

Mission Statement: The Mission of Crisis Connection Inc. is to work in partnership with communities to empower victims, survivors & persons affected by domestic & sexual violence through confidential crisis intervention, education and advocacy in Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties.

www.crisisconnectioninc.org: 171,024 people visited our site during February 2007!

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CCI Welcomes New Board & Staff Members

CCI is pleased to welcome Mary Roberson, Superintendent of Perry Central Schools; and Shanthi Thake, teaching assistant at David Turnham Elem. as new board members. We are honored to welcome these outstanding women to our ranks.

We have also added Ms. Patty Klem to our victim advocacy staff. Patty brings years of social service experience to her position with us. She will be an invaluable asset in our continuing mission of eradicating domestic and sexual violence in our community.


Welcome!

Jackson Katz Huge Success



One hundred and twenty people attended our March 19 Jackson Katz (pictured above) seminar at the Ferdinand Community Center.

Becky Dunlap Honored at INCASA Conference

Becky Dunlap, Victim Services Specialist, was honored as the Outstanding Mental Health Professional of the year by the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) at the Airport Adam's Mark Hotel in Indianapolis on Friday, March 16. Becky was recognized by the state coalition for her work with survivors of sexual assault.

Each year, at their state conference, INCASA honors outstanding professionals in six categories including medical, law enforcement and legal for their dedication and ongoing work with Indiana sexual assault survivors.

Becky has been with Crisis Connection Inc since 1999 after earning her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern Indiana.

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month



42% of female rape victims are raped by a male friend or acquaintance

32% of female rape victims are raped by their current or ex-intimate partner

6% of female rape victims are raped by a male relative other than their intimate partner

20% of female rape victims are raped by a stranger



ZERO TOLERANCE



How do WE prevent sexual assault?

Prevention is about social change; creating an environment where it is TOTALLY unacceptable under any circumstance to sexually abuse another human being. Prevention is about raising respectful sons and grandsons who would NEVER dream of abusing another human being. Prevention is about ALWAYS conducting ourselves in a respectful manner toward all others.

Prevention is about ZERO TOLERANCE for bullying; sexist and racist 'jokes' and cruelty; sexual harassment; battery; child abuse and neglect; inappropriate laws that still place the burden of proof on the victims; some law enforcement, prosecutors and judges who remain clueless; and violent and degrading pornography.

Prevention is about accepting that sexual abuse can and does happen to anyone: it's not "those kind of people." From infants to 90-year-olds, no female can assume her personal safety.

Prevention is about INTOLERANCE of any form of sexual abuse and mistreatment: intolerance of excuses, victim blaming, looking the other way, and the "boys will be boys" mentality.

Prevention is about holding the assailant, not his victim(s) accountable and responsible for his choice.

The laws of the great State of Indiana do not state that it is rape only if...*she's* not drunk, or some place *she* shouldn't be, or dressed like *that*, or has ever had a *relationship* with the perpetrator, or is related to him, or.....RAPE IS RAPE.

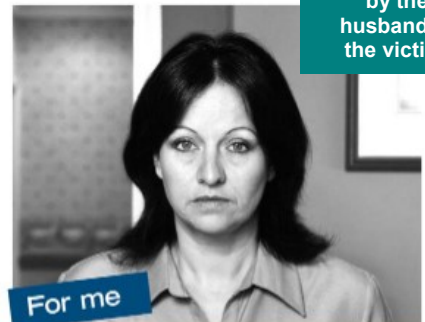
rape...

when it happens to your
mother daughter
sister girlfriend wife
buddy cousin
niece aunt grandmother
will you say she was...

asking for it?



28% of rapes are committed by the husband of the victim.



HATE CRIME

is being assaulted by my partner

Every 45 seconds someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.

80% of these attacks are perpetrated by an assailant well known to the victim.

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How does CCI make an impact?



Measuring Success one Life at a Time A look at a few of our local *real-life* stories

♥A mother and her four children fled from the abusive father/husband after he attacked the mom and the oldest boy (when he tried to help his Mom). They literally had nothing but the clothes on their backs, she called us, we responded...they are now in their own place in another town and the mom is being trained for a good job so she can support her family. He was jailed.

♥A young mother of three was beaten with a large metal flashlight, off-and-on, all night by her husband as he drove around in the country. He finally threw her out of the truck and she was able to walk to a farm house for help. He seriously injured her and she required extensive medical treatment. She testified at his trial, he was sent to prison. Today she and the children have a nice place of their own; she has a very good job and does volunteer work.

