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Violence Against Women

Domestic Violence

January-December 2004

North Dakota Statistics

- **4,109 new victims** received services from crisis intervention centers (a 2% increase from 2003); **14%** of new victims were disabled
- **4,483 incidents** of domestic violence were reported to crisis intervention centers (a 1% increase from 2003); at least **4,872 children** were directly impacted by these incidents
- **145 women** (4% new victims) were pregnant at the time they were assaulted (13% increase from 2003)
- **95%** of the victims were women
- **42%** of the victims were under the age of 30
- **35%** of victims served were self-referred, **21%** were referred by law enforcement
- At least **74%** of victims were physically abused
- **28%** of victims served were abused by a former spouse or partner
- The abuser had a history of abusive behavior with other adults, including prior partners in at least **44%** of new cases
- Domestic Violence Programs provided victim assistance with **804** emergency protection orders (3% increase from 2003).

Domestic Violence statistics are compiled by the ND Council on Abused Women's Services/
Coalition Against Sexual Assault in ND, for the ND Department of Health.
<http://www.ndcaws.org/violence/statistics.asp>

Sexual Assault

January-December 2004

North Dakota Statistics

- **825** primary victims were served by sexual assault crisis centers throughout ND (7% increase from 2003)
- **50%** of the primary victims were under the age of 18
- At least **89%** of the cases were male assailant/female victim
- **66%** of assaults were rape, **13%** attempted rape, and **21%** were sexual contact other than rape/attempted rape
- In adult cases **12%** of the assailants were strangers; in child cases **2%** of assailants were strangers
- In **38%** of all cases the assailant was a friend/acquaintance/date of the victim
- **59%** of the assaults occurred in the victim's or assailant's home
- **43%** of the victims were referred to sexual assault service providers by themselves, friends, or family
- **7,244** services to primary victims were provided by crisis center advocates in 2004

Sexual Assault statistics are compiled by the ND Council on Abused Women's Services/ Coalition Against Sexual Assault in ND, for the ND Department of Health.
<http://www.ndcaws.org/assault/statistics.asp>

Violence Against Native American Women

- From 1992-2001, Native American were victims of rape or sexual assault at a rate **more than double** that of all races (All Races: 2 per 1,000, Native Americans: 5 per 1,000)

For more information please contact:

Mending the Sacred Hoop

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Information from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, December 2004. This report can be viewed at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/aic02.htm>

Grand Forks Area Statistics

- CVIC served 1,819 people in 2004 by providing direct services through its four primary programs and 10,092 people received education and training.
- In 2004, CVIC's Abuse and Rape Crisis Program responded to 937 crisis line calls and saw a 5% increase in domestic violence victims over the same period in 2003.
- CVIC's Light of Hope Shelter housed 106' women and children in 2004.
- CVIC's Crime Victim Witness Program assisted 619 individuals whose lives were affected by crime.
- CVIC's Wishing Well Child Visitation Program managed 576 visitations and 325 safe exchanges during 2004.
- 91 men were served through CVIC's Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program in 2004.
- There were 816 children living in violence homes of clients served by CVIC in 2004.

Information compiled by the Grand Forks Community Violence Intervention Center and can be found at <http://www.cviconline.org/stats.htm>

UND Statistics

- In 2003, there were 5 forcible sexual offenses reported to the UND Police Department. (2004 statistics not yet available)

Information compiled by UND Police and can be found at <http://departments.und.edu/police/2004stats/index.html>

The Clothesline Project

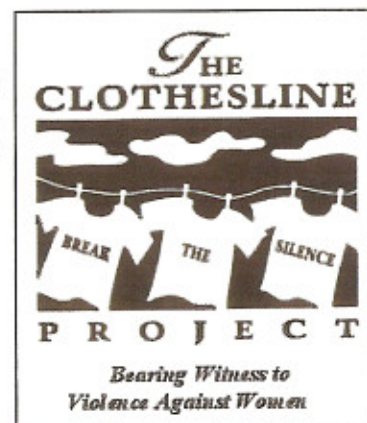
The Clothesline Project will run October 10-14th in the UND Memorial Union.

