



NEWSGRAM SPRING 2015

DID YOU KNOW?

Domestic violence in Marin County and beyond:

- ❖ Domestic violence remains the most frequent violent crime in Marin County!
- ❖ Police agencies referred to the Marin County district attorney's office: 1 homicide, 18 gang-related, 34 child abuse, 58 sexual assault, and **761 domestic violence related cases!**
- ❖ Between three to four million children witness violence in their home each year in the United States.

Center for Domestic Peace assisted 4,271 individuals impacted by domestic violence in 2013/2014:

- ❖ Answered 3,409 *hotline calls* (in both English and Spanish), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We provided safety planning, emotional support, referrals, and information.
- ❖ Provided *emergency shelter and transitional housing for 98 women and 144 children* for a total of 37,323 bed nights. In these programs, we offer empowerment activities and help securing permanent housing.
- ❖ Provided *advocacy within the legal and criminal justice system to 319 individuals* through 1,457 sessions, thereby improving their ability to achieve effective results with restraining orders, police reports, and more.
- ❖ Served 81 youth, young adults, and adults seeking help for youth through Marin Youth Services.
- ❖ Provided *support groups to 129 participants*.
- ❖ Educated *112 men* through ManKind and *22 women* through WomanKind to teach them skills *to stop their violent behavior*.
- ❖ Trained **2,485** professionals, community members, youth service providers, and prevention specialists.
- ❖ Engaged **110 volunteers**, who donated **29,145 hours** of their time, equating to **12 full-time paid staff**.

C4DP WINS CVNL HEART OF MARIN & FORMAN PEACE AWARD



Youth leaders take pride
in C4DP award

Center for Domestic Peace (C4DP) was presented with the prestigious **Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence Award** at the 22nd Annual Heart of Marin Awards Ceremony and Luncheon in San Rafael on January 8, 2015. C4DP was honored in front of 850 community leaders, corporate sponsors, and non-profit community friends for its overall work, as well as the new initiative focused on eradicating teen and young adult dating violence through the recently introduced Marin Youth Services program.

C4DP was awarded the Marin Democratic Party's **Alex Forman Peace Award** for 2014, presented at their annual dinner on September 13, 2014. C4DP was honored for its work with children and families to promote peace in the home as a place to start in order to achieve

peace in the world. Alex Forman was a past president of the Marin Municipal Water District Board and a lifelong peace activist and environmentalist, who died in 2009.

KATE KAIN – 2015 MARIN WOMEN’S HALL OF FAME

Kate Kain, Deputy Executive Director for C4DP, was inducted into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame. Kate was recognized for her 38 years of devotion to the plight of women and children impacted by domestic violence and child abuse, and for successfully engaging the community to adopt a role in recognizing, addressing, and preventing these crimes. In 1984, Kate was instrumental in the passage of the Maxine Waters Child Abuse Prevention Act, impacting over 4 million children, and many of their parents and teachers. She co-founded the Northern California Child Assault Prevention Training Center, which led to the development of 84 centers. For the past 18 years, Kate has been responsible for growing C4DP’s professional work teams, service programs, and operations. Under her leadership, C4DP co-founded a countywide effort, in partnership with the District Attorney’s Office, known today as the Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Network, whose fundamental goal is to increase victim safety and abuser accountability. Congratulations Kate! Kate joins C4DP Executive Director, Donna Garske, who was inducted in 1997.



C4DP LAUNCHES CHILDREN AND YOUTH DIVISION

NEW THERAPY GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO HAVE WITNESSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence can have a devastating effect on a survivor parent, as well as children who witness the abuse. How do these children heal from the fear that something bad will happen again or the threats they have heard one parent shout at another? How does a survivor mother connect to her child who has withdrawn or her son or daughter who is acting out? How should children relate to the survivor parent, as well as the abuser parent?



Knowing that more in-depth work is needed for children and youth who witness domestic violence, C4DP set out to address these issues. Building on the strength of a jointly-funded, three-year partnership with Huckleberry Youth Programs, C4DP and HYP applied for funding from the Office on Violence Against Women. The project was recently selected as one of 9 in the country to address the needs of children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

This new funding has set the stage for Marin’s work to become a model for the rest of the nation. Over the next three years, the project will create a system-wide response for children, youth, and young adults impacted by domestic violence and dating abuse through its prevention, intervention, and treatment services, as follows:

1. Provide therapy groups for children and youth 0-18 who have witnessed domestic violence, along with their survivor parents.
2. Continue specialized advocacy and support for youth victims 11-24.
3. Increase prevention efforts in Marin schools, as well as those not currently in school.
4. Train community providers and educators on strategies they can use onsite and in the moment, to prevent future abuse and increase safety.
5. Increase awareness and develop a network of comprehensive services for children, youth, and youth adults impacted by dating and domestic violence that will include the establishment of screening and referral policies.

Therapy group services will be launched this summer. For more information please visit our website: www.c4dp.org

CDP’S 24-HOUR HOTLINES

English 415-924-6616
Spanish 415-924-3456
Men’s 415-924-1070
Youth Services, 9AM-5 PM . . . 415-526-2557