



# SAFE-New Hampshire

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- VIP/SAFE-NH has "dissolved" the Violence Intervention Program as a separate non-profit. We will now be known as SAFE-NH, and the VIP acronym will be used to designate special initiatives under the Violence Intervention Project of SAFE-NH. We have been listed as a 501(c)3 non-profit with the State of NH and the IRS as the NH Chapter of the National Stop Abuse For Everyone organization since our affiliation in October 2002.

### **Voice your opinions about VAWA (the Violence Against Women Act) before it's too late!**

As the Executive Director of SAFE-New Hampshire, the NH Chapter of Stop Abuse For Everyone and a survivor of domestic violence who happens to be a man, I can tell you for a fact that domestic violence does not discriminate ...so VAWA and all other areas relating to the issue should not discriminate either! We provide 24 hour a day assistance to ALL people who are impacted by issues surrounding family violence/intimate partner abuse. We focus on providing equal services to the under-served populations of victims, however having no access to the type of funding provided by VAWA we are unable to provide shelter. This is a horrendous situation! Think for a moment, we have shelters for women and "their" children (as long as a male child is under a certain age, otherwise he is labeled a "potential abuser" and may not be taken into a shelter), we have animal shelters for mistreated pets, but we have no shelters for men and "their" children in this Country! **Our tax dollars that are funding VAWA are not available to agencies or organizations who focus on male victims/survivors of domestic violence!** After 30 years of handling domestic violence as a female victim/male perpetrator issue, we are being told constantly in the media and with the "statistics" that the numbers of victims are on the rise ...still...after millions of dollars...with countless programs and services available...the numbers of female victims are rising??? **IF this is true**, than the "solutions" and programs are failing and men and women are being forced to see their tax money feed a black hole! Donations from the hard earned wages of our citizens are being wasted and the men from these families will not benefit from their own generosity!

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**DV "expert" and former VAWA Committee member arrested!**

**Billboards send a message to Senator Biden regarding VAWA!**

It's time that new approaches, enlightened initiatives and innovative programs like ours that are attempting to approach the solutions without bias, get access to funding via a new version of something to **replace VAWA**. The time is here for activists and advocates to insist that the ineffective, unfair and sometimes dangerous practices need to be replaced with the new generation of solutions and programs.

SAFE-NH has saved many lives and touched many more via our direct services, advocacy and crisis line and we have done so for 2 years with no funding due to the exclusivity of VAWA and the same for our State Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. This is the same as telling our survivors that they don't matter to the powers that be.

**The "monopoly" over funding and other influences on the part of programs run with feminist theory foundations, needs to end and programs and organizations guilty of biased practices need to be held accountable.** Programs that do what we do, deserve a chance to survive and expand so that ALL parents and their children, ALL victims of violence feel safer in their homes and have the chance to move forward in their lives without threat.

There are many men and women across the Country who are beginning to wake up from a 30 year nap and realize that we can do better for the good of ALL!

Please go to our website, use the link to contact your political representatives & media. **Voice your opinion** regarding VAWA. Insist that it change or tell them that you will hold them responsible if someone you love dies because of discrimination! Please, do it before it's too late!

**Support our efforts...  
Advertise with us !**

# SAFE National Impact Report 2004

Full Annual Reports available upon request via our web-site.

## Direct services

- NH Chapter offers comprehensive services to ALL victims of DV, including Court and Social Service Advocacy, 1:1 Support and more.
- New Hampshire chapter fielded a total of 1,199 contacts for support, assistance, and information.
  - 808 heterosexual male victims (23 obtained restraining orders)
  - 235 women for male victims (mothers, sisters, daughters, friends, etc.)

Predominantly male victim contacts due to the fact that we do a vast amount of outreach, which informs male victims that there is a place that focuses on their issues. We also have worked on expanding our “network” which has increased referrals to us from Hospitals, Police, Courts and other professionals. The other DV agencies in NH do not normally offer services to heterosexual men.

- 72 heterosexual women victims (2 obtained restraining orders)

We do not get a large number of calls from women because there are 14 Women’s Crisis Centers with shelters including a total of 21 locations in NH. ( includes satellite offices) We do get calls from women who find us first via our website or outreach materials that they see. We also get calls from women who may be denied adequate services because they do not “meet criteria”, may have a son over the age of 12, or are “uncomfortable” with the approach offered.

- 18 gay male

Less calls from Gay men due to a program in MA that assists only gay males. Women’s Crisis Centers will assist Gay males because they acknowledge them due to the fact that their abuser is male. (no shelter available)

- 26 lesbian

More calls from these women due to Women’s Crisis Centers hesitation recognizing female violence and understanding the dynamics.

- 12 transgendered

We are the only crisis service in NH offering help to this group regarding DV.

- 21 parents/grandparents for male victims
- 2 elderly male victim
- 3 school bullying
- Portland, Oregon support group started up March 2005, served 7 abused men to date.
- New Hampshire upgraded services to offer crisis line 24 hours a day for domestic violence victims in New Hampshire.
- Our online resource list has 627 resources as of 4/13/05, more than twice as many as a year ago.
- NH Chapter regularly conducts outreach and education presentations to other service providers as well as interested organizations to increase our referrals.

## Grants

- New Hampshire accepted into “Call to Protect” grant program, which furnishes cell phones for emergency calls for domestic violence victims (2/28/05).
- Stop Abuse For Everyone recipient of Google Grant, which provides free advertising and exposure on Google's site (2/8/05).
- Two scholarships to attend 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium of the Violence Against Women Act.

## Literature

- New Hampshire distributed 11,207 pieces of literature (includes brochures, newsletters, via mail, e-mail and “in-hand”)
- New Hampshire chapter produced a new brochure on stalking.
- Publications translated into Japanese, Canadian French, Romanian, Portuguese, Korean, traditional Chinese, Turkish, Italian, German,
- Produced startup manual for new chapters of SAFE.
- SAFE distributed brochures for abused heterosexual men, abused gay men, and abused lesbian women.
- Approximately 6500 announcement emails sent out.

## Media coverage

- Advisory board member Glenn Sacks published an editorial in MichNews.com (4/11/05), circulation unknown.
- Advisory board member Glenn Sacks published an editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle (4/11/05), circulation 512,129.
- Dr. Jill Murray appears on ABC News 20/20 (4/5/05), circulation unknown.
- Drs. Judith Sherven and Jim Sniechowski appear in the Morning Sun, Pittsburg Kansas paper, 10,312 weekly.
- Included in a new Canadian government document: 'Intimate Partner Abuse Against Men', circulation unknown.

# SAFE National Impact Report (cont'd)

- Front page story on SAFE and SAFE President Jade Rubick in Register-Guard (1/29/05), circulation 71,581 daily.
- SAFE speaker Richard Davis published several essays the Men's News Daily (4/13/05, 10/2/04, 1/01/04, others), circulation unknown.
- Formed SAFE Media Corps, a group to respond to media bias in coverage of domestic violence. Currently 68 members, and 15 alerts have been sent out to date. Typically, several members cc: us in our responses, so we assume about 3-9 people respond to each alert. So that's generated approximately 45-135 letters to the editor.
- SAFE speaker Dr. Linda Mills was mentioned in a Boston Globe editorial (10/11/05) 450,538 daily circulation.
- Due to a donation from a donor specifically for this purpose, SAFE ran radio advertisements in New York, Boston, and Los Angeles, on the Glenn Sacks Show. The advertisements ran for 13 weeks, once a week.
- SAFE speaker and program director Phil Cook appear in Queens Courier article (8/12/04), circulation unknown.
- SAFE speaker Stanley Green appears on Shmuley Boteach's radio show (8/2/05), circulation unknown.
- SAFE New Hampshire appears in Exeter News-Letter and Hampton Union (6/25/04), circulation unknown.
- **SAFE-NH appears in articles in the Portsmouth Herald, Foster's Daily Democrat, Derry News & the Lawrence Eagle Tribune.**
- SAFE is mentioned in column in Seattle Post-Intelligencer (6/14/04), circulation 150,851 daily.
- SAFE president Jade appears in University of Oregon's Cascade Magazine, (6/14/04), circulation unknown.
- SAFE speaker Jill Murray appeared in TheMilwaukeeChannel.com (5/4/04), circulation unknown.
- SAFE speaker Jill Murray appeared in The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (5/3/04), circulation 244,288 daily.
- SAFE appears in Oregon daily: Eugene Daily Emerald (4/30/04), circulation unknown.
- SAFE appears in Oregon daily: Eugene Daily Emerald (4/6/04), circulation unknown.
- SAFE Speaker Linda Mills in Baptist Press News website (3/31/04), circulation unknown.
- University of Oregon website article on SAFE President Jade Rubick (3/29/04), circulation unknown.
- Stop Abuse For Everyone appears in Southwest section of Oregonian, (3/11/05), circulation unknown.
- SAFE President Jade Rubick appears on John Walsh Show (2/3/04), circulation unknown.
- SAFE Speaker Linda Mills appears on C-SPAN2 (2/1/04), circulation unknown.

