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# **Domestic Violence Services**

**OF BENTON &  
FRANKLIN COUNTIES**

## 2007 Annual Report

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As DVS enters its fifth year of operation, it is astounding to reflect on how far we have come and the significant milestones that have been achieved. The budget has nearly doubled; the shelter has been remodeled; the staff is compassionate and incredibly hard-working; the board is committed and engaged.

However, amidst all this amazing progress one thing has stayed constant: the horror and brutality of violence in the home. The growth and accomplishments of the agency mean nothing against the reality victims face every day. Abusers unleash cruel, and often unrelenting torment, on their families every day, every minute, right now.

In addition to the abuse, domestic violence survivors face a complex array of obstacles, which can include everything from a lack of resources, affordable housing and reliable transportation to child custody and other legal matters. All these issues, and more, can create sometimes seemingly impenetrable obstacles they must overcome so that they and their children can live a life free from violence and abuse.

We have an ethical and moral responsibility to our clients, as well as contractual obligations to our funders, to assist and support our clients, not to be another barrier to our clients achieving safety and self-determination. And, we know we are also accountable to our community to be the leaders in the fight against domestic violence, yet it is not a battle we can wage on our own.

Thanks to the efforts of the Benton & Franklin Domestic Violence Taskforce we have continued to develop and strengthen collaborative efforts and partnerships in order to provide holistic services for victims of domestic violence in our community. DVS has:

- Partnered with mental health providers, including Molly Kuespert, M. Ed., Leila Frech, MA, Catholic Family & Child Services, to provide counseling and therapeutic services to children exposed to domestic violence;
- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Child & Family Services to provide wraparound services for clients;
- Succeeded in showing increasingly promising results for the Safe Child Team intervention services program with the Pasco Police Department.

As an “agency” it is our duty to expand and advance – to add new staff, to develop innovative programs, and to utilize best practices and evidence-based programs in our services. But as “advocates,” our drive to grow is motivated by our desire to do a better job – for and on behalf of our clients. We are proud of our commitment and dedication to our mission – to advocate for and empower domestic violence victims. But, most of all, we express our gratitude to the community for supporting our work.

Thank you,

Kelly Abken

Executive Director

- Staffed 24-Hour Confidential Shelter & Crisis Line
- Emergency Housing, Food, & Clothing
- Spanish & English Language Support Groups
- Advocacy Based Counseling
- Rental Assistance
- Children's Advocacy Services
- Good Kids Program
- Case-Management
- Emergency 911 Cell Phone Program
- Support Services After-Care Program
- Community Voice-Mail
- Christmas Family Adoption
- Mother's Day Celebration & Brunch
- Starting Over - Donation Program for New Household Set-up
- Legal Advocacy
- Dual-treatment Domestic Violence / Chemical Dependency Support Groups
- Comprehensive Referral Services
- Food Boxes
- Diaper Program
- Medical Advocacy
- Volunteer Advocacy Program
- Safety Planning
- Community Education and Outreach
- Certified Assistance with Address Confidentiality Program
- Mother Mentoring & Parent Education

## A message from the Program Director:

In the past year, we've grown from a staff of 12 to 17. This growth is both exciting and challenging, as with new staff comes new skills and talents which we work hard to nurture. We've focused on staff development by providing regular staff trainings, in-services and retreats. Last year we logged over 1,200 hours of staff training.

DVS hosts quarterly staff retreats to improve advocacy skills, provide training on best-practice and up-to-date information, and team building. As part of our retreats, we continually revisit our mission, vision, and values statements to ensure we stay true to our principles. In 2007, we focused on truly cultivating the values guiding our advocacy: Integrity, Hope, Trust, Awareness, Empathy, Respect, Self-determination, Safety and Equality.

We've also worked hard to build a team that not only works well together, but supports each other in our dedication to the essential work we do. We commend our staff for their passion and diligence, and we honor their commitment to our work. We couldn't do it without each and every one of them. Thank you.

