

NEWSGRAM SPRING 2011

DID YOU KNOW:

Domestic Violence is a national epidemic.

- ❖ In just one day, September 15, 2010, 70,648 victims of domestic violence were served by domestic violence programs across the United States.
- ❖ On that day, local domestic violence programs answered more than 22,292 hotline calls.
*NNEVDV's Domestic Violence Counts: National Census of Domestic Violence Services 2010
- ❖ In Marin County in 2010, violent family felonies made up 30% of violent felony crimes committed, and 23% of all probation clients had a condition in their probation orders related to domestic violence.
- ❖ In 2009, the Marin County District Attorney received 815 domestic violence reports from the county's police and sheriff's departments.
* Marin County Civil Grand Jury June 2010

Center for Domestic Peace assisted 3,757 victims of domestic violence last year. In 2010, we:

- ❖ Answered **2,304 hotline calls** (in both English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) – providing safety planning, emotional support, referrals, and information.
- ❖ Provided **emergency shelter for 71 women and 86 children** for a total of 4,628 bednights.
- ❖ Provided **transitional housing via 21 separate units to 36 adults and 68 children**, together with economic self-sufficiency planning and activities, case management, and assistance in securing permanent long-term housing.
- ❖ Provided **advocacy and assistance within the legal and criminal justice system to 667 individuals**, improving their ability to achieve effective results with legal issues such as restraining orders, child custody, police reports, and criminal cases.
- ❖ Provided **support groups to 261 participants**, up 7% from FY 08/09 and 103% from FY 07/08.
- ❖ Educated **71 men** through the ManKind program and **27 women** through the WomanKind program to teach them skills **to stop their violent behavior**.
- ❖ Provided **training and education on domestic violence intervention and prevention** at more than **60 events**, which reached hundreds of community members, police officers, faith leaders, and other individuals and groups.



Cristy Egan, Board Chair,
and Ed Berberian,
Marin County District Attorney

CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PEACE LAUNCH EVENT

On October 6, 2010, over 200 people gathered to celebrate the launch of the new identity for the organization and to honor its rich legacy in the community. Attending were many special guests including one of the founders, Honorable Judge Kay Tsenin, San Francisco Superior Court Judge, and Marin County District Attorney Ed Berberian. The celebration included great food, music, conversation and the unveiling of the Individual Peace Agreement pledge campaign. Please visit our website to download your own copy of the pledge.



CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PEACE ASSISTS SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAININGS

In March and April of this year, Center for Domestic Peace collaborated with the Marin County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, and the Novato Police Department to provide domestic violence training to law enforcement personnel from across Marin County. The six trainings were held at the sheriff's office and included detailed information on the Marin County Uniform Law Enforcement Protocol, which includes how officers are to respond to the scene of the crime and how to investigate domestic violence cases. The training also included legal updates and information on services for victims and abusers.

The training provided needed updates for patrol response that reflect national best practice policies and procedures. To view a copy of the Marin County Police Response Card, which is used by officers in the field when responding to a domestic violence call, please visit www.centerfordomesticpeace.org/coordinated-community-response

BULLYING – A PROBLEM IN MARIN!

Within Marin, violence and safety are a concern on many school campuses: 44% of seventh graders, 32% of ninth graders, and 21% of eleventh graders were pushed, shoved, or hit on campus within a one-year period; in addition, 45% of seventh graders, 47% of ninth graders, and 43% of eleventh graders had sexual jokes, comments, and/or gestures made to them within one year.^[i] Marin youth themselves recognize the need for violence intervention services; 67% of youth surveyed in 2004 graded the job teens are doing in helping make their schools and neighborhoods safe from violence at a C or below.^[ii]



i California Healthy Kids Survey, "Technical Report: Secondary 2006-07 and 2007-08: Marin County."
ii United Way of the Bay Area, "Keeping Youth Safe: A Report on Violence Prevention in the Bay Area," 2004.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- ▶ **Listen** - Possibly the worst thing a parent can do is ignore or dismiss a child's complaint of being bullied. It takes a lot of courage for children to admit that someone is picking on them.
- ▶ **Believe** - Bullying isn't something kids are likely to lie about. Get as much information as you can, including names of any teachers or students who may have seen the incident(s).
- ▶ **Support** - Telling your child to "just ignore" a bully can be interpreted by your child to mean that their feelings and situation don't matter to you. Even when there's no physical violence, bullying can have severe detrimental effects on a child's emotional well-being.
- ▶ **Encourage** - Help your child figure out the best way to respond to the bully. Start by asking "If you could tell the bully anything, what would you say?" Kids usually respond with things like "Leave me alone!" or "Why are you so mean?"

Reinforce your children's right to stand up for themselves. While you don't want to encourage name-calling or other derogatory comments, your children have a right to ask that they be left alone. And they have the right to expect their wishes to be respected. *(By Parents-For Parents)*

24-HOUR HOTLINES

English 415-924-6616
Spanish 415-924-3456
Men's 415-924-1070