

PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS

In 2009, PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Those services included: 24 hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, emergency financial assistance, supervised visitation, access to emergency safe and transitional housing, information and referrals, and community and in-school education.

All volunteer advocates are trained and supervised by staff. These dedicated citizens helped us provide safety, support, and options to over 500 women, men, and teens in the past year. Fifty of our clients were under 18 years of age.

Our supervised visitation program, housed in the Family Time Center, provided children safe access to over 2,700 hours of visitation with non-custodial parents. Trained monitors supervised visits for families referred by the Department for Children and Family Services, the courts, lawyers, probation and parole, and self-referrals. Further, our supervised visitation program continued to offer the Nurturing Parenting program to over 60 parents and children.

Through our housing programs we provided 945 nights of emergency shelter and helped 28 families and individuals move to stable housing. Of those nights, 636 were provided to Shaftsbury families. In addition, 11 Shaftsbury families and individuals received over 600 hours of comprehensive services.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Although our focus continues to be on healthy expression of feelings and alternatives to violence, we have increasingly worked with teens and placed them in leadership roles.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, I thank you for your ongoing commitment to PAVE. Our staff and volunteers will continue to offer quality services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and respond to each town's desire for healthy and violence free communities.

Respectfully submitted

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