

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.

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HAS
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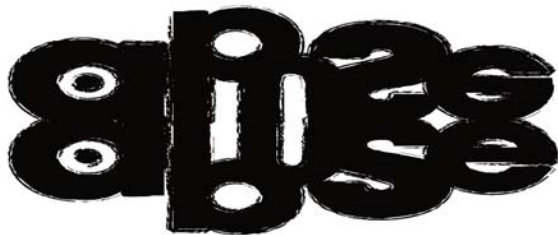


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Becky Dunlap poses with Branchville Correctional Facility PLUS dorm residents participating in the "Step Up! Speak Out! Give Back! Stop the Violence Project!"

The PLUS unit is a faith and character-based housing unit that stresses skill development and community service. Offenders voluntarily enroll in the program to learn skills that will aid them upon release.



No Excuse for Abuse.

*Step Up!
Speak Out!
Give Back!
Stop the
Violence!*

A CALL TO MEN

Recently, our BIP (Batterers Intervention Program) Facilitators attended the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan Spring Training. The featured speaker was Ted Bunch. He is the co-founder of A Call To Men: The National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women. He is also the Director of Safe Horizons Domestic Accountability Program in Brooklyn, New York, the largest program for offenders of domestic violence in America.

A Call To Men believes that ending violence against women is primarily the responsibility of men. Although historically it has been almost entirely women who have been at the forefront addressing this issue, we think it is essential that men play a primary role in the solution to end it. To do that, well-meaning men – men who, for the most part don't see themselves as part of the problem, need to get involved.

Their vision is to shift social norms that define manhood in our culture, and produce a national movement of men committed to ending men's violence against women. They challenge men to reconsider their long held beliefs about women, in an effort to create a more just society by challenging sexism.

"If I Am Missing Or Dead"...

When journalist Janine Latus's younger sister, Amy, vanishes at age 37 in 2002, authorities find a chiller of a note in Amy's desk: "If I am missing or dead...question Ron." Ron Ball is Amy's ex-con boyfriend, and when Amy's body is found, something shatters in Latus. A victim of abuse herself, Latus tunnels back to her difficult suburban childhood to decode why two smart, talented sisters might be so starving for love that they would risk their lives to get it. Latus' book unfolds like a gripping novel, getting the brutal heart of darkness that underscores domestic violence. For anyone who, like the author, has ever asked, "Why is there no finish line? Why must I always be better?" this is a story that can break your heart, and then start to heal it.

"If you see yourself in this book, "writes Latus, "you are not alone." She has started "Amy's Courage Fund" to help other victims of domestic violence.

NEWSLETTER INFO

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OH MOMMY DON'T

Written by Alice Cassidy, Tell City Library Clerk

As tear drops fell from her little eyes
Her heart so filled with pain
The bruises hurt her body
Her soul cried in vain
If this tiny child could talk
She'd say, Oh Mommy Don't

But, you see, she won't
For this little child can't tell you
When her world is crumbling down
She can only scream and cry
In her blood stained little gown

But, oh thank God, I heard her
From the window just outside
I called for help and waited
While the baby cried and cried

They say she'll be ok now
Her little bones will mend
But, how many more must die yet
For this tragedy to end



**WHOEVER,
WHEREVER,
WHENEVER.**

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THERE IS NO EXCUSE!

Domestic Abuse will stop only when the entire community recognizes domestic violence as a human rights violation and a social justice issue. Domestic violence is not an individual mental health, interpersonal or 'relationship' problem. Any man who chooses to stop all acts of domestic abuse can (and has always been able to) do so.

10 THINGS MEN CAN DO TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

1. Acknowledge and understand how sexism, male dominance and male privilege lay the foundation for all forms of violence against women.
2. Examine and challenge our individual sexism and the role that we play in supporting men who are abusive.
3. Recognize and stop colluding with other men by getting out of our socially defined roles, and take a stance to end violence against women.
4. Remember that our silence is affirming. When we choose not to speak out against men's violence, we are supporting it.
5. Educate and re-educate our sons and other young men about our responsibility in ending men's violence against women.
6. "Break out of the man box"- Challenge traditional images of manhood that stop us from actively taking a stand to end violence against women.
7. Accept and own our responsibility that violence against women will not end until men become part of the solution to end it. We must take an active role in creating a cultural and social shift that no longer tolerates violence against women.
8. Stop supporting the notion that men's violence against women can end by providing treatment for individual men. Mental illness, lack of anger management skills, chemical dependency, stress, etc... are only excuses for men's behavior. Violence against women is rooted in the historic oppression of women and the outgrowth of the socialization of men.
9. Take responsibility for creating appropriate and effective ways to develop systems to educate and hold men accountable.
10. Create systems of accountability to women in your community. Violence against women will end only when we take direction from those who understand it most, women.

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BLAME THE
WOMAN.
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Typical Rapists know exactly what they are doing...

Bill Price, 59, a convicted sex offender and former Sunday school teacher, said: "It was just like a hunt for me. I kept choosing children because they were easier prey; they were easier to deal with than women."

-New York Times, 3/6/07

FALSE STEREOTYPES ABOUT RAPISTS



**"Nice Guy"
Just Drank Too Much
Miscommunication
Unpremeditated
Won't Happen Again**



**Ski Mask
Used A Weapon
Blitz Attack
Brutal Injuries
Stranger**

The 'Nice Guy' pictured is a convicted serial rapist named Alex Kelly from Connecticut

He truly looks more like a 'typical' rapist.

THE TYPICAL RAPIST:

- *Does NOT use a weapon.**
- *Has other access to consensual sex.**
- *Is from all racial, social and ethnic groups.**
- *Is NOT mentally ill.**
- *Uses multiple strategies to make his victim(s) vulnerable.**
- *Uses alcohol deliberately.**
- *Plans & premeditates his attacks.**

