

Avon Program for Women & Justice
at O'Connor House

Presentation for Promising
Practices Roundtable

December 1, 2010

Background

- 2008: Justice O'Connor's home becomes center where *civil talk leads to civic action*
- 2009: Avon Foundation granted OCH multi-year funding to establish the Avon Program
- Justice O'Connor chooses DV as 1st issue addressed

full website coming soon

BRINGING
PEOPLE
TOGETHER



Where Civil Talk Leads to Civil Action.....

To solve complex problems, stakeholders must be convened to discuss views and take concrete steps.



Long-term goals:

- Different disciplines work collaboratively.
- Victim's access to legal representation is enhanced.
- Victim is removed from serving orders of protection.
- A cross-jurisdictional structure for serving orders of protection is instituted.
- New, effective efforts to respond to DV are implemented.
- Additional funding is raised.
- Prosecutors, judges and law enforcement receive comprehensive cross-disciplinary training.
- Decision makers and policymakers take effective action.
- Media stories more accurately portray DV.
- Community is aware of & committed to solving the problem.

Year One Results

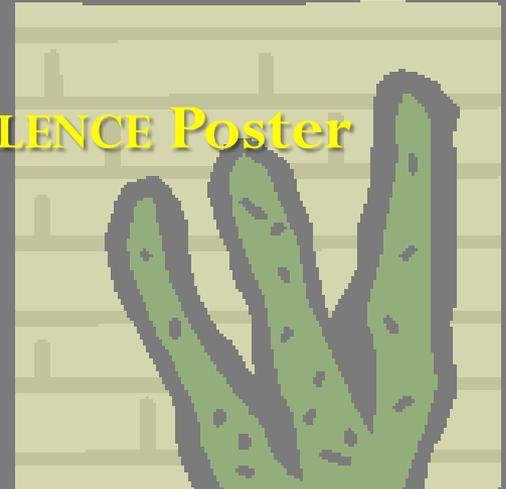
- DV Advisory Committee convenes & surveys systems
- Halle Center on Family Justice & Next Care Clinic at ASU College of Law established with \$2.1 million in grants.
- Analysis order of protection process outlined & gaps identified
- Avon Program Director hired.

Avon Program Strategies:

1. Catalyze effective solutions to empower victims & improve the systems that assist them
2. Leverage leadership & resources to enhance knowledge and capacity
3. Raise awareness about the myths & facts regarding DV to prevent it from occurring

Avon Program Projects:

- Catalyze effective solutions
 - Increase legal services & advocacy.
 - Improve/streamline PO process.
 - Explore alternative solutions.
- Leverage leadership & resources
 - Maximize public & private funding.
 - Support cross-disciplinary training.
 - Marshall opinion leaders and the media.
- Increase awareness
 - SPEAK OUT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Poster Campaign.
 - National journalism award.
 - Build web site.

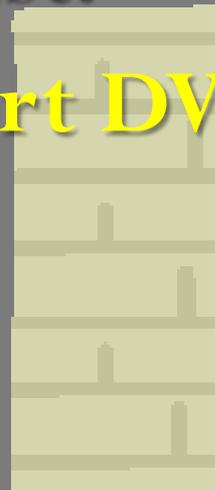


Avon Program Structure

- DV Advisory Committee meets 4-5 X/year
- Ad-Hoc Task Forces :
 - Serving Orders of Protection
 - Poster Distribution
 - Journalism Award
 - Communications & Media
 - Determine additional work groups, ie:
grants and fundraising
- Working with Halle Center & others to expand training and resources.

How You Can Be Part of It:

- Display a poster in your office, school, place of worship – order at www.oconnordvposter.com.
- Serve on Committees/ Task Forces.
- Join our email list.
- Donate to support DV programs and services.



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