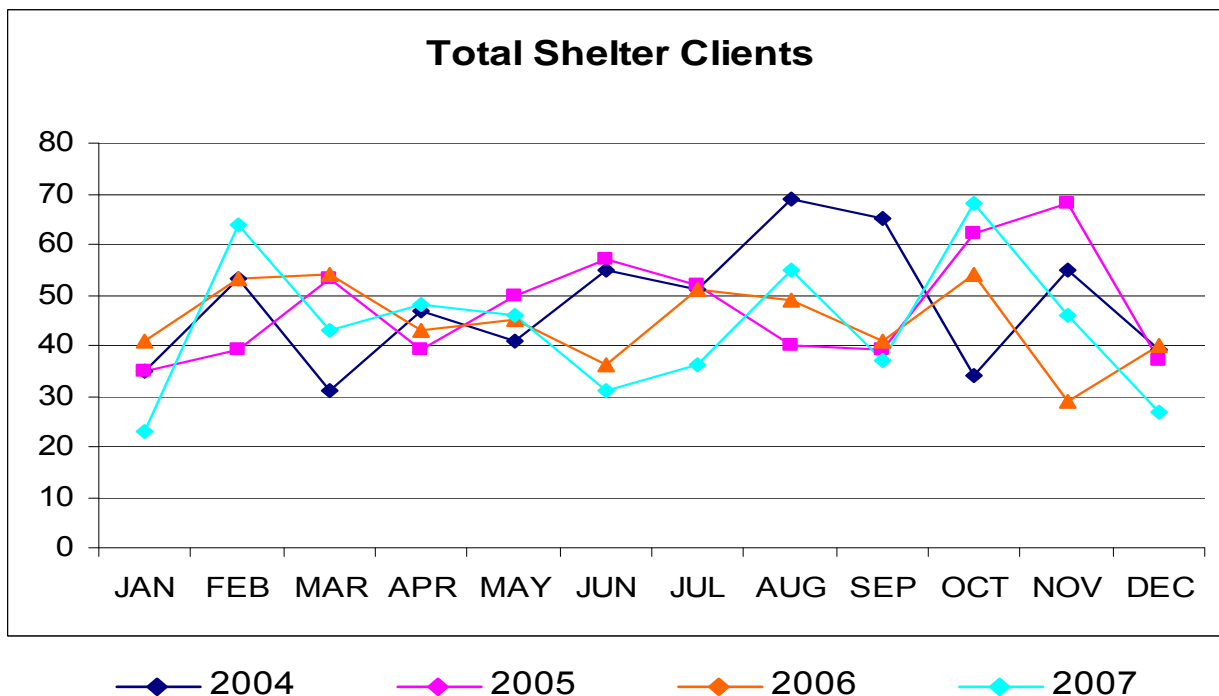
Erinn Gailey,  
Program Director

## In 2007 Fiscal Year DVS provided:

- ⚡ 352 domestic violence victims and their children stayed in the shelter.
  - 164 women, 182 children, 6 men
- ⚡ 5,878 bednights provided.
- ⚡ Daily average of 15 women and children in emergency shelter.
- ⚡ Answered 13,403 calls on 24-hour crisis line.
- ⚡ Provided legal advocacy to 1,874 clients; Assisted with 451 protection orders.
- ⚡ Over 4,500 advocacy and group counseling hours provided.
- ⚡ Over \$36,790 in rental assistance provided.
- ⚡ Over 2,800 hours of education & training provided to volunteers and community.

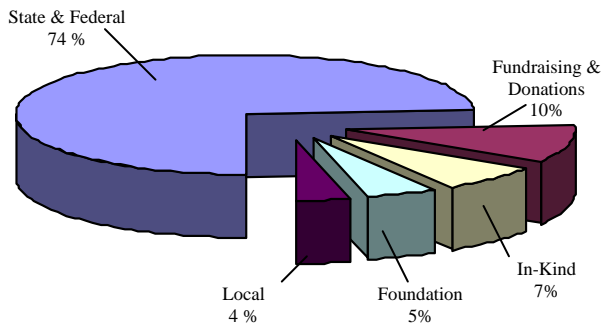
## Since we started in November 2003, DVS has provided:

- ⚡ 1,587 domestic violence victims and their children stayed in the shelter.
  - 745 women, 825 children, 17 men
- ⚡ 24,575 bednights provided.
- ⚡ Answered 54,760 calls on 24-hour crisis line.
- ⚡ Provided legal advocacy to 8,212 clients; Assisted with 1,403 protection orders.
- ⚡ Over 17,500 advocacy and group counseling hours provided.
- ⚡ Over \$78,000 in rental assistance provided.
- ⚡ Over 6,700 hours of education & training provided to volunteers and community.

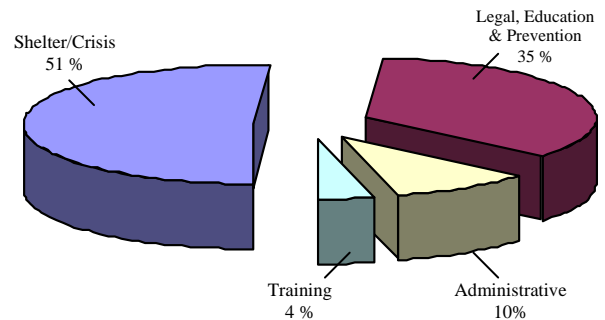


# Funding & Programs

### Funding Source



### Program Expenses



## New Grants & New Funding

- **Benton-Franklin Community Health Networks** funded two programs:
  - As the lead agency, BF Juvenile Justice Center trained nearly 30 mental health counselors to provide Trauma Focused –Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), an evidence based therapy proven to be effective in working with children exposed to domestic violence.
  - The second program pays for counseling for children who witness domestic violence, along with their non-offending parent. This programs benefits victims who otherwise would be unable to seek services due to an inability to pay.
- **Franklin County Affordable Housing** provides intensive case management and six months rental assistance for domestic violence victims as they transition from the emergency shelter into permanent safe housing.
- DVS and the local CPS office were selected as a team by the **Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence** to participate in their “*Working Together to Keep Kids Safe*” training and intensive technical assistance program.
- **Richland Rotary** paid for the development and production of award winning domestic violence awareness posters. The posters are designed with refillable tear-off informational tabs and are placed at businesses through-out Benton & Franklin Counties.
- DVS was awarded funding from **Women Helping Women** Fund – Tri-Cities to reach out to vulnerable and isolated victims of domestic violence.
- **Verizon HopeLine** provided 20 new cell phones with 3,000 minutes each for victims *and* funding for translation of written materials into Spanish.
- Awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding from **Children’s Trust** (formerly WCPCAN). DVS partnered with the Pasco Police Department to respond on-scene to domestic violence incidents where children five and under are present. Our other partners, Benton-Franklin Health District and Catholic Family and Child Services, also offer additional support services through this funding.

## 2007 Shelter Improvements & Volunteers



### GARAGE CONSTRUCTION & CONCRETE

*Funding:*

Columbia Center Rotary  
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*Work Done By:*

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★ Melody Newman ★ Sheri Edler ★ Rheta Clark ★ Juana Ursua ★

Thank you to **Bethel Church's Joy in the Evening Women's Group**  
for raising the funds to replace ALL the bunk-beds in the shelter!

*As well as donating \$1,070 in discretionary funds which have been used to assist clients with emergency needs such as getting birth-certificates, ID, gas vouchers, bus tickets, and prescriptions.*

### AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...

★ **Susan Vann** for her amazing dedication in facilitating our Monday night support group.  
(For going on 5 years now!)

★ **Paul Anguiano** for his exceptional work designing and  
for so graciously hosting our new website! Visit our website at [dvsbf.org](http://dvsbf.org)!

## DVS Held the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Vigil October 25<sup>th</sup> at John Dam Plaza, Richland

Each year, in October, DVS commemorates Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a community vigil. In a striking display, rows of glowing luminarias represent the number of clients sheltered the previous year. In addition, life-size silhouettes memorialize those killed by domestic violence in our community.



***In 2007 there were no victims murdered as a result of domestic violence!***

**There has been at least one related domestic violence homicide  
in Benton-Franklin Counties every year since 1997.**

*The following 28 victims were murdered as a result of domestic violence between 1998-2006*

Lucia Barela, killed 06/28/98	Donald Hayden, killed 08/05/03
Christa Carcia, killed 07/26/98	Debra Carr, killed 07/09/04
Amy Reeves, killed 04/28/99	Glen Carr, killed 07/09/04
Neftali Castillo, killed 03/13/00	Sandra Godinez-Sanchez, killed 08/23/04
Tara Jensen, killed 09/16/00	Darlene Hyatt, killed 03/10/05
Linda Grover, killed 01/07/01	Julie Prather, killed 06/01/05
Janine Crandal, killed 02/13/01	Alysha Prather, killed 06/01/05
Mayra Avila-Lopez, killed 07/28/01	Alex Prather, killed 06/01/05
Salvador Farias, killed 09/07/01	Barb Davis, killed 01/19/06
San Juanita Montelongo, killed 03/03/02	Yana Samolyuk, killed 07/09/06
Shona Malcom-Kelly, killed 08/09/02	Patricia Leighton, killed 07/26/06
David Brown, killed 03/07/03	Julie Britt, killed 08/22/06
Marisela Sital-Ross, killed 08/06/03	Cleveland Everhart, killed 10/08/06
Nathan Sital, killed 08/06/03	

**Join us next year for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Vigil  
Thursday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> at John Dam Plaza, Richland**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fight Against Domestic Violence Golf Tournament

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The tournament raised over \$29,000!

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