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## Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

MAY 2014



### **ANDVSA has lots of exciting webinars coming up!**

If you are interested in registering for any of the following webinars, please contact Electra at [egardinier@andvsa.org](mailto:egardinier@andvsa.org) or call (907) 586-3650

**Confidentiality for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates**, Tuesday May 20 from 2pm - 3:30 pm (AK time)  
Christine Pate, Legal Advocacy Director of ANDVSA, will discuss confidentiality as it applies to our DV/SA programs. This webinar is



### **Disability Services Partners**

ANDVSA sent 23 member program staff from 11 programs to Full Lives Conference April 17-18. The Full Lives Conference features national and Alaskan experts on key issues that affect direct service staff and the people they support. Presentations are provided on a wide variety of topics, allowing attendees to choose sessions based on their personal and professional interests such as: Promoting Healthy Relationships, Person-centered Best Practices, Honoring Cultural Diversity, Stress Management, Climbing the Career Ladder, and Community Inclusion

available to any DV/SA program in Alaska.

**Digital Dangers and Links to Safety with the National Domestic**

**Violence Hotline**, Wednesday, May 21 from 11am - 12 pm (Alaska time)

This webinar is part of our Technology Safety Webinar series. The webinar will discuss how technology has affected domestic violence and how it can also make us safer. Social media, cell phones, safety planning and self care will all be discussed--with specific concrete tools that can be directly incorporated into your work with survivors. This webinar will pay special attention to rural and Alaskan needs.

**Child in Need of Aid Cases: Public Defenders' View**, Thursday, May 22 from 2pm - 3:30 pm (Alaska time)

In this webinar, we will learn about Child In Need of Aid (CINA) Cases, how they go through court, and parents' roles and rights throughout the process. This webinar will give advocates an opportunity to learn and discuss their role as advocates in the case process and how we can better assist our clients through it. This webinar is open to Alaska DVSA programs.

For recordings of past webinars from the Legal Advocacy Project please contact Ariel at [aherman@andvsa.org](mailto:aherman@andvsa.org)

Last month we started our Technology

Strategies. Scholarships for travel, hotel and registration were made available thanks to a generous grant from UAA's Center for Human Development.

**Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training:**

June 9-13, 2014 in Anchorage.

Registration list is filling up fast! Please see CDVSA's website for more information: <http://dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/training.aspx>

**Rural Grant**

Under the Office of Violence Against Women's Rural Grant, Ariel, ANDVSA's Training Project Coordinator is working with member programs TWC in Bethel and USAFV in Unalaska on sexual assault response improvement and sexual assault prevention with youth. Both programs are working on projects specific for their communities including more community training for first responders and increased community SART response. The work of this grant excitedly brings many ANDVSA programs together, particularly training, prevention, and legal, to collaborate on reducing sexual violence in rural Alaska.

**Goodbye and Good Luck to Brittany Luddington, Training Project Director**

This month we will say goodbye and good luck to our Training Project

Safety webinar series. Our first webinar was entitled "How to get Youth Involved in Ending Dating Violence with Guest Speakers from LoveisRespect." If you are interested in listening to a recording of this webinar, or for more information about the technology webinar series, please contact Electra at [egardinier@andvsa.org](mailto:egardinier@andvsa.org)



#### **Lead On! Update**

The first ever Lead On! in-person planning meeting will be held in Juneau May 30 - June first. There has been great follow-up with this years students and we are excited about planning for the next Lead On! conference this fall.

#### **Parent Engagement**

Throughout the next few months the prevention project will be adding new pages and videos to the Talk Now Talk Often website for parents

[www.tntoak.org](http://www.tntoak.org) If you would like to order the Talk Now Talk Often conversation cards, please contact [cplesa@andvsa.org](mailto:cplesa@andvsa.org)



Director, Brittany Luddington. She will be moving on to work towards her license hours to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Brittany has been working with ANDVSA since December 2011. During this time, she has trained hundred of advocates and service providers and traveled to communities around the state. For the past two years, Brittany worked with the Northwest Network to develop training for our member programs on sexual assault and domestic violence in the lives of people who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ). In partnership with the University of Alaska Southeast, Brittany developed the online 40 hour Advocacy Basics course, making advocacy training accessible to communities nationwide. She has also helped to strengthen our training and resources for working with people with disabilities. Brittany's many accomplishments at ANDVSA have strengthened our training program and helped us to reach even broader audiences. Brittany's enthusiasm as a trainer and colleague is contagious and she will be truly missed. We wish her the best of luck in her newest career path!





ANDVSA hosted our 16th annual CLE in Anchorage on March 31st and April 1st. The conference was attended by over 60 attorneys from across the state and was intended to improve their understanding of how to best represent a client who has been a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. 19 presenters participated in the CLE and topics ranged from technology safety, child custody initiatives, and ethics and family law.



**ANDVSA is hiring!** We are looking for a Director of the Training Project, located in Juneau or Anchorage. For more information, including a full job description and a list of necessary qualifications, please visit: [www.andvsa.org/employment](http://www.andvsa.org/employment)



### Legislative Wrap Up

The 28th Alaska State Legislature has adjourned Sine Die! Second session highlights include Capital Budget funding for a statewide shelter renovation and repairs project made possible with support from the Governor, the Legislature and the generosity of the Rasmuson Foundation; and continued funding for the Empowering Choice Housing Program which assists victims escaping violent homes with housing assistance. Also included in the Operating Budget is \$287,500 for basic operating costs to maintain services in DVSA programs at current levels, and \$250,000 to fund projects focusing on assisting children exposed to violence who enter shelter.

On the Legislative front, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's sunset date was extended 8 years; new provisions were added to statute and court rules to protect forensic interviews, photographs and other evidence of a sensitive nature in sexual assault and sexual abuse of minor cases; and allowing multidisciplinary teams to accept referrals from additional sources and adding new team members, including tribal representation and juvenile

justice. A full Legislative Report will be posted on the policy page of our website in the coming weeks.

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