



#### **Home of The Duluth Model**

Social Change to End Violence Against Women

The mission of Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs is to end violence against women. We give voice to diverse women who are battered by translating their experiences into innovative programs and institutional changes that centralize victim safety. We partner with communities world-wide to inspire the social and political will to eliminate violence against women and their families.

### From John Beyer, Board Chair



#### Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs, a nonprofit based in Duluth that is known internationally for its unique approach to addressing domestic violence.

At the core of all our programs is The Duluth Model, which includes a Coordinated Community Response to domestic violence that brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, the courts, advocates, social service agencies and nonprofits to ensure victims are safe from domestic violence and batterers are held accountable.

As Chair of the Board of Directors, I see a similar coordinated community response that supports DAIP and the important work it does in Duluth and around the world. Public and private funders issue grants for our innovative programming; individuals and businesses make donations to support our work; community members participate in fundraising and educational events like the Kay Marie Sisto Memorial Walk and our Heart of Change Luncheon, and board members contribute their time, effort and talent to guiding the organization.

We cannot fulfill our mission of ending violence against women without this help, and we are grateful for the many contributions that make our work possible. I encourage you to read the annual report and find out more about us. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have and to show you what we are all about!

## Duluth Family Visitation Center

**Program Highlights** 

174 families served235 children3,323 visits and exchanges

Parents in the visitation center spend more one-on-one time with their children in a two-hour visit than the average parent spends with their child in a 24-hour period.



# We listen to battered women. Our work involves active engagement with women who have experienced violence so that our efforts are guided by their realities and concerns.

We experience the pure joy of families laughing, playing and being creative without the threat of violence. One dad sits with his infant daughter for two hours listening to her coo and watching her do what infants do. We laugh because he sits in the same chair every visit; we are happy that he doesn't have other life distractions taking his attention from her for these two hours.

The center provides parenting time services that prioritize the specific safety needs of adult and child victims of domestic violence. This includes:

 Supervised visitation and exchange, including communication to arrange visitation and exchange and documentation of visits and exchanges with regard to safety concerns and behavior change.

- Collaboration with judges, guardians ad litem, attorneys and other practitioners to prioritize specific safety needs of victims.
- The Transition Program, an innovative development for supervised visitation programs, moves visiting parents to the least restrictive form of visitation in accord with behavior change.
- Advocacy, educational groups, and referrals for child and adult victims of domestic violence.
- Information and training to systems practitioners on the specific safety needs of adult and child victims of domestic violence as well as education on tactics involving children that men who batter engage in during the post-separation period to continue power, control, and violence.

### **Strong Moms/Safe Kids**

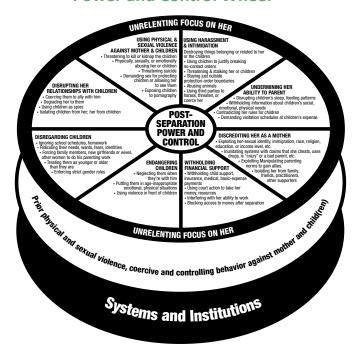
This 10-week support group provides a safe space for women who use the center, or who are currently at the most vulnerable stage of post separation violence, to process and learn to advocate for themselves and their children. The Safe Kids portion of this group teaches children about body boundaries and safe touch. Children are engaged in age-appropriate play activities with a trained professional who is able to help them recognize boundaries in language they understand and provides them with language to talk to the safe adults in their lives.

### **Post-Separation Violence**

We continued our groundbreaking work addressing post separation violence through the Transition Program. We have learned many new things with the adjustments we've made to our orientation process and how we check in with families. One family who has used the DFVC for onsite visits for more than two years was able to transition to unsupervised visits, and their adjustment is going well.

We developed a new Post-Separation Violence Power and Control Wheel and completed work on a manual for use by other professionals working in visitation and parenting centers. Titled "Naming the Tactics," this manual will bring our success to other communities that are struggling with issues of post-separation violence.

