

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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Through our partnership with multiple community organizations and a committed staff focused on the needs of the domestic violence client, The Center for Violence Prevention advocates that every person has the right to a life free from violence.

DAIP BEGINS FIRST DULUTH MODEL OFFENDER PROGRAM

DAIP Statistics

Enrolled Offenders	105
Male Offenders	94
Female Offenders	11
Number of Sessions	1322
Average Age of Offender	32
Classes Offered	4
Trained Facilitators	18

Victim Services

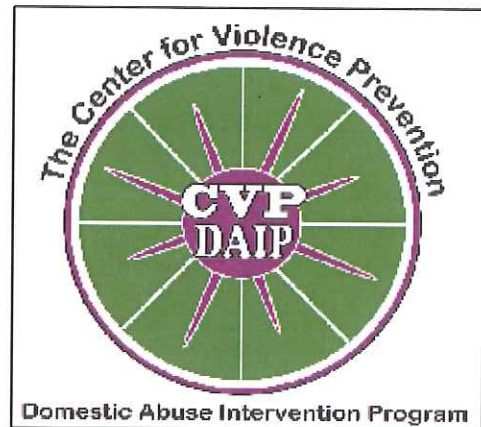
Adult Shelter Clients	43
Children In Shelter	68
Bednights	4355
Non-Shelter Clients	90
Crisis Calls	604
Counseling Sessions	410
Education Sessions	161

80% of adult clients discharged from the shelter program went on to new living conditions, free from their abusive partners.

In July 2009, the vision of The Center for Violence Prevention's Board of Directors and the Executive Director was realized in the inauguration of the Metro's first Duluth Model Batterer Intervention Program. Marked by a press conference at the Mississippi State Capital, members of the advisory board announced the intensive, 24 week behavior modification program funded through fees paid by court ordered participants.

The Advisory Board began meeting in the spring of 2009 to plan for the introduction and implementation of the program. Several sitting judges, prosecutors, attorneys, and service providers invoked great community support, ensuring the successful launch of the program in July.

The first male offender class began in September 2009 and soon reached capacity. Two more male classes were added, with one providing the option for a Christian perspective. By January 2010, The Center added a female offender class at the request of prosecutors and judges. Since then, all four classes have sustained enrollment.



What's Next?

Beginning in July 2010, The Center will begin Rural County Outreach to engage law enforcement and other service providers to meet the needs of victims and hold offenders accountable. Yazoo, Copiah, Issaquena, and Sharkey Counties are some of the most underserved in the state for domestic violence.

Efforts are planned to assist with law enforcement training and to offer the DAIP in these rural counties.

NON-SHELTER VICTIM SERVICES INCREASE WITH INTRODUCTION OF DAIP

The implementation of the DAIP sparked an immediate rise in non-shelter clients seeking assistance, and has more than tripled this fiscal year. The presence of an advocate in the courtrooms provided direct access to victims, facilitating immediate safety planning and

referrals for supportive services. These victims were then introduced to the support group and case management team who assisted with protective orders and other legal remedies.

FY 2008 NSC—25 Protection Orders—5

FY 2009 NSC—90 Protection Orders—43



Letter from the Executive Director, Sandy Middleton

When determining the effectiveness of an organization or program like The Center, we tend to measure how many crisis calls were received or how many women and children passed through receiving advocacy and support services. However, the ultimate question is *how many lives were changed?* The definitive goal of our entire Board of Directors and staff is to have a dramatic effect on the lives of those who have suffered from domestic violence. That is a tall order, especially in these economic times! The numbers are in, though, and I am thrilled to report that after their stay here, *80% of our clients moved into new violence-free living conditions, away from their abusers.* That means victims will no longer endure abuse at the hands of those who claim to love them; their children will not grow up potentially suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from witnessing violence and abuse in their homes; neither will they have the propensity to continue the cycle of violence in their own homes.

In addition, The Center's new Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) continues to have a striking effect on the offenders, who are court-ordered by area judges into the behavior-modification program. The excitement created by this program rests in the fact that we CAN change the cause of the violence, instead of just continuing to treat its effects.

The magic, successful equation is based on the community's support and involvement! We are blessed with the finest, most dedicated staff and board in the world, but our success springs from community support...local judges referring offenders into the BIP, churches praying for and ministering to our clients, volunteers rocking babies and changing light bulbs, and continued financial support from grant, corporate, and individual donors. Thank you for allowing our board and staff the opportunity to serve our community and make a difference every day!! Thank you for doing your part to change our world!!

Words of Hope

"When I first came to the Center for Violence Prevention, I was extremely nervous and very scared. I had never been in a situation like this before and had no idea what to expect. Worst of all, I had dropped my car keys in my car, could not find them when they came to pick me up, so they had to come back a second time and I was utterly embarrassed.

I felt out of place and alone. But, everybody was super nice to me. Within days I had a couple of chores and had settled into a comforting routine. I went to group meetings and found that I wasn't the only one these things happened to. They allowed my daughter to come to the Center and visit and gradually I began to carve myself out some semblance of a life. I had my ups and downs, but luckily the staff was around to boost my spirits when I was low. I could laugh with any of them and to a few of them I cried as well. They kept me from isolation and gave me hope that one day I could rise above the tragedy that had become my life, and be someone who was better, stranger and able to walk on my own. I now know I can have something different. Don't ever give up hope."

"I am really getting the help I need from the shelter. I know now I don't have to live like I have. I have a choice."

"This service has saved my life!"

"Thank you for giving me somewhere safe to come for help."

Funding and Support

Grants

Emergency Shelter Grant
Family Violence Prevention Fund
Domestic Violence Prevention Fund
United Way of the Capital Area
St. Dominic's Social Services
Violence Against Women Act
Victims of Crime Act

Fundraisers

Steel Magnolia Golf Tournament
Bon Ami Christmas Gala
Squat & Gobble
Chick Ball

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2010

Revenue, Grants, & Other Support

Grant Support	\$ 405,431.72
Contributions	43,486.26
Fund Raising Events	26,389.09
Miscellaneous Income	2,687.99
Sale of Materials, Supplies & Surplus Property	<u>107,015.00</u>

Total Revenue, Grants, & Other Support **\$ 585,010.06**

Expenses

Program Services	\$ 558,982.62
Fundraising Costs	94.00
Support Services	0.00
Management & General	<u>62,022.45</u>

Total Expenses **\$ 621,099.07**

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 123,290.69
Accounts Receivable	35,539.09
Prepaid Insurance	21,568.45
Inventories	130,490.21
Land	62,400.00
Vehicles	31,200.45
Buildings and Improvements	512,777.72
Furniture and Equipment	<u>143,594.35</u>
Subtotal Assets	\$ 1,060,860.90
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ (481,764.74)</u>

Total Assets **\$ 804,903.63**

Liabilities & Net Assets

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 5,697.70
Accrued Payroll Taxes	2,467.96
Sales Taxes Payable	553.66
Other Payable	49,724.36
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	17,858.40
Mortgage Payable	<u>179,581.64</u>

Total Liabilities **\$ 255,883.72**

Unrestricted Net Assets **\$ 549,019.91**