The Clothesline Project is a visual display that bears witness to violence against someone. The room will be filled with multiple colored t-shirts hanging from clotheslines. Each t-shirt is decorated to represent a particular woman's experience. It has been decorated by either a survivor or someone who cares about her.

In addition to the display, shirts and materials are available for people who wish to design a shirt at the time. The Clothesline Project is about direct, personal violence against women and shirts are color-coded for different types of violence.

- White- died of violence
- Yellow- battered or assaulted
- Red, Pink, Orange- raped or sexually assaulted
- Blue or Green- incest or child sexual abuse
- Purple- attacked due to sexual orientation

The Clothesline Project provides an opportunity for women to break their silence and bear witness to their personal experience of violence and celebrate their transformation from victim to survivor in a powerful statement.



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

OCTOBER 13th

7:00 p.m.

UND Memorial Union

Featured Speaker, Denise Brown (Nicole Brown's Sister)

UND Promotes Awareness of Violence in North Dakota

UND President Charles Kupchella has agreed to allow the Carillon Bells at Twamley Hall be used to promote awareness. For one twenty-four hour period during the Clothesline Project, the bells will peal one time every ten minutes. Also the Westminster quarterly hour chimes, 8 am, noon, & 8 pm playing of the songs will be halted.

Awareness Displays Around UND

October 10-14

UND School of Medicine– South Entry

October 3-17

UND Memorial Union

October 3-5

Information Booths UND Memorial Union

October 17-21

Flag Display UND Memorial Union

Month of October

UND Barnes & Noble

Partner Profile: Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC)

Programs & Services

All programs are confidential and services to the victims are free of charge.

Crisis intervention: 24 hour crisis line, counseling, information, assistance, and referral

Light of Hope Shelter: Short term emergency housing for victims and their children

Information, Advocacy, Referrals: Support and assistance in obtaining medical, human services, legal and other services. Assistance in applying for protection orders, which can restrain abusers from contacting, threatening and injuring victims of abuse, and restrict abusers from victims' homes.

Counseling and Support: Individual and group counseling to help victims of abuse and rape recover from the trauma and live healthy, productive lives.

Little Souls Children's Services: Individual and group counseling and education for children who have witnessed domestic violence.

Crime Victim Witness Program: Advocacy within the criminal and juvenile justice systems for victims of personal and property crimes, working to ensure victims' rights are upheld.

Prevention and Education Program: Education to community members and training to area professionals to raise awareness and improve our community's response to those impacted by violence.

Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Program: This program prevents violence through providing group treatment for abusers and extensive collaboration with the justice system.

Wishing Well Child Visitation Program: Wishing Well provides a secure, neutral environment to ensure the safety of children at risk of abuse or neglect. We offer: supervised visitation and exchange services.

Volunteer Opportunities Also Available!

Contact the Community Violence Intervention Center:

211 South Fourth Street, Grand Forks, ND 58201 (701) 746-0405 Fax: (701) 746-5918 TTY: (800) 366-6888

24-Hour Crisis Line: (701) 746-8900

Toll Free Crisis Line: (866) 746-8900 *If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to email us at embracepeace@cviconline.org.*

PLEASE NOTE:

September is:

- Menopause Awareness Month
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
- Healthy Aging Month
- Sept. 28th is National Women's Health & Fitness Day

October is:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Oct. 6th is National Depression Screening Day
- Oct. 21st is National Mammography Day

Count on us to keep you updated
<http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/womenshealth/>

Awareness Booths

South Entrance

UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences

September 12-16: Gynecologic Cancer

October 3-7: Depression

October 10-14: Domestic Violence

October 17-21: Breast Cancer