

Sitka Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force strives to create a community where everyone is loved, honored, and respected by working together to end suffering caused by DV/SV.

Roles of Task Force Members

Advocacy

Support for Implementation

Sharing information with one another and our networks

Plan strategies or events

Collaborate and Coordinate DV Prevention, Early Intervention, Response and Intervention

Develop shared language for DV, including the promotion of non-violent language

As a committee we work together to strengthen DV and SV Prevention, Early Intervention, and Responses.

Ongoing Goals of The Domestic Violence Task Force:

Coordinate and strengthen DV and SV Prevention, Early Intervention, and Responses

Support Awareness and Outreach for Domestic and Sexual Violence

2009-2012 the DSVTF will work with relevant community agencies and committees to accomplish the following:

Strengthen male involvement and male role models promoting safe and respectful relationships

Identify universal strategies (in school and out of school) that reduce risk of teen dating violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence

Increase information in the community for early intervention and response of DV/SV.

Establish Sexual Assault Response Teams or provide adequate training for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

Develop comprehensive family responses that support traditional values and establish partnerships to more comprehensively respond to violence.

Mission of the DSVTF:

Create a community where everyone is loved, honored, and respected by working together to end suffering caused by DