for law enforcement and judicial staff on domestic violence issues and legal representation to victims of domestic violence in permanent restraining order and divorce cases. El Refugio, Inc. currently partners with Healing House, a local domestic violence program, and serves three counties in southwest New Mexico. CLA funding has enabled the center to hire two in-house attorneys and two legal assistants to provide legal representation and advocacy for victims of domestic violence who desperately need legal assistance.

Grants to Combat Violent Crimes Against Women on Campuses

No FY '2000 award.

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Annual Report 1998-99

ESPERANZA; Shelter for Battered Families

Domestic violence causes an enormous long-term cost to society, including: severe physical harm and in many cases, death; abuse of children; rising demand for foster care; serious physical and emotional problems; homelessness; unemployment, loss of income and escalating poverty; poor school performance and an increased drop-out rate; a rise in the level of adolescent substance abuse, unsafe sex, gang involvement, criminal behavior, teen pregnancy; higher expenses for law enforcement, judicial and incarceration systems; added private and governmental spending for social programs.

Agency Description: Esperanza (named for the Spanish word for hope) is a very early activist on behalf of domestic violence victims. It was founded in 1976, the historic year when the first shelters for battered women were established in the United States. For 23 years in north-central New Mexico, Esperanza has operated a multi-faceted program of emergency shelter housing, around-the-clock hot line, crisis intervention, counseling, therapy, advocacy and case management for victims and their children. Under a new grant from the NM Children Youth & Families Dep't, Esperanza is hiring its first counselor trained in helping victims and children who have suffered sexual abuse. The Santa Fe Community Foundation has also provided grant support for an expanded group counseling program for lesbian and gay victims of domestic violence and their abusers.

Our mission includes working closely with law enforcement and the courts, and helping to broaden community awareness of the problem of domestic violence. Esperanza also offers counseling and therapy to abusers, with special priority to those who indicate potential for engaging in lethal acts.

Esperanza is a nonprofit corporation governed by a volunteer board. Its employees and volunteers include both former victims and offenders. Esperanza's veteran Executive Director is herself a former victim of domestic violence. We have developed an impressive level of expertise in this field, the continuity of which is ensured by the longevity of significant staff (7 to 22 years), many of whom are licensed and certified.

Once a fledgling agency serving 150 adult clients yearly, Esperanza is now a tested and trusted resource offering comprehensive and cost-efficient services. It operates a shelter in Santa Fe and outreach centers in Santa Fe, Espanola and Las Vegas. Since inception, it has served more than 34,000 clients. Its five-county service area includes Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Mora -- 14,529 square miles, with a population of 212,000 as per the 1997 Census estimate. We are one of the few programs in our field that serves both extensive rural areas and small cities -- Santa Fe, 68,000; Los Alamos, 20,000; Las Vegas, 16,500; and Espanola, 9,000.

Esperanza provides family violence intervention and treatment services: shelter, crisis intervention, counseling for all family members, and education and advocacy as remedies for domestic violence. **The Esperanza Shelter telephone (505) 473-5200 and toll-free line 1-800-473-5220 are both 24-hour crisis lines, as are (505) 753-5142 for Rio Arriba and (505) 425-9383 for San Miguel/Mora.**

Esperanza began as a program of the Sangre de Cristo Mental Health Agency in 1976. It was incorporated as an autonomous agency in 1983 and received its tax exempt status from the IRS that same year. Since then Esperanza's case load has grown substantially. In the 1998-99 year, Esperanza served an unduplicated total of 2,034 clients -- 1,100 victims, 510 children and youth, and 424 abusers. That's up from 1,953 in the previous year. Our records confirm U.S. Department of Justice statistics that women aged 19 to 29 are most likely to be victims of violence by an intimate. Esperanza also provides counseling to male victims. National statistics indicate that about five percent of all domestic violence cases involve men as victims.

Client Profile: Esperanza's clients are 70% Hispanic, 25% Anglo, 2.5% Native American, and 2.5% Other. Residents of the area are primarily Hispanic -- 50% in Santa Fe County, 73% in Rio Arriba, 80% in San Miguel, and 85% in Mora. Los Alamos County, by contrast, has an 11% Hispanic population. Studies show that domestic violence is closely associated with poverty. Eighty-five percent of our clients are poor, with incomes less than half the median level for the region. Rates of poverty are high -- 24% in Rio Arriba, 29% in San Miguel, 30% in Mora. Surveys by the U.S. Department of Justice find that women in families with incomes below \$10,000 are most likely to be victims of violence by an intimate.

The population Esperanza serves exhibits the following profile, as shown by the agency's records:

- 75% of victims report one to five contacts with police
- 43% of victims witnessed abuse in the home as a child
- 36% of victims suffered abuse in the home as a child
- 28% of victims have engaged in substance abuse
- 23% of the children have experienced multiple school problems
- 16% of the families had multiple contacts with the police
- 10% were referred to Esperanza by protective service authorities
- 9% of the children had engaged in multiple delinquent acts
- 3% of the clients were referred for mental illness treatment

Three of the five counties in our service area -- Mora, Rio Arriba and San Miguel -- have an incidence of domestic violence, child abuse and poverty that is significantly above the state and national averages. Santa Fe County, though not poor, also suffers from a high rate of domestic violence and child abuse. Los Alamos has the lowest rate of poverty in the state but an increasing rate of domestic violence and child abuse. (*Let Peace Begin With Us: The Problem of Violence in New Mexico*, by Victor La Cerva M.D.).

Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse: New Mexico leads the nation in drug-related deaths on a per-capita basis. Our service area includes Rio Arriba and San Miguel Counties, which have the highest such death rates in the state. Heroin addiction has become a major scourge. Very often, abusers are first brought in for domestic violence offenses, and then for the first time, are referred to substance abuse treatment. Studies demonstrate an enhanced relationship among alcohol abuse, poverty and violence. Alcohol is present in more than half of all incidents of domestic violence. Many men who abuse their intimate partners are also heavy or problem drinkers.

Rate of Violence: Family violence is difficult to measure because it most often occurs in private, and victims may be reluctant to report it because of shame or fear of reprisal from the offender. Area police records list the following numbers of domestic violence calls:

	1998	1997	1996
Santa Fe Police Department	885	746	928
Santa Fe County Sheriff	522	457	529
State Dep't of Public Safety			500 est'd
Santa Fe Area	39	71	
San Miguel Area	193	184	
Mora Area	39	38	
Espanola Area	*	427	
Espanola Police Department	1,440*	288 est'd	520 est'd
Rio Arriba County Sheriff	*	355	600
Las Vegas Police Department	385	391	398
San Miguel County Sheriff	139	320	250 est'd
Mora County Sheriff	135	104	157

TOTAL 3,777 3,381 3,882

*In 1998, this office began taking all 911 domestic violence calls in Rio Arriba County.

The total of all calls was 3,738 in 1995.

(Note: In 90% of domestic homicide cases, police had been called to the same address at least once in the past. Very often, the one who calls 911 is the child.)

The 1998 total of police calls involving domestic violence is up 12% from the prior year. Judging from the 3,700 such calls received by police annually, we estimate that our shelter and outreach centers currently serve only 41% of the victim families in our service area. Filings of Family Violence Protection Orders (requiring that the offender be removed and banned from the home) have increased sixfold in the First and Fourth Judicial Districts since 1988, the year they were instituted by state law. In that first year, 167 were filed. In 1999 the total was 1,014.

Domestic violence is "a problem that people don't want to talk about, that is swept under the rug, that is ignored," NM Attorney General Patricia Madrid has said. "This situation is as serious in this state as DWI." She added that as a district judge, she saw firsthand cases that were "harrowing and terrible...not only to the victim but to the children in those households." Henry Valdez, District Attorney in Santa Fe, said, "Domestic violence is a very serious problem in this area." Chris Najar, Sheriff of San Miguel County, agrees. "We are seeing an ever increasing problem in the area of domestic violence," he said, "through the numbers of calls that we respond to and the restraining orders that we serve. Without the safe haven and counseling services provided by Esperanza, we are certain that the severity of domestic violence attacks would become more serious than what they are." Mora County Sheriff John L. Sanchez has said, "Esperanza is a much needed agency in our community. Our department works closely with Esperanza. Its staff is on call 24 hours a day. They not only respond to crisis calls but make sure that victims and their children are safe." Las Vegas Mayor Matt C. Martinez adds, "Esperanza is a much needed program in our community."

The Esperanza Shelter: The major programmatic improvement for Esperanza in recent years has been the rehabilitation and expansion of its shelter facility, once a small hundred-year-old building made of adobe. This effort was completed in 1995 after a nine-year coordinated community campaign. Financing for the renovation came from a very effective development alliance, including the state legislature, Santa Fe County (CDBG grant), a major benefactor (one new wing), and numerous other donors responding to special appeals. The shelter now has 10 bedrooms and a capacity of 44-60. Besides providing a safe haven, shelter services include: individual and group counseling; training in assertiveness, self-advocacy and parenting skills; educational activities for children; medical referrals; transportation; legal advocacy; and assistance in securing transitional housing and employment.

In 1998-99 the Esperanza shelter provided haven for an unduplicated total of 209 adults and 263 children. Average monthly occupancy was 19 adults and 22 children. Total days of care provided were 2,550 for adults and 2,881 for children. A client and family may stay in residential treatment for a maximum of 90 consecutive days per year.

Our shelter has never turned anyone away but the need for shelter space is rising. Judging from the current demand curve, our shelter will house an estimated 350 adults and 450 children in 1999-00. We also expect that the age range for most adult clients will be 22-40, that children will be primarily in the infancy-to-11 category, and that most of our clients will come from the four cities in our area. This upward projection reflects the rise in population of our service area, our recently doubled shelter capacity, and a presumed increase in willingness of victims to seek help. In addition, some 1,500 individuals are expected to receive non-shelter services from Esperanza.

Esperanza requires that clients comply with shelter rules and policies and actively participate in programming and in achieving the goals specified in their treatment plans. On entering the shelter, clients must sign the Shelter Rules and Policies document, pledging to observe regulations, participate in programming and work to achieve the goals set forth in their treatment plans. Clients must share cooking and cleaning duties. Parents are held responsible for supervising their children. Clients are encouraged to help one another with child care. Children are required to attend school. Curfews are enforced. Hitting is not permitted. Rewards are non-monetary -- the satisfaction of being citizens of a special community that believes in the integrity of its members.

"The core of a shelter service," says a report to Congress by the National Institute for Justice, "is providing a safe haven during the high-risk period in the immediate aftermath of a domestic violence incident." Jay G. Harris, Chief Judge in Las Vegas, has said, "Without the Esperanza shelter, many victims would have to endure abuse because they have no place else to go. That is one of the main reasons why so many victims have to remain in an abusive relationship."