## Outreach

- SAFE recommends changes to batterer intervention program rules in Oregon (10/2/04). The rules have still not been finalized, so the results of this are not known yet. However, if nothing else, we made the presentation to the Attorney General of Oregon, and high-profile members of the domestic violence community in Portland.
- Attended invitation only 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium on the Violence Against Women Act.
- Presented on the need to serve abused men and other victims to the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women (4/04 and 1/04).
- Presented on the needs of abused men and other victims to the New Hampshire Task Force on Family Law (3/22/04).
- **SAFE-NH meets with Governor regarding concerns for "underserved" victims.**
- **SAFE-NH presented "statements at the NH Commission on the Status of Men 11 times, to the NH Task Force on Family Law 2 times, the NH Judiciary Committee 3 times and the Child & Family Law Committee once.**
- SAFE wrote an open letter to Senator Kerry on domestic violence (1/21/04).
- SAFE wrote an open letter to Howard Dean on domestic violence (1/19/04).

## Growth

- Formed a new chapter of SAFE in Illinois (2/21/05).
- The SAFE mailing list now has 616 people on it (4/13/05).
- The SAFE website now has 1650 registered users (4/13/05), as opposed to 565 as of 12/31/03.
- **SAFE-NH website hits:12/2003=4670 ,12/2004=13,201.currently 4/2005= 17,268**

## Honors

- SAFE President honored by Points of Life Foundation (2/18/04).
- **Lee Newman (SAFE-NH) receives a letter from NH Governor Benson, commending him personally as well as commending SAFE-NH for having a positive impact in the Granite State while expressing his hopes that our services will expand.**

**Send a donation today or advertise with us to help fund our expanding efforts to make ALL who are affected by these issues SAFER in their homes and join in our initiatives to "Stop Abuse For Everyone"!**

# LATE BREAKING NEWS

## Former member of the National Advisory Committee on VAWA and “self proclaimed expert” on domestic violence arrested.

See more of the complete story using these links: FIRST see what the family of the man she “claimed” abused her daughter has to say after an extended period of silence AND why they stayed silent for so long while. (Arrest reveals the true Barbara Dehl)

### Arrest reveals the true Barbara Dehl

[http://www.idahopress.com/articles/2005/04/14/opinion/letters/033105\\_opinion-guest.txt](http://www.idahopress.com/articles/2005/04/14/opinion/letters/033105_opinion-guest.txt)

Teen rights advocate collared for prolific evildoing

<http://www.boiseweekly.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=oid%3A633>

#### DEHL'S ARRAIGNMENT

<http://www.kpvi.com/index.cfm?page=nbheadlines.cfm&ID=24969>

Authorities find body of murder victim near Glens Ferry

<http://www.mountainhomenews.com/story/1092779.html>

#### DEHL'S ARRAIGNMENT

<http://www.kpvi.com/print/printnews.cfm?ID=24969&name=headline>

Woman Charged with Kidnapping

<http://www.kmvt.com/news/regional/1408327.html>

Barbara L. Dehl

<http://www.thecassiefoundation.org/biography.htm>

Iowa Council on Domestic Violence, praises the work of Dehl

<http://www2.state.id.us/crimevictim/news/news.cfm?category=4&chapter=16&article=196>

Senator Crapo, supporter of Barbara Dehl

[http://crapo.senate.gov/idaho/soi/soi\\_2001.cfm](http://crapo.senate.gov/idaho/soi/soi_2001.cfm)

Biographies of Members of the

2002 National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women (VAWA)

Barbara Dehl

Home Town: Nampa, Idaho

Current Occupation: Teen Dating Violence Advocate; Information Systems Technician

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/nac/nacmembersbio.htm>

**We need to begin to question what drives certain people to claim abuse and then propel themselves into positions of influence that give them the ability to impact all of our lives.**

**Not all men are the perpetrators of violence nor are all women the victims of abuse!**

**How many others have done much the same as this woman and therefore have diminished the good work of open minded compassionate men and women who want to do the right thing?**

## **LATE BREAKING NEWS** (cont'd)

**Billboards go up for Senator Joe Biden to consider regarding the reauthorization of VAWA on his way to and from work!**

**Photos and more info. here: <http://www.vawa4all.org/billboards.asp>**

**SAFE-NH is developing unique online training for volunteers and employees.**

**Utilizing a unique approach and technology, SAFE-NH is developing an innovative package to satisfy their training needs with this new and progressive project! Our plans are unique to domestic violence Advocate training. We feel that technology is the key to providing a “virtual training” that can be tailored to the individual volunteer’s skills and interests. College courses are not the only education that you can receive online! Contact us if you are interested in finding out more about how to easily fit volunteerism into your life.**

**SAFE-NH introduces an advertising opportunity that is a win/win proposition!**

**Find out more about this by e-mailing us for a full description of our advertising package that will suit your needs, while supporting the important work of SAFE-NH!**

**Receive something of value to you while providing valuable funding necessary to sustain our efforts.**

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