

Healthy Carolinians Action Plan - 2

Domestic Violence

County Forsyth **Partnership** Forsyth County Healthy Community Coalition **Period Covered** July 2004 to June 2011

LOCAL PRIORITY ISSUE

- Priority issue: **Domestic Violence**
- Was this issue described in your county's most recent Community Health Assessment? Yes No
- List other sources of information about this priority issue: FC County Book NC SCHS; WSSU Center for Community Safety; Family Services DV Program & Local Law Enforcement Agencies

LOCAL COMMUNITY OBJECTIVE - Please check one: New Ongoing from last re/certification

- By: 2009
- Objective: To decrease the incidence of Domestic Violence in the WS/FC area by 5% through more coordinated community efforts and effective monitoring
- Original Baseline: Approximately 4,400 reported cases of DV in Forsyth County
- Date and source of original baseline data: 2002, FC Sheriff's Office, Winston-Salem Police Dept., Kernersville Police Dept.
- Updated information (For continuing objective only): 2005 -Approximately 4,550 reported cases of DV in Forsyth County, 1,010 restraining orders served, (**Note:** Increase in the number of reports of abuse and increase in the number of restraining orders demonstrates that the improved system is working to make it easier for victims to come forward and get help).
- Date and source of updated information: FC Sheriff's Office, Winston-Salem Police Dept., Kernersville Police Dept.

POPULATION(S)

- Local population(s) experiencing disparities in relation to this local objective: Racial / Ethnic Minorities, Economically Disadvantaged, 80% women
- Describe the local population(s) that will benefit: Racial / Ethnic Minorities, Economically Disadvantaged, 80% women -
- Total number in population: + 5,000
- Number you plan to reach: 25,000

NC 2010 FOCUS AREA AND NC 2010 HEALTH OBJECTIVE ADDRESSED

Check one NC 2010 focus area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Infant Mortality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Infectious Diseases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Older Adult Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Promotion | <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Health |

Other - Please Describe: _____

- NC 2010 Health Objective: To increase the number of victims of intimate partner violence seeking and receiving services by 25% (from 2004 to 2009).

INTERVENTIONS, SETTING, & TIMEFRAME	COMMUNITY PARTNERS Roles and Responsibilities	EVALUATION PLAN & PROGRESS TO DATE
<p>1. In order to secure the active involvement of the priority population(s), our Partnership will: Engage victims and survivors in various levels of leadership and implementation of Domestic Violence Community Council (DVCC) planning and activities.</p>		<p>Progress to Date: Approximately 10 survivors are currently involved with the DVCC in various capacities. Family Services (lead agency for many interventions in this objective) has recently received recertification from the State of NC for the abuser intervention program, Time Out.</p>
<p>2. Marketing/Communication activities related to this community objective: Dissemination of information related to local resources through community services agencies, healthcare providers, churches, school system, and legal system; Collaboration with Family Violence Prevention Fund to distribute localized PSA's to all media outfits serving Forsyth County.</p>	<p>Lead agency: Domestic Violence Community Council, Family Services</p> <p>Other agencies: Family Violence Prevention Fund, City of Winston-Salem</p>	<p>Progress to Date: Continuing to work with local agencies and civic sectors to distribute information about local resources; Working with local media outfits to encourage airing of PSA's.</p>
<p>3. Intervention: To develop policies and procedures for better reporting and response to Domestic Violence cases.</p> <p>Activities: Co-locate law enforcement, victim advocates, and court system services for domestic violence victims in one location to reduce barriers for women who are trying to address violence by their intimate partner.</p> <p>Setting: Winston-Salem Police Dept. DV Unit FC Sheriff's Office DV unit Kernersville Police Dept. FC Dept. Social Services FC Court System</p> <p>Start Date 2004 End Date: 2006</p>	<p>Lead agency: Domestic Violence Community Council, Family Services</p> <p>Other agencies: District Attorney's Office Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Winston-Salem Police Dept. DV Unit Human Services Agencies FC Court System</p> <p>Responsibilities: Forsyth County Hall of Justice will dedicate one floor of the building to the Domestic Violence Center.</p> <p>The District Attorney's office will locate the section of family court where victims must come to get a 50-B protective order against their abuser on this floor.</p> <p>Sheriff's office and Police Department will also locate services for victims on this floor.</p>	<p>This intervention is: _ New _X_ Ongoing _ Completed</p> <p>Process:</p> <p>Output/ Impact: Creation of Safe on Seven Forsyth Domestic Violence Center, co-located services in the Hall of Justice for DV victims. Reporting guidelines included in Forsyth County Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol; New Statewide DSS protocol implemented locally – Family Services and DSS collaborated to train DSS staff.</p> <p>Department of Social Services (DSS) staff now located at Safe on Seven Forsyth Domestic Violence Center. Ongoing dialogue between DSS, Family Services, and law enforcement agencies about ways to strengthen coordination of services.</p> <p>Health/ Safety Outcomes: The number of reports of domestic violence and the number of 50-B restraining orders serves has increased since Safe on Seven opened - showing that women in the community ARE accessing the services more to help them end violence in their homes and/or escape from abusive partners.</p> <p>Progress to Date: The Safe on Seven (SOS) Domestic Violence Center has been created. It opened in October, 2005.</p>