♥A woman, her two children and a friend walked into our office at 3pm the Friday before Memorial Day, she had been beaten by her husband. They had already been to an emergency room to have the gash on the back of her head stitched; however, her glasses had been broken into her face and her teeth knocked back into her mouth. We located a dentist who was willing to stay late to do emergency repairs and a local church paid for the woman to have a new pair of glasses made that night. We also helped her with a police report...he was arrested and jailed.

Success continued

♥A woman was raped by her longtime live-in boyfriend who then literally threw her out in the snow. Somehow she managed to walk to a hospital through the 3-4 foot drifts and had the hospital call us. Only the main highways had been cleared and travel was nearly impossible but, we found a willing driver and a 4-wheel drive truck so we were able to pick her up, take her to a hotel and get her a hot meal. Christmas was only two days away so the thought of her stuck in a hotel alone was unacceptable. We called law enforcement to see if they had any ideas (her family lived 50 miles away). They located an off-duty EMT who had some kind of super 4-wheel drive and was willing to make the trip to get her home. It took him 3 hours each way, but they made it.

♥Two sisters were molested (raped) by their mother's boyfriend, they told their mother, who reported to law enforcement and then the mom called us. They all came for counseling every week until his trial date. The girls and their mom refused to accept his first offer of a plea and held out until he agreed to accept a 30-year-sentence. The oldest sister brought her prom dress in to show us, but the beautiful dress didn't hold a candle to their smiles.

Now, all of these women and children are living...

A Life Free of Violence



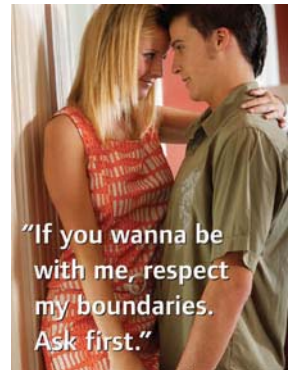
February, March & April Special Someones Forest Park Builders Club ♥ Ferdinand News ♥ The Yoder Family of Jasper

Each month we spotlight a member of the community who has demonstrated the willingness to go the extra mile in assisting victims of domestic & sexual violence. These outstanding individuals are not vying for public attention; they simply go quietly about their business of being compassionate and involved people who are making a difference in someone's life everyday.

This month we recognize the Forest Park Builders Club for their tremendous support, the Ferdinand News for outstanding coverage and the Yoder's for not giving up on trying to keep us organized. You are all great and we appreciate your efforts. Thank you so very much!



More than once a minute, 78 times an hour, girls and women in America are **raped**.



Dear Parents...let's talk...

Do you know what the #1 date rape drug is? Alcohol

- Alcohol use by the victim or perpetrator is frequently associated with acquaintance rape. In one study, 26% of the young men who acknowledged committing sexual assault on a date reported being intoxicated at the time of the assault. An additional 29% reported being "mildly buzzed." **Thus, a total of 55% of the perpetrators were under the influence of alcohol.**
- In the same study, 21% of the young women who experienced sexual aggression on a date were intoxicated at the time of the assault. An additional 32% reported being "mildly buzzed." **Thus, a total of 53% of the victims were under the influence of alcohol.**
- Men expect to feel more powerful, sexual and aggressive after drinking alcohol. Expectancies have power of their own, independent of any genuine physiological processes. When people expect a certain outcome, they tend to act in ways that enhance the likelihood that the outcome will occur.
- Many studies show that men are more likely than women to interpret a variety of verbal and nonverbal cues as evidence that a woman is interested in having sex with a man.
- Alcohol consumption by men is likely to enhance the likelihood that misperception will occur and lead to sexual assault. Alcohol may be a catalyst, but it is not the cause of a rape. If a person chooses to drink, he is responsible for what he does because of that choice. Alcohol consumption is no justification or excuse for rape. *But, the results will be the same for his victim.*
- Sexual assault has nothing to do with passion; it uses power and control to dominate and humiliate victims.
- 50% of rapists are between the ages of 15 and 24 years old.
- Studies consistently conclude that 75% of all assaults are planned. When three or more assailants are involved, the number climbs to 90%.
- Rape is the most frequently committed violent crime in America.
- **Every rapist is someone's son.**



*Please help them have a **prom night** to remember for all the right reasons.*