

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: Our website had 211,796 hits in April alone!

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ICADV Facts:

- A woman is abused every nine seconds.
- One in three women will be abused by her intimate partner during her lifetime.
- In 2006, 79 people died in domestic violence incidents in Indiana alone.

Indiana Coalition
Against Domestic Violence
www.violenceresource.org



SPECIAL SOMEONES JUNE, 2006

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 Mallory Burke, Staci Henke & Lori Jordan, JHS Students for making handmade greeting cards for us to use for volunteers for Larry Lagrange's (M.A.D.) Make A Difference project.

"GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS, RAISING CONFIDENT & COURAGEOUS DAUGHTERS"

JoAnn Deak, Ph.D., is an international speaker, educator, and school psychologist. She lectures frequently, often in tandem with Raising Cain coauthor Michael Thompson. Her book offers a comprehensive road map to the many emotional and physical challenges girls ages six to sixteen face in today's challenging world.

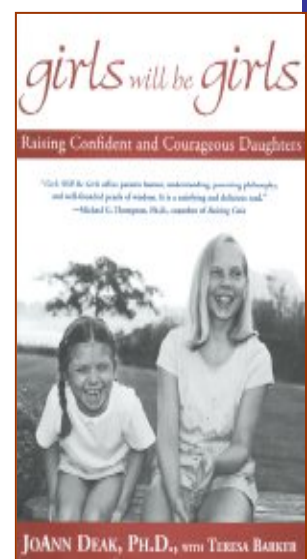
She will be speaking in Evansville on August 7, from 11:30-1pm, at the Old National Bank Board Room. Underwritten by the Welborn Baptist Foundation and designed for educators & social service administrators on topics such as learning readiness, identify formation, and brain research

Renowned for her knowledge of what makes girls tick, Dr. Deak brings together stories and lessons from more than 20 years as a school psychologist and principal, and introduces original concepts as a framework to help parents better understand their daughters, such as:

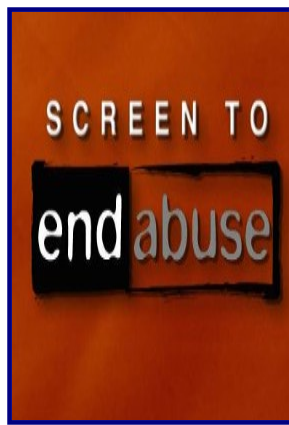
- The Strudel Theory -- building a life with layers of experience
- Crucible Moments - the accumulating impact of the "little things"
- Negotiating the Gray -- using discussion and action to guide girls through the often chaotic and ambiguous challenges of physical, social, and emotional growth

Deak looks past the "scare" stories to those that enlighten parents and enable them to empower girls. She draws from the latest brain research on girls to illustrate the exciting new ways in which we can help our daughters learn and thrive. Most telling of all, she gives us the voices of girls themselves as they struggle with body image, self-esteem, and media messages.

You can learn more on Dr. Deak's website:
www.deakgroup.com



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Screen to End Abuse, a 30 minute training video produced by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, is now available online at Medscape, the leading internet provider of educational tools for health care professionals and students.

This training video includes five clinical vignettes demonstrating techniques for screening and responding to domestic violence in primary care settings. This video has been developed into a one hour Continuing Education activity that includes the five vignettes, learning objectives and statistics from *Screen to End Abuse*, and Pre- and Post-test questions to facilitate the users learning experience.

To view the video visit:

www.medscape.com (log-in free and search: Domestic Violence and Your Patient's Health: Asking the Right Questions.)

A SUBURBAN MOTHER'S NIGHTMARE AS SEEN ON 'OPRAH'

If you've ever been screamed at, humiliated, hit—or know someone who has—you're not alone. Every year, 1 out of every 4 women in America is abused by her partner.

When Susan married her longtime boyfriend, Ulner Lee Still, in 1989, she never imagined that she'd be included in that statistic. They dated for years before walking down the aisle, and although she says Ulner was overprotective and controlling at times, she says she believed he was the love of her life.

Once they were married, she says things began to escalate at home. Susan says her husband abused her verbally and psychologically nearly every day of their marriage...even when their three children were present. Often, Susan says Ulner made audio recordings of his tirades so that he could listen to them later.

For years, Susan says Ulner told her that she was stupid, alienated her from her family and accused her of being a bad mother. "There were times when I absolutely thought I was stupid. There were times that he absolutely had convinced me that I was a terrible mother," she says.

Then, after being married for more than 10 years, the emotional abuse took a violent turn. For the last two years of their marriage, Susan says she endured regular beatings at the hands of her husband. She says anything could set him off. "When you're in that life—in that state of mind—it's hard to make a decision over the simplest things," she says. "It's hard for you to walk across the room and make sure you're walking across the room the right way."

One Sunday afternoon in 2003, Susan says her husband became enraged when she asked him if she could fix him a sandwich for lunch. He went in search of his audio recorder to tape his verbal assault. When he couldn't find it, Susan says he chose the next best thing—a video camera.

Ulner ordered his oldest son, who was 13 years old at the time, to record his tirade. What resulted was 51 minutes of horrifying footage. Susan says her oldest son operated the camera, while her 8-year-old son sat in the room, watching the abuse unfold.

She eventually did leave her husband and the case went to a jury trial. They found Ulner guilty of 12 counts of assault and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child. The judge sentenced him to 36 years in prison—reportedly the longest sentence ever given for this kind of domestic violence. He's not eligible for parole until 2022.

FROM: http://www2.oprah.com/tows/pastshows/200705/tows_past_20070508.jhtml



**PICTURED ABOVE:
SUSAN STILL**

If you missed it, you can learn about Susan's story on 'Oprah'. There are two episodes: one featuring Susan and one featuring her sons.



AMERICAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS LINE

It is the mission of The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line to serve Americans being abused in foreign countries. The crisis line number is toll free internationally by calling the local AT&T operator from the country you are living in and asking to be connected to 866-USWOMEN. The crisis line is toll free nationally to serve families who have loved ones being abused overseas. Their domestic violence advocates are available on the international toll free domestic violence crisis line from Monday 9:00am continuously through Friday 11:00pm, Pacific Standard Time. This enables Americans in crisis to contact them from time zones around the world anytime Monday through Friday. If you have a safe email, email anytime at crisis@866uswomen.org

This agency was started by Paula Lucas. During her stay in Domestic Violence Shelters in Oregon, American Domestic Violence Crisis Line Founder and Executive Director, Paula Lucas, recounted the verbal, emotional, psychological and physical abuse she and her three sons had endured from her husband, Christian Palestinian Fadi Mitri: retold from their courtship in San Francisco, California in 1984 where Mitri, famed Photojournalist for Newsweek magazine, wooed Paula into being his wife; to their marriage and re-location to the Middle East in 1987; to the seemingly successful, international lifestyle which fronted a life of terror and abuse for 12 years; to the final day in Spring of 1999, when in desperation, Paula secretly fled back to the United States.

The abuse experienced by Paula and her family became more intense, more frequent and more bizarre as the years went by. Paula repeatedly went to the American Embassy for help and her family contacted the US State Department and Domestic Violence agencies around the USA. No one would help. After arriving to the United States with her three sons, Paula stayed with family and friends until Mitri found and stalked her. Paula fled once again and spent months living in Domestic Violence shelters with her children in the Portland, Oregon area. Emergency financial support was granted to Paula via State and Federal Government sponsored programs that help women, who have been forced to leave their homes and jobs due to spousal abuse, re-build their lives. Domestic Violence Shelter programs also provided domestic violence recovery counseling for both Paula and her children.

Despite a complicated and extensive legal battle Mitri has waged against Paula, she had hired the law firm Johnston & Root of Portland, Oregon who won Paula Jurisdiction for Divorce and Child Custody under the **Family Abuse Prevention Act** and the **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act** .

On September 5th, 2000, after almost 17 months of legal battles, Paula was awarded full custody of her children. Mitri will be able to see the children under the supervision of a family facilitator in Oregon. The supervised program will include Mitri taking responsibility for the abuse he subjected Paula and the children to. Mitri continues to deny any abuse which the experts say is typical for batterers.

Mitri did succeed in fighting personal financial jurisdiction so he does not pay any child support, alimony or Paula's legal fees which have reached tens of thousands of dollars as a result of Mitri's aggressive legal tactics.

Determined to help other abused American women and children suffering in foreign countries, Paula founded the organization in September 1999 based on what she wished had been available to herself and her children as abused Americans overseas.. For three years she served as volunteer Executive Director, dedicating over 6,500 volunteer hours to pursue her mission. In addition to being the driving force behind the organization "American Domestic Violence Crisis Line", Paula works a second job to be able to provide for her children and meet her financial obligations. When asked how she feels about the irony of what she has gone through, she responds "We are happy and we live without abuse in our lives. You can't put a price on that."

Are you buying the booze?



Parents Who Host Lose The Most!
Don't be a party to teenage drinking!
It's against the law.

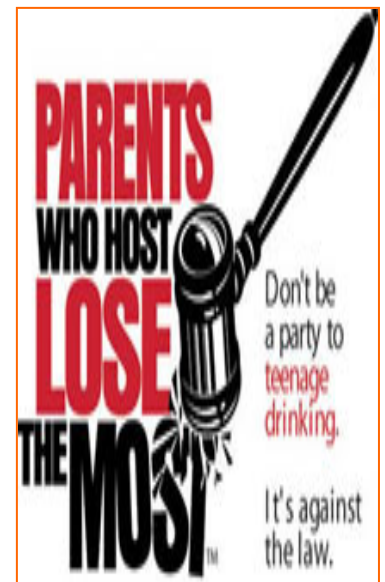
Knowing how dangerous underage drinking can be for so many reasons including rape and violence...Crisis Connection has obtained an information packet from the Drug-Free Action Alliance entitled: 'Parents Who Host Lose The Most'.

It reminds us of things adults can do:

- *Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.
- *Be at home when a teen has a party.
- *Make sure that alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends.
- *Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at other events your child will be attending.
- *Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome.
- *Report underage drinking to local law enforcement.
- *Remember that others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves, or damage property.

www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org

**ONLY
YOU
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Adults who purchase alcohol for minors face stiff repercussions:

- **Jail time**
- **Time lost from work**
- **Large fines and court costs**
- **Public Embarrassment**
- **Law suits from parents of minors**
- **Depression from contributing to death or accidents involving minors and alcohol**
- **Guilt from providing the #1 date rape drug**
- **And the awareness that your actions may cause future alcoholism and jail time of minors convicted of underage drinking.**



Don't let this be you –

Think before you buy!



CHECK OUT:

www.whostherealu.com
www.alcoholfreechildren.org
www.bacchusgamma.org
www.theantidrug.com
www.sadd.org www.madd.org
www.jointogether.com www.freevibe.org
www.stopalcoholabuse.org

FREE GUIDE ON ADDRESSING THE ISSUE:

Designed to take communities through the process of planning, implementing, and evaluating strategies to prevent underage drinking and youth access to alcohol, this new free guide, published by RAND Corporation, is structured according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Strategic Prevention Framework. www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TTR403

New Underage Drinking Action Guides

New action guides from the U.S. Surgeon General for families, communities, and educators highlight what each group can do to reduce illegal underage alcohol use in America.

www.jointogether.org