<p>4. Intervention: Expand violence prevention curriculum into middle school for every child in public school (curriculum already addressed in brief during 5th grade and somewhat more extensively in high school).</p> <p>Activities: Work with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to integrate relationship violence education into the middle school health curriculum and continue and expand current dating violence prevention and intervention programs in all Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high schools through LifeSkills classes.</p> <p>Setting: Health Agencies Schools</p> <p>Start Date October 2005 End Date: 2009</p>	<p>Lead agency: DVCC & Family Services</p> <p>Other agencies: WS/FC School System FC Healthy Community Coalition</p> <p>Responsibilities: Develop curriculum and educational structure. Train school faculty and staff. Increase community support for integration of the curriculum into health classes.</p>	<p>This intervention is: _X_ New ___ Ongoing _ Completed</p> <p>Process: Meetings with local school officials to build relationships and determine possibility of curriculum integration. Additional meetings with school officials held in October 2005 to discuss next steps and potential pilot sites. Positive feedback from school system officials. Ongoing discussion regarding how to integrate curriculum.</p> <p>Output/ Impact: Goal: By 2008, offer a total of 30 minutes of violence prevention curriculum to all 7th graders in Forsyth County public school each year.</p> <p>Health/ Safety Outcomes: Long term Goal: Reduce the incidence of domestic violence reports in Forsyth County.</p> <p>Progress to Date: Inquires into enacting this intervention are in the every early stages.</p>
<p>5. Intervention: Collaborate with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Council on Services for the Homeless to increase affordable and available permanent and transitional housing in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.</p> <p>Activities: Support efforts to increase affordable and available permanent and transitional housing in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, specifically The Campaign for Housing Carolina and North Carolina Housing Trust Fund.</p> <p>Setting: Health Agencies Housing Units Business City/County Government</p> <p>Start Date November 2005 End Date: 2001</p>	<p>Lead agency: WS/FC Council on Services for the Homeless</p> <p>Other agencies: DVCC FC Healthy Community Coalition Partners with the Homeless Council: Housing Authority Bethesda Center Salvation Army WS Rescue Mission Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment (CHANGE)</p> <p>Responsibilities: Collaborate with other agencies to ensure affordable and available permanent and transitional housing in the Forsyth County community.</p> <p>This initiative is very new specific agency roles are not yet defined.</p>	<p>This intervention is: _X_ New ___ Ongoing _ Completed</p> <p>Process: Progress to Date: Meeting with Council on Services for the Homeless Board in January 2006 to discuss concerns and collaboration.</p> <p>City of Winston-Salem adopted 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in April 2006.</p> <p>Output/ Impact: Goal: By 2009, an additional 75 semi-permanent housing units will be available for chronically homeless individuals.</p> <p>Health/ Safety Outcomes: Long-term Goal: Improve quality of life for individuals who are currently chronically homeless and for the rest of community.</p>