Despite all the well-intentioned and well-designed protections and remedies for domestic violence victims, the shelter is their safest place. Security is enhanced by the presence of two state police officers who live on opposite ends of the premises. Recent changes in public policy have resulted in significant funding cuts to Esperanza's programming, which threaten our ability to maintain our key shelter facility. This would create a disastrous service gap at the core level of need -- victim safety. No victim has ever

been harmed by an abuser while staying at our shelter. But the many who come need a more comprehensive range of support services than we can provide.

Child Counseling: In 1998-99, Esperanza provided services to 510 children and youths. All those of appropriate age received counseling and therapy.

The psychological scars from experiencing domestic violence are especially deep for children. They see everything, they hear everything. "When they come to our shelter," says Executive Director Connie Trujillo, "they look like little old men and little old ladies. They've been robbed of their childhood." A UNM study has shown that children either were present at or witnessed half the homicides of women by their intimate partners in New Mexico, 1993-96. Witnessing violence causes children to develop low self-esteem, nightmares and self-blame, and to display aggression against peers and family members, according to the U.S. Dep't of Health and Human Services.

Studies show that one of every three abused children grows up to be either a victim or an abuser. As an Esperanza client reported, "My 11-month-old son had been walking for only a week. But only a few hours after seeing his father kick me, he walked up and kicked me too." The challenge is to deal with these behaviors at an early age. As District Attorney Henry Valdez has said, "The number one indicator for future violence is having viewed it in the home. To the extent we can reach in and stop that, we have a hope of stopping another generation of abusers."

Child abuse is highly concurrent with domestic violence. Children in homes where domestic violence occurs are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average in the general population, according to the *Domestic Violence Fact Sheet*. But children are resilient. When removed from their abusers and given hope, they can go on to build new lives.

Evaluation: Our evaluation procedure utilizes the Milestones system as recommended by the NM Children Youth & Families Department. This involves identifying and tracking specific steps toward treatment success for clients. During the January-June 1999 period, for example, the Milestones evaluation system shows that of 186 child clients, (1) all 186 completed the child intake assessment along with their parents, (2) 152 started participating in therapy by talking, playing and connecting with the therapist, (3) 152 demonstrated understanding of who is responsible for domestic violence and were able to express their own wishes, (4) 141 were able to develop an age-appropriate safety plan for themselves, and (5) 137 could function in a developmentally on-par manner. Also utilized in our

**Don't Get Trapped
by Thoughts Like
These and End Up
Losing Your Loved Ones ...**



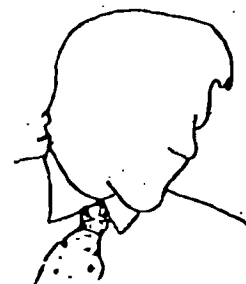
1. *It's not my fault — I was provoked.*
2. *It didn't happen the way she said — the police got it wrong.*
3. *I didn't think I'd get caught.*
4. *I thought I could talk my way out..*
5. *Even if I've been caught, not much bad will happen to me.*

**Admit You've Got a Problem and
Get Help. Your Behavior Is
Unacceptable But You Yourself
Are Not Unacceptable. You Can
Still Change!**

**No Permita que Pase Otro Día
sin que Pida Ayuda. ¡Hágalo por
los Niños!**

**What Men Say About Esperanza's
Group Therapy Program ...**

"I liked talking about problems and seeing how we were all alike and learning how to change...I liked the openness used to bring out your thoughts...I learned to think before acting...I do not lose my temper anymore...I liked the fact that the people at Esperanza are truly caring and willing to listen and to help...Ahora trato mejor a mi esposa! Supe que es mejor así, porque vives mas feliz."



"I used to pretend to myself that I didn't really know this was wrong. But I always knew it was wrong.

I didn't know how to correct it and I felt worse and worse about myself. Now that I'm able to admit it, I've been able to change."

**Men's Group
Therapy Program
on Domestic
Violence**

**ESPERANZA; Shelter
for Battered Families
PO Box 5701
Santa Fe NM 87502
474-5536**

DO YOU NEED ESPERANZA'S HELP?

If you are hurting or scaring someone you love, stop what you are doing and take time to calm down. You can change. Seek expert help through counseling. Call our Crisis Hotline (1-800-473-5220) or come to one of our Outreach Centers:

In Santa Fe, 474-5536

In Espanola, 753-5142

In Las Vegas, 425-9383

In Mora, 387-6002

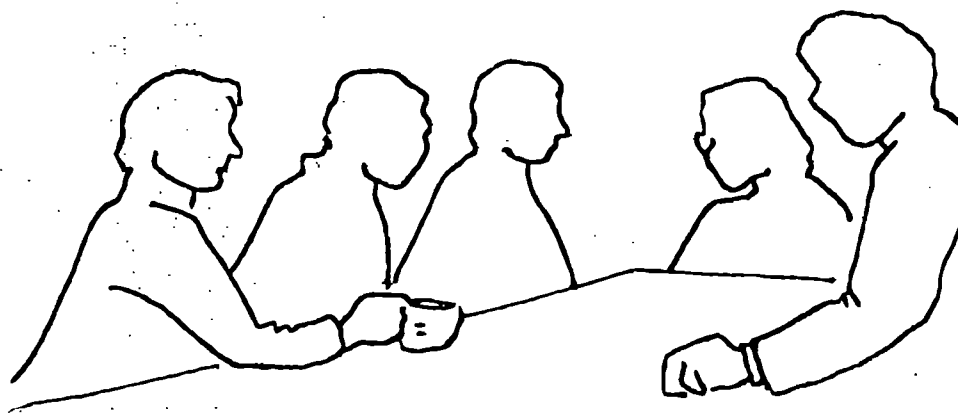
In Chama & El Rito, 756-2327

The proven way to best get help in stopping domestic violence is to join with other men in a therapy group. Here you have the rare opportunity to share your experiences with others in the same situation, to talk about what is happening in your life, and to seek ways to change. The group respects your contribution, does not overstress blame, and helps you find the way out. Esperanza's professional counselor is here to move the meeting forward.

The group setting allows each participant to receive support and help from peers, while also supporting and helping others. Esperanza has offered domestic violence men's groups for more than a decade. We are knowledgeable about the difficult issues involved.

Experience shows that battering almost never stops on its own.

Helping To Break The Cycle of Violence



Men's Group participants are usually required to attend one session a week. Goals are to help you understand the definition of abuse, overcome denial, admit there is a problem, take responsibility for behavior, stop physical and emotional violence, and develop healthy ways of handling stress and conflict.

In these sessions, you'll take a look at how you learned abusive behavior in past years and discuss how to control anger, improve your communication skills, build self-esteem, and come up with realistic strategies for change.

To get involved with the Men's Group, call Esperanza at 473-5200. Treatment is available daytime or evening. We welcome persons who come on their own or are referred by the courts or other agencies. We also offer individual counseling. If you're not sure we can help you, call and let's talk it over.

We conduct counseling in both English and Spanish. Our staff consists of licensed and peer counselors who are professionally trained and work under the supervision of a Ph. D. Clinical Supervisor. We provide appropriate entities with proof of attendance, certification of compliance with agency requirements, monthly reports, and discharge summaries.

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**CHECKLIST WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU
WHEN YOU LEAVE:**

Identification:

- _____ Driver's License
- _____ Children's Birth Certificate
- _____ Your Birth Certificate
- _____ Social Security Cards
- _____ Welfare Identification

Legal Papers:

- _____ Your Protective Order
- _____ Car Registration/Insurance Papers
- _____ Health/Life Insurance Papers
- _____ School and Vaccination Records
- _____ Work Permit, Green Card, Visa, Passport
- _____ Divorce and Custody Papers
- _____ Lease, Rental Agreement, or House Deed

Financial Items:

- _____ Money (including change for phone calls)
- _____ ATM card, Checkbook, Bankbook
- _____ Credit Cards

Other Items:

- _____ Keys - House, Car, Office
- _____ Address Book
- _____ Medications
- _____ Jewelry
- _____ Change of Clothes
- _____ Toiletries
- _____ Items of Sentimental Value
- _____ Children's Favorite Toy/Blanket
- _____ Pictures of You, Your Children, and Your Abuser

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT ONE OF THE
FOLLOWING NUMBERS:**

CRISIS INTERVENTION/SHELTER SERVICES:

24-Hour Statewide Hotline . . . 1-800-773-3645

Alamogordo	437-2673
Albuquerque	247-4219
Belen	864-1383
Carlsbad	1-800-439-7303
Clayton	374-2945
Clovis	769-0305
Espanola	1-800-473-5220
or	753-5142
Farmington	325-1906
Gallup	722-7403
Grants	287-4404
Hobbs	397-1576
or	393-2459
Laguna	1-800-530-2199
or	552-9701
Las Cruces	1-800-376-2272
or	526-9513
Las Vegas	1-800-473-5220
or	425-9383
Lovington	396-2918
Raton	1-800-799-6484
or	445-3691
Roswell	624-0666
Santa Fe	1-800-473-5220
or	473-5200
San Juan - 8 Northern Pueblos	753-4790
or	1-800-400-8694
Shiprock	368-5124
Silver City	538-2125
Socorro	835-0928
Taos	758-9888
Truth or Consequences	894-3557
Tucumcari	461-4208

NM Domestic Violence LEGAL HELPLINE

Statewide	1-800-209-3854
Albuquerque	243-2590

NMCADV Business Office 246-9240

ESPERANZA
Family Abuse STOPPERS



• 24-hour crisis line

473-5200
753-5142
425-9383
474-5536
1-800-473-5220



SAFETY DURING AN EXPLOSIVE INCIDENT

- A. If an argument seems unavoidable, try to have it in a room or area where you have access to an exit. Try to stay away from the bathroom, kitchen, bedroom, or anywhere else weapons might be available.
- B. Practice how to get out of your home safely. Identify which doors, windows, elevator, or stairwell would be best.
- C. Have a packed bag ready and keep it at a relative's or friend's home in order to leave quickly.
- D. Identify one or more neighbors you can tell about the violence and ask that they call the police if they hear a disturbance coming from your home.
- E. Devise a code word to use with your children, family, friends, and neighbors when you need the police.
- F. Decide and plan for where you will go if you have to leave home (even if you don't think you will need to).
- G. Use your own instincts and judgement. If the situation is very dangerous, consider giving the abuser what he wants to calm him down. You have the right to protect yourself until you are out of danger.
- H. Always remember - YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE HIT, HURT OR THREATENED!

SAFETY WHEN PREPARING TO LEAVE

- A. Open a savings account and/or a credit card in your own name to start to establish or increase your independence. Think of other ways in which you can increase your independence.

- B. Leave money, an extra set of keys, copies of important documents, extra medicines and clothes with someone you trust so you can leave quickly.
- C. Determine who would be able to let you stay with them or lend you some money.
- D. Keep the shelter or hotline phone number close at hand and keep some change or a calling card on you at all times for emergency phone calls.
- E. Review your safety plan as often as possible in order to plan the safest way to leave your batterer. REMEMBER - LEAVING YOUR BATTERER IS THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME.

SAFETY IN YOUR OWN HOME

- A. Change the locks on your doors as soon as possible. Buy additional locks and safety devices to secure your windows.
- B. Discuss a safety plan with your children for when you are not with them.
- C. Inform your children's school, day care, etc., about who has permission to pick up your children.
- D. Inform neighbors and landlord that your partner no longer lives with you and that they should call the police if they see him near your home.

SAFETY WITH A PROTECTIVE ORDER

- A. Keep your protective order on you at all times. Give a copy to a trusted neighbor or family member.
- B. Call the police if your partner breaks the protective order.

- C. Think of alternative ways to keep safe if the police do not respond right away.
- D. Inform family, friends, neighbors and your physician or health care provider that you have a protective order in effect.

SAFETY ON THE JOB AND IN PUBLIC

- A. Decide who at work you will inform. This should include office or building security. Provide a copy of your protective order and picture of your batterer if possible.
- B. Arrange to have an answering machine, caller ID, or a trusted friend or relative screen your telephone calls if possible.
- C. Devise a safety plan for when you leave work. Have someone escort you to your car, bus, or train and wait with you until you are safely en route. Use a variety of routes to get home by. Think about what you would do something happened while going home. If possible, carry a cellular phone at all times.

YOUR SAFETY AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

- A. If you are thinking of returning to a potentially abusive situation, discuss an alternative plan with someone you trust.
- B. If you have to communicate with your partner, determine the safest way to do so.
- C. Have positive thoughts about yourself and be assertive with others about your need. Read books, articles, and poems to help you feel stronger.
- D. Decide who you can call to talk freely or openly to give you the support you need.
- E. Plan to attend a support group for at least two weeks to gain support from others and learn more about yourself and the relationship.

BATTERING is behavior that seeks to establish power and control over another person through fear and intimidation. It often involves the threat and use of violence. But not all battering is physical. It also includes emotional abuse, economic abuse, sexual abuse, enforced isolation, and other behaviors aimed at maintaining power and control.

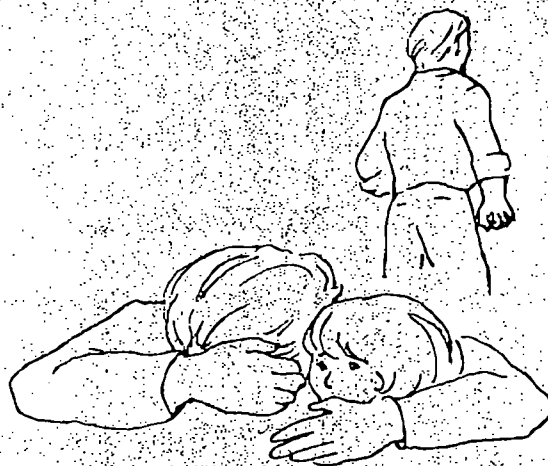
Battering escalates. It begins with name calling and threats, moves to pushing and hitting, and can go on to life-threatening violence.

Battering can happen to anyone, whatever the ethnic, religious, social or economic background. But when it comes from intimate partners, a woman is by far the most likely victim.

Battering is the single leading cause of injury to women in America. Worse, such violence kills an estimated 1,350 women a year.

Battered women experience fear, shame, embarrassment, low self-esteem, and repression of feelings. It is hard for them to act on their own behalf. They fear, for good reason, that the batterer will become more violent if they try to leave. Even if they do get away safely, how will they make a living on their own? What will happen to their children?

Experience shows that battering almost never stops on its own.



Are You A Victim Of
Domestic Violence?
If So, Help Is Here
For You!

Call our Crisis Hotline
(1-800-473-5220)
or Come to one of our
Outreach Centers:
In Santa Fe, 474-5536
In Espanola, 753-5142
In Las Vegas, 425-9383
In Mora, 387-6002
In Chama & El Rito,
756-2327

*Even if you feel it's your fault, it
isn't. We'll listen to what you have
to say. Talk to us now.*

ESPERANZA OFFERS:

- - Safety for you and your children, in our emergency shelter in Santa Fe
- - Support and understanding from other women, including our staff counselors and women who, too, have been battered
- - Self-help, through counseling, therapy and advocacy provided by Esperanza's trained staff
- - Counseling and therapy for your children, sensitively and on an age-appropriate basis
- - Empowerment, by fortifying your belief that you can direct your own life
- - Assistance in securing medical help, legal remedies, and in moving into independent living, if that is your choice

What Women Say About Esperanza's Assistance to Victims of Violence

"Just having a safe place to get my head together was most helpful...I got to think of all my problems and now I feel I know what I want for myself and my kids..."

"Esperanza's counselors taught me a lot about relationships and their significance to a healthy lifestyle..."

"I feel like I have gotten stronger and more independent...Esperanza is the most help that I have received. What a great agency for those of us who need to reach out after bad things happen in our lives..."

"It took me 13 years to leave my relationship. But when I finally got tired and came to Esperanza, I can honestly say I can stand on my own feet, I have self-confidence in myself. Today I'm a new person."