## Post-Separation Violence Power and Control Wheel



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## National Training Project

**Program Highlights** 

A few years ago, mothers who worked in DAIP's Duluth Family Visitation Center (DFVC) spent hundreds of hours listening to and learning from women who had survived battering and were struggling to negotiate post-separation custody and visitation issues with men who had abused them. In focus groups and informal conversations, moms described how their lives—and their children's lives—often became more dangerous and difficult after leaving abusive men. Some of those dangers and difficulties, the women said, were enabled or even caused by systems and institutions designed to protect victims and hold batterers accountable. Much of the danger came from men's use of children in maintaining power and control.



We educate to promote liberation. An educational process of dialogue and critical thinking is key to our efforts to assist women in understanding and confronting the violence directed against them, and to our efforts to challenge and support men who commit to ending battering.

After those hours learning from survivors and after experimenting with policies and procedures for responding to men's post-separation violence, DFVC staff members realized they had the raw material for a whole new set of educational resources: a new wheel, manual, and training programs that would help anyone understand men's post-separation violence and its effects. After DFVC staff did the enormous work of developing the Post-Separation Power and Control Wheel and the Naming the Tactics manual and training program, National Training Project (NTP) staff helped them edit and revise the materials then get them into the world.

It's a great example of what the National Training Project is designed to do: help practitioners transform direct work into educational materials and training programs and then use DAIP's well-earned reputation and connections to share those resources with folks around the world in the movement to end violence against women and children.

Naming the Tactics is an invaluable tool for everyone who works with battered women, children whose moms are abused, violent men, and for anyone who wants to understand battering and post-separation violence. The manual and training content shows how fathers who batter use children as tools for punishing women post-separation. It also proposes a process for using behavior change instead of time as a guide for when a father who has battered should transition into unsupervised child visits and exchanges.

In the last year, Naming the Tactics and post-separation-violence training programs have drawn participants from Hong Kong and throughout the U.S. Programs focused on working with men who batter and women who have survived battering have included participants from American Samoa , Australia, Hong Kong, Norway, the United Kingdom, and other countries, from many American Indian and Canadian First Nation bands, and from elsewhere throughout the U.S. NTP also hosted official delegations from Iraqi Kurdistan and Turkey who visited Duluth specifically to see DAIP and learn from Duluth Model experts. NTP trainers have traveled to Bogotá and Singapore.

The next year promises to match and expand NTP's and DAIP's global reach, as NTP explores opportunities and methods for providing online materials and training.





## Domestic Abuse Intervention Project

Program Highlights

425 Duluth Police Department domestic assault reports 90% male, 10% female offenders 209+ children involved

503 order for protection (OFP) requests 420 OFPs granted 317+ children listed

232 men in batterer intervention program 126 completed the 27 week program. Average age = 35.



We advocate for institutional and social change. We examine the practices and policies of social and governmental agencies that intervene in the lives of battered women, and address systemic problems by engaging with institutional practitioners and leaders in the development of creative and effective solutions.

The Intervention Project has continued to improve our community's response to domestic violence over the past year. With our criminal justice partners, we continue to draft new policy and develop innovative practice tools through our Blueprint for Safety National Demonstration Project. This project was funded for an additional two years through the Office on Violence Against Women. This project has built on the more than 30 years of collaboration between our criminal justice and community advocacy agencies. Additionally, we have put together a team of women who were formerly battered to design a method to anonymously inform women of what will happen after an arrest and how to access resources if they so choose.

Our community's Domestic Violence Response Team continues to monitor and investigate domestic violence cases in Duluth. Along with this essential work, the team compiles risk data on each offender to better inform the decisions of our criminal justice and advocacy response. This team started eight years ago and continues to improve what we know and how we respond.

The Intervention Project's men's program will work with more than 200 men who have been referred to our men's nonviolence program. Ten percent are volunteers and the rest are referred from civil and criminal court. More than 7 out of 10 men who go through our coordinated community response and complete our men's program will not resurface in our criminal or civil system 8 years from their last point of contact. Our team of facilitators, advocates and program staff continues to improve our program with innovative ideas and interventions.

## Battered Women's Justice Project

**Program Highlights** 

Islamic Marriage Contracts: A
Resource Guide for Legal
Professionals, Advocates, Imams
& Communities

In a unique collaboration, BWJP partnered with the Peaceful Families Project and the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence to produce a guide on Islamic marriage contracts that both assists non-Muslim attorneys in understanding the religious and cultural role of these contracts in Islam, and informs the Muslim community about potential misinterpretations of marriage contracts, especially in cases of domestic violence, and the role of Islamic marriage contracts in US courts. The guide was authored by Maha Alkhateeb of Peaceful



We struggle against all forms of oppression. Women are not defined by a single identity, but live in the intersection of their race, gender, class, ethnicity, nationality, disability, age, religion and sexual orientation. Our work must also challenge all systems of oppression that create a climate of supremacy and intolerance that facilitates violence and exploitation in women's lives.

Families Project in consultation with leading scholars of Islamic and American law. The guide can be downloaded from BWJP's website: www.bwjp.org.

#### BWJP consults on the national Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative

This year a major initiation to prevent domestic homicides was launched by the Office on Violence Against Women, DOJ. This effort is led by a collaboration of the Maryland Network against Domestic Violence, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center of Newburyport, MA, and Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, each of which have pioneered DV homicide prevention strategies based on the research on lethality factors conducted by Jacquelyn Campbell. Twelve communities have been funded to work with the Initiative to evaluate the practices of their criminal justice systems and related social services as to their ability to assess risk and lethality in their response to DV cases. BWJP has been contracted by the Initiative to develop practice assessment guides that will aid the communities in this effort.

### **Captain Glenna Tinney - White House Champion of Change**

On March 19, 2013, BWJP's Military Advocacy Program Coordinator, Captain Glenna Tinney (Ret.), was honored by the White House as one of 14 Women Veteran Champions of Change. Glenna attended a ceremony at the White House, at which First Lady Michelle Obama delivered the keynote address.

This recognition is well-deserved, as noted in the White House website: "Captain Glenna Tinney has worked tirelessly for more than three decades to facilitate change in both the civilian and military systems to eliminate violence against women....As one of the original twelve Navy social workers recruited for active duty in 1980, Glenna served for 24 years working with military families and managing worldwide family violence and sexual assault programs. Today, she manages a special project funded by OVW to develop a model coordinated community response to co-occurring incidents of combat-related conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder and intimate partner violence. She trains military and community-based civilian victim advocates and other providers to increase their capacity to address the unique needs of militaryrelated intimate partner violence victims and offenders. Glenna also monitors and engages in dialogue to influence legal, military, veteran, and public policy developments nationwide that affect civil/criminal justice responses to intimate partner violence involving military personnel and veterans. In her work, Glenna collaborates with a diverse group of stakeholders from the military, veteran, and civilian communities"





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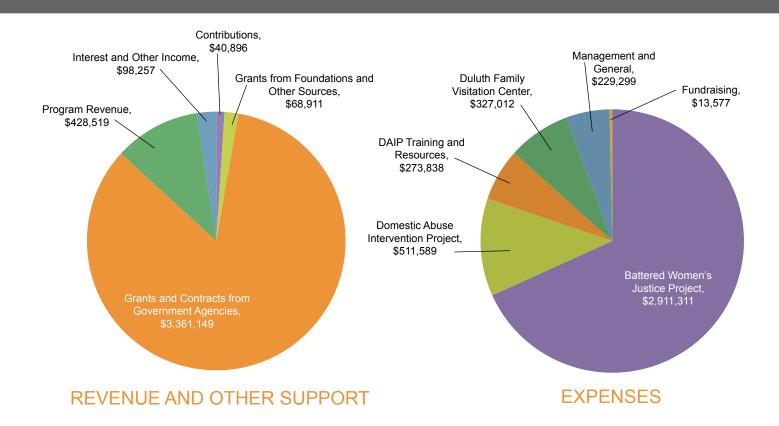
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