

ANDVSA promotes and sustains a collective movement to end violence and oppression through social change.

[View this email in your browser](#)



Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

JUNE 2014



Victims' Rights in Criminal Cases with Taylor Winston from the Office of Victims' Rights, June 19 from 2-3:30pm (AK time)

Presenter and Description: Taylor Winston from the Office of Victims' Rights will speak with us about victims' rights through the criminal justice process. This webinar is open to all DV/SA programs in Alaska.

Creative Ideas for Online Fundraising and an Introduction to Google for Non-Profits, June 25 from 11am - 12pm (AK time)

Description: This webinar is the third



COMPASS: A Guide for Men made its statewide debut this spring. *COMPASS* is a toolkit created through the collaboration of community members from across Alaska that assists men working with young men to help build healthy identities and relationship skills through discussions, activities, and stories around 7 key topics. ANDVSA in collaboration with statewide and community partners, hosted a community based training in Ketchikan in April and a statewide training in Anchorage in May.

The trainings, led by the *COMPASS* council, are designed to teach participants how to access their own

webinar in ANDVSA's "Technology Safety" series. In this webinar we will discuss and share ideas about free ways to fundraise online including: Google grants, PayPal, Amazon Smile and creating fun infographics, wordclouds, and memes to reach a new audience.

Legal Advocacy Policy Update with Lisa Mariotti, ANDVSA's Policy Director, July 10 from 2-3:30pm

For information about how to register for these webinars or to view recordings of past legal or technology safety webinars, please contact Electra at egardinier@andvsa.org



Casework

We had several victories this month. In one case, a longtime victim of domestic violence and her children were permitted to relocate to Washington by an Anchorage judge. In a Fairbanks case, a highly lethal batterer was denied visitation with his child as a result of our attorney's efforts. Finally, in an Anchorage case, we helped a victim of domestic violence avoid termination of her parental rights. The abuser who had

stories and use them to guide young men in their lives and relationships. In addition, participants were gained skills and ideas on how to implement *COMPASS* and gained practice using the resource. The two trainings included participants from Bethel, Dillingham, Ketchikan, Napaskiak, Saxman, Sitka and Unalaska. We are looking forward to future trainings coming up in fall 2014 and spring 2015.

For more information on *COMPASS* and future training opportunities please visit www.amcr.org or email amcr@andvsa.org.



Talk now Talk often AK (TNTO), a campaign developed to help increase conversations between parents and teens about healthy relationships, launched in February. Since the launch, parents have taken part in radio shows, written opinion editorials and held family nights to promote the TNTO program and conversation cards.

denied her visitation for one year and then filed for adoption, falsely telling the court that he didn't know where to find her. We were able to help the client file a motion to enforce her visitation to modify custody. That client wrote to her pro bono attorney, "Thank you so very much for your hard work! Your pro bono service to the community through ANDVSA was critical to my case, and because of your contribution, my daughter and I will be reunited this Friday!"

***"If it wasn't for this program I would never have my freedom. Thank you so, so much!"
From a Fairbanks attorney who received full custody with no visitation to her ex-partner, my attorney was "a Godsend! Her help was paramount in this case!"***

If you are an Alaskan attorney and would like to volunteer for the pro bono program, [please click here](#).



Legal Training

Ariel Herman, our Training Project Coordinator, provided in-person training called "Understanding Domestic Violence" to 49 clerks from throughout



The first Alaska Adolescent Health Summit took place in May of 2014, and more than 65 health care providers from around the state attended. Claudia Plesa, ANDVSA's Project Coordinator, attended to engage the audience in both thinking about teen dating violence and its prevention, as well as promoting TNTO among parent and teens.

To find out more about the TNTO program or to order a free complete set of conversation cards, visit tntoak.org or email tntoak@andvsa.org.



"When I am an Elder" is a youth created and led campaign, based on a poem originally written by a member of Bethel Teens Acting Against Violence (TAAV) in 2001. Public Service Announcements have been created in Bethel, Barrow, Minto and Southeast Alaska, which turned the poem into a powerful way to imagine a world without violence for future generations.

In May, youth from Old Harbor created

Alaska. The training stressed the importance of building connections with and referring people to local domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

Ariel provided an in-person legal advocacy training for 11 advocates and staff at the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (pictured above) in Fairbanks. Topics covered were: legal advocacy basics, legal program referrals and advanced protective order issues. Everyone stated that the training "improved" or "greatly improved" their skills, so we'll rate it as a success!



Pro Bono Award

At the Bar Convention Awards Banquet, two ANDVSA volunteers received pro bono awards. The solo practitioner award was given to Aurora Gwen Neal (pictured above), a Homer attorney who has done 6 cases for us since 2008. The firm award went to Patton Boggs. Emily Maas, associate at Patton Boggs, spent 160 hours helping a victim of domestic violence and sexual assault in a custody matter last year.

Aurora Gwen Neal received the Byran Timbers Pro Bono Award. In 2008, when she opened her solo practice in Homer, Alaska, she immediately contacted the

their own "When I'm an Elder" poems. ANDVSA staff, Claudia Plesa and Bobbi Barnowsky from Kodiak Women's Resource Center (KWRCC), prepared youth for filming by providing technical assistance and hosting a community café to get the community excited about the project.

The project was supported by KWRCC, ANDVSA, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and the village of Old Harbor. The new PSAs will air throughout the state and can be viewed on our [YouTube page](#).

Quotes:

"When I am an Elder, I want to hear the Alutiq language alive and spoken."

"When I am an elder I want to see youth taking care of Elders"

"When I am an Elder, I want to see people eating healthy and traditional foods."

"When I am an Elder I want to feel loved."

"When I am an Elder, I want safe homes".

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to offer her services for free to Alaska's most vulnerable citizens. This past year, she worked diligently to ensure that a grandmother was able to maintain custody of her special needs grandchildren from their abusive father. Aurora operates a truly Alaska law office, taking time each summer to fish in rural Alaska with her husband.

[friend us on Facebook](#) | [watch our YouTube channel](#) | [follow AMCR Twitter](#) | [forward to a friend](#)

Copyright © 2014 ANDVSA, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:
130 Seward St., Suite 214
Juneau, Alaska 99801