A United Way Agency now
in

its 24th year of service to
north-central New Mexico

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AYUDA PARA LAS VICTIMAS DE VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA Y SUS NIÑOS

ESPERANZA OFRECE:

- - Seguridad a Ud y sus hijos, en caso de emergencia, en nuestro centro de refugio en Santa Fe
- - Comprensión y apoyo aportados por mujeres, incluso nuestro propio personal que presta consejos y asesoría. Además, Esperanza cuenta con mujeres-consejeras que ellas mismas fueron maltradas
- - Autoayuda mediante consejeros, terapia, y servicio de representación que nuestro bien capacitado personal pone a disposición de Ud
- - Consejos y terapia adecuados para sus hijos por personas sensatas que proporcionan consejos en base a la edad del aconsejado
- - Le ayudamos a recuperar su ánimo, fortaleciendo su fe y sus esperanzas a fin de que Ud. logre superarse
- - Auxilio para que Ud. logre obtener ayuda médica y recursos legales
- - Y si Ud. lo prefiere, le ayudamos en su transición a una vida independiente

brochure, courtesy of
The New Mexican Charitable Foundation



"I knew he had a quick temper, but I never thought he'd hurt me. Then one day, he said the ribbon in my hair looked stupid. He

ripped it out and he hit me. He said he was sorry. He gave me flowers and said it would never happen again. But it did. The next time it was worse..."

We Help Victims of Domestic Violence

ESPERANZA; Shelter
for Battered Families
PO Box 5701
Santa Fe NM 87502
474-5536

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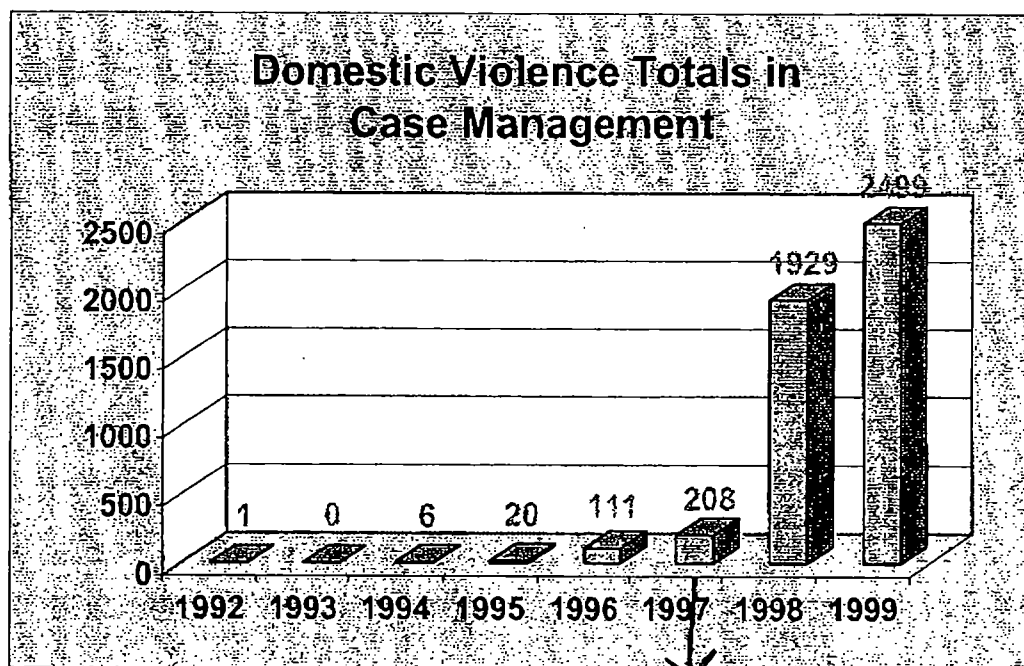
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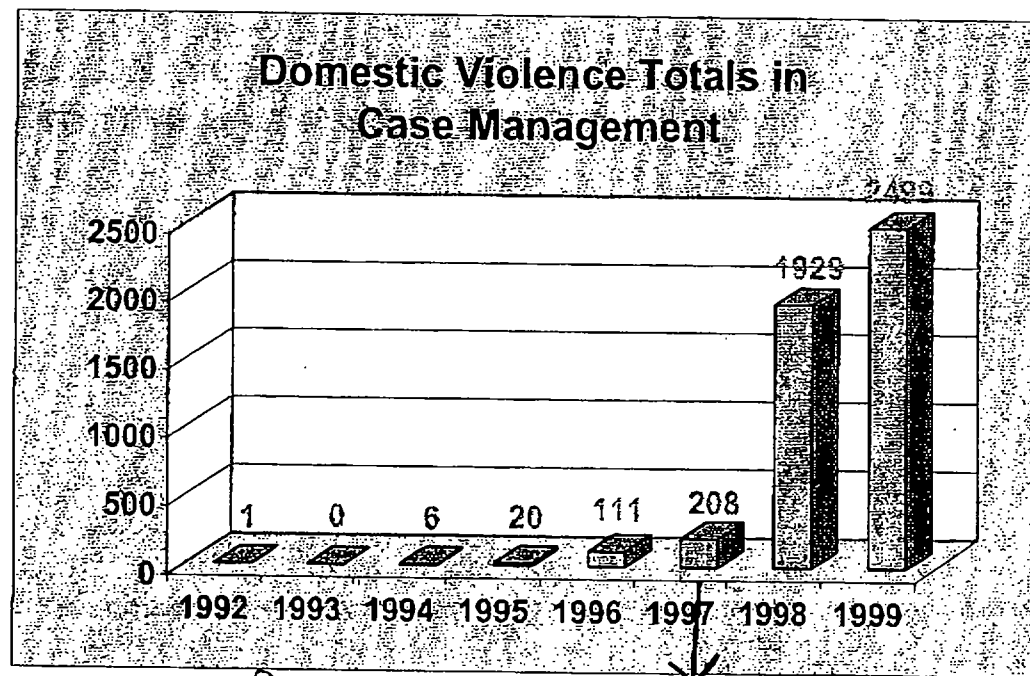
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Subject: FW: FW: VAWA STOP charts for Charles -Forwarded -Forwarded
-Reply

