

# **FAMILY VIOLENCE**

## **Faith Based & Counseling Support**

- Lack of counselors currently, could be housed within existing organizations
- Lack of affordable counseling
- Communication, cooperation and coordination with church groups
- Samaritan Counseling Center (faith based)
- Include religious community in prevention, BUILD stronger families (marriage encounters, affordable/accessible to all)
- Churches need to get involved
- Churches take more active role such as LOVE Inc. method
- Churches have groups - increase awareness/clearinghouse for other groups
- More social workers within schools

## **Family Support**

- Target activities during peak S.A.D. season
- The new community center should include arts, reading, computers as well as athletics/fitness
- Explore use of Carlson Center during unbooked time
- Program consideration, breaks for single family such as home equality
- Non-denominational weekend getaways for families
- Family dynamics education
- Reduce family stress, higher wage and less hours
- Bonus points for family time
- Inform families of what is available in our community -use role models (Curtis ads mentioned)
- Local campaign on family time
- More communication on family activities; paper is only part of publicity
- Family Friendly policies with employers
- Address military isolation
- Address isolation for relocated - create extended Alaskan Family
- Family friendly work norm (identify influences and role models)
- Consideration for families with no children, different needs
- Community for single adults/families without children or grown children
- Coordinate with military
- Promote positive aspects of family interaction
- Family recreation opportunities
- Affordable family participatory activities
- Messages that advertise local support for families
- Classes for parents conflict resolution

## **Prevention & Public Awareness**

- Comprehensive, confidential Employee Assistance Programs in every local business
- Education of educators to identify signs of abuse/violence; no enforcement of mandated reporter
- Improve education in general to improve socio-economic base
- Proactive emphasis on prevention
- Prevention of institutional memory loss
- Educational programs for Juniors/Seniors in high school on how to make it as a nonviolent family
- Peer mediation in schools as prevention to create non-violent adults
- Have school talk about Family violence
- Get to root cause
- Get into solution attitude instead of problem attitude
- Building assets
- Education to prevent violence, public school curriculum
- Educate social skills, respect, conflict resolution
- Identify what causes stress in our community
- LDS type messages produced locally

## **FAMILY VIOLENCE**

- Education requirement for FYS, law enforcement, judges, physicians
- Education
- Need Master's in Social Work (MSW) program at UAF
- Partnership with businesses to broadcast positive messages
- Family Violence awareness needs to be a community priority

### **Programs**

- Emergency child care facility/Crisis Nursery
- Identify and expand upon resources available for assistance with violence
- Ensure coordination between available resources
- Need for consistency throughout SYSTEM
- Get Department of Family and Youth Services (DFYS) out of crisis mode, lack of resources to address all cases (staffing)
- Services for borderline mental health issues
- Lack of resources for agencies to get out of crisis mode, need more to get into planning mode
- Physician/law enforcement/Social Services to work together
- More support to families
- Alternate choices
- Expansion of services for women in crisis
- Foster Families
- Another CARMEN House High Security Shelter, a transitional house
- Financial and legal assistance for individuals going through a divorce
- School district works with local businesses and vice versa

### **Treatment**

- Home rule law/alcohol containment
- Substance abuse tied in
- Can't make healthy choices until someone is clean (both perpetrator and victim)
- Substance abuse tied in
- Alcohol/drug issue
- Mandated treatment for perpetuated violence as evidenced by hospital/police reports
- Family Center where help is provided by peer support where people are welcome at any time
- Have judges require treatment

### **Other**

- Very difficult continuum of care to navigate
- Self defense classes
- Mandatory background checks on sexual offenders/ all people who work with children
- More child support enforcement/gender blind
- Family Court
- Better monitoring of R.O. situations
- Have great arts community promoted