

MECKLENBURG COUNTY



Community Initiatives on Domestic Violence

- **Public Awareness**
 - In 2012-2013:
 - Developed and aired Public Service Announcements regarding DV impacts on children. The PSA's were aired over 300 times in partnership with Justice Initiatives, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services/Women's Commission and WAXN/WSOC-TV. The PSA can still be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45a-PJv-Bso&feature=share&list=UUNyWJ2sbPK3AftvjUxs1RpA>
 - In 2011-2013:
 - Created the eNOugh Campaign to increase prevention and public awareness about DV in the workplace
 - Billboard campaign currently in place on major Mecklenburg thoroughfares
 - Website and link to PSA's can be viewed at <http://enoughviolence.com/>
 - In 2009-2010:
 - Provided public awareness through DV Billboard about adult victims of DV (English & Spanish)
 - Trained School Health Nurse. Dr. Shanti Kulkarni, UNCC developed and conducted training.
 - Created My Next Girlfriend prevention video
 - Developed the Love Speaks Out speaker's bureau
 - In 2007:
 - Consolidated Domestic Violence Speaker's Bureau (Women's Commission & Safe Alliance) that provides ongoing domestic violence public awareness throughout the community
- **Domestic Violence Data Collection**
 - Created a comprehensive community Domestic Violence Vision <http://charmec.org/mecklenburg/county/CommunitySupportServices/Pages/DVCLT.aspx>
 - Created the DV Data Warehouse
 - Developed the County's DV Index
- **Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Prevention Efforts**
 - Received grants (Women's Commission in partnership with various community stakeholders)

- Care grant for Children Services provides services for DV child observers 5yo & under.
- Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchange Center grant, currently in the planning stage, will provide supervised visitation and safe exchange for families in which DV compromises safety.
- SHARE grant provides for enhanced prevention and intervention services for teen dating violence with a focus on teen GLBTQ dating violence
- Johnson C Smith University was awarded Dept. of Justice grant to combat violent crimes against women on campus. The award is made by the department's Office on Violence Against Women under its Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking On Campus program.
- Expanded DV Services in the N. Region of Mecklenburg County (Huntersville, Cornelius, and Davidson Police Departments, Women's Commission/Safe Alliance partnership, Safe Alliance DV Advocate)
- Built 80 bed DV emergency shelter
- Upgraded Hotline phone system, including merging sexual assault crisis hotline with DV hotline
- Specialized DV trauma-informed clinicians (Women's Commission) serving children 2-18yo
- Created 4 Women's Commission DV/Child Welfare liaison positions housed at Department of Social Services/Youth & Family Services
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools adopted a DV in the Workplace Policy in October 2013.

▪ **Criminal Justice Related**

- Hired DV Victim Detective/Advocate Huntersville Police Department (Huntersville Police Department)
- Lethality Assessment Protocol implemented by Huntersville Police Department & Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in partnership with Women's Commission & Safe Alliance
- Passage of HB24, effective 12/1/13, with increased monitoring/accountability for perpetrators on supervised or unsupervised visitation
- Implemented the Legal Representation Project (Safe Alliance)
- Created the DV Fatality Review Team; passage of legislation to form (2009), re-authorization (2013) & expansion to include Mecklenburg, Pitt, Alamance (SL2013-70) & Wake (SL2013-270) counties