Harri, Glenda --

Re: New Mexico
Campus --none to NM
STOP -- NM rec'd its grant on 9/8
CLA -- no new grants to NM, 1 continuation to be awarded
Arrest -- NM is getting 3 grants, 2 of which are yet to be awarded ✓
Rural -- NM is getting 6 grants, 3 of which are yet to be awarded

Harri -
Linda Manson

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Kristen reminds me that Campus is not really VAWA (Higher Education).
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while in New Mexico. Rural would be good since all but 10 of the grants
have been awarded and there's less room for error (in terms of
announcing dollar amounts that may change). Also NM is getting several
grants. Maybe they could do a combination STOP and Rural
announcement? You may recall that the VP announced STOP and Arrest
together last year.

meal - go to med community to
focus on unique issues
they face.
multi-disciplinary

Linda

Grants to Encourage Arrests - Santa Fe → City attorney's
- Abraham Potter (505) 827-1881 - candidate

Shelley →
~~Erin~~ Espinoza - subcontract
interview - shelter - police - prosecutor
victim advocates -

didn't
get funding
over the
program

Map in all the grants

STOP → last few states negotiating this award

NM - 2 arrest; 3 rural, 1 CLA continuation

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In Honor of Indian Women & Children

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TO: Mary Smith

Fax Number: 202 456-1647 Phone Number: 202-456-5571

Pages (including cover sheet): 3 Subject: Monday's meeting.

DATE: 9/22/00

FROM: Jmce

COMMENTS: Please let me know if
you require additional info. I
can be reached @
@ any time this weekend.

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Jmce

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Just three short years after opening its doors, Morning Star, Inc. has served the community of Albuquerque in record numbers. A total of 411 women have come to Morning Star, with a total of 562 children who have been witnesses to domestic violence. While Morning Star targets native women and children living in the city of Albuquerque, services are extended to anyone needing help. We were able to assist a woman and her two children fleeing from an abusive home in Georgia to a safe haven in Albuquerque. Morning Star offers a unique approach to any woman coming for assistance, no one is turned away, no one is denied services because of income. Every woman walking through our doors is greeted as if she was our mother, our grandmother, our sister. We are culturally sensitive to women and practice it, we realize that in many cases women are revictimized by systems that place very little importance on her as an individual.

Morning Star places much emphasis on the need for education. The more information and knowledge that woman have about the cycle of abuse, and the effects of domestic violence on children, she is better equipped to make good choices. We have run a support group for women and children on a continuous basis since opening our doors. We promote a family atmosphere, where children are loved and nurtured. It is not unusual for Morning Star staff to take turns watching children when necessary. It makes a difference. If those few hours mean that a woman has made a choice to pursue legal action and to make a batterer accountable for his abusive action, by all means, we watch children!

One of the greatest strengths of Morning Star is the advocacy program that creates a support system for women. Our staff accompanies women to court, and advocates with the various agencies on her behalf. In many cases, that support can make the difference in her choice to seek a better life for her and her children. Morning Star has been instrumental in the filing of Temporary Restraining Orders (TPO's) and averages at least four filings per week. Women are becoming stronger and healthier in decision-making due to the support they receive. To attest to this fact, the following success stories are of real woman and children making real choices in their lives.

1. Melissa* is a native from Ethiopia and has lived in America for the past several years. She came to Morning Star after many trips to other agencies where she was denied services for some reason or another. She had limited English speaking abilities and was in fear of her life. Our staff accompanied her to court to obtain a TPO which she received. She was determined to pursue a divorce. We were able to obtain a pro-bono attorney who represented her in her successful divorce proceedings. She was eager and willing to learn the pro-se process and successfully represented herself in the enforcement of child support, and a motion to the court for an out-of-the country visit to Canada. She is confident that she can handle any roadblocks that

her abuser puts in her way.

2. Morning Star's program is for woman and children. Little Sam's * life of violence began when he was just a few months old. This resulted in Sam living in several homes. Though Sam's biological family wanted him, his young life became snarled in redtape involving numerous agencies in three states. His best interests and that of his tribe involved Morning Stars' ability to assist his biological family in successfully networking with these agencies to return him to a family where he is loved and nurtured in his rightful place: with his family and his tribe.

3. A family-oriented approach: Every Wednesday night, a support group for woman and children is held. Through generous donations of the Albuquerque business community, meals are served family style, an opportunity for families to spend quality time together and a time for exchange of information between other families. Sue* and her two children have been coming to support group for two years. She was an unemployed mother during her abusive marriage. She had very little interaction with the public and very little confidence in her work skills. She is now a supervisor in a retail store, enjoys sports and is on the children's Parent/Teacher Advisory Board. She recently relayed some startling information to us; she drove on the busy I-40 freeway for the first time in her life, traveling to Gallup, New Mexico to a family reunion. She happily told us that her family bestowed the "Brave heart" award to her for her courage in putting her life back together.

*Names have been changed to protect the confidentiality of the woman and children.

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I did for teaching - but here is my VITA -
& I added current position.

This might help.

Spoke with Mary Smith

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Deborah G. Potter

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EDUCATION

**B.S. Sociology/With Honors
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico**

**Graduate/Sociology - Emphasis in Criminology
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

CERTIFICATION

**National Victim Advocacy Certification, 1996
Office for Victims of Crime/VALOR
CSU-Fresno Victim's Services Institute**

**National Victim Assistance "Faculty" Certification, 1996
Office for Victims of Crime/VALOR
CSU-Fresno Victim's Services Institute**

**Crisis Intervention Certification, 1995
Eastern New Mexico University
Portales, New Mexico**

**Victim/Offender Mediation Certification, 1995
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

HONORS AND AWARDS

- * Outstanding Undergraduate Award in Women's Studies, ENMU**
- * Honorable Mention, President Bush's "Thousand Points of Light", 1992**
- * MADD Community Award, 1993**
- * LIBERTY BELL AWARD, Legal Bar Association, 1993**
- * LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOGNITION AWARD, 1995**
- * VICTIM RIGHTS AWARENESS WEEK/AWARD OF APPRECIATION, 1997**
- * PACE, Continuing Educator of the Year for New Mexico, 1997**

Current Professional Experience:

**Henry Valdez, District Attorney
September 97 - Present**

**Title: Director of The First Judicial District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit
Project Director for Santa Fe County's Violence Against Women Grant**

Develops, coordinates the Domestic Violence Unit within the District Attorney' Office. Supervises the Unit that includes 5 attorneys, 4 legal advocates, 3 data technicians and 3 secretaries. Coordinates with community agencies, non-profit and government, to manage the existing VAWA "Encourage to Arrest" Grant. Writes all grants for the Unit and coordinates with other grants within the state.

Currently, co-chair with Connie Trujillo, Esperanza Director of the Santa Fe Domestic Violence Task Force.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Victim Impact Director

Randall M. Harris: District Attorney

January, 1991 - ~~Present~~ Sept 97

Responsibilities: Develop and coordinate the Victim Advocacy Program for the 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office. (A rural "victim-oriented" program with very few resources available to crime victims, this program must be not only prosecutorial in nature but provide fundamental crisis services as well.)

Clovis Community College Instructor

Dr. Ruth Hefner, Chair of Behavior Sciences

August, 1993 - Present

Responsibilities: Instructor of college level classes in criminology, victimology, and advanced social issues in the legal studies and sociology department.

Eastern New Mexico University

Continuing Education Department

Fall, 1996 - Present

Responsibilities: Develop and instruct the New Mexico Certification Course for the State of New Mexico

DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team)

Sandy Dietz, Victim Impact Director

Albuquerque, New Mexico

June, 1990 - December 1990

Responsibilities: Response with Law Enforcement to Domestic Violent Incidents and assist with the crime victim. (Part-time while attending graduate school at UNM)

Eastern New Mexico Narcotic Task Force

Chief Harold Byford, Portales Police Department

1987-1989

Responsibilities: Developed the grant for the narcotic task force funding. Clerical support for all reports generated by the narcotic officers. Assisted in bookings after narcotic raids.

Child Sexual Abuse Interviewer

James Weldon, District Attorney

12th Judicial District

1985-1987

Responsibilities: Interviewer for law enforcement/video taped interviews of children who had been sexually molested.

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Association of District Attorneys

Joyce Bustos, Director

Responsibilities: Chairperson of committee to develop and implement victim assistance programs within each jurisdiction. Develop state wide victim assistance pamphlet for utilization of all jurisdiction. Developed with AODA, appropriate job descriptions for victim advocates. Developed materials and trained victim advocates during the 1995, 1996, and 1997 AODA conferences. Served on the 1997 AODA conference committee and again for the 1998 AODA conference committee, and recently serving on the AODA/VAWA Regional training committees, chairperson for the NE Region.

Children's Advocacy Center

Charlotte Farkas, Chairperson

May, 1991 - Present

Responsibilities: Co-chair and one of the founding board members. Currently serving on the Advisory Board.

Dept. Of Health/Violence Response Team

Barak Wolff, Chairman

Responsibilities: Developing a state wide response team to assist families in distress due to violence. (Similar to the CIRT)

Domestic Violence Shelter/Curry County Domestic Violence Task Force

Served 3 years on the Domestic Violence Shelter Board of Directors and currently a member of the multi-disciplinary task force to address domestic violence in our community.

Clovis Community College Criminal Justice Committee

Dr. Ruth Hefner

Board Member since 1994/advisory committee for the criminal justice department.

Community Partners

Rita Weaver

Board Member since 1995/community approach to grant writing/funding for small agencies in our community that assist victims and underprivileged.

National Organization for Victim Assistance

Member since 1993 to the present. Organization for victim advocates to network and train on latest laws and techniques to assist crime victims.

Attorney General's Violence Against Women Task Force

1995 - 1997 Tom Udall, Attorney General

State wide Task Force to address problems of domestic violence and sexual assault in New Mexico. Final Report published in June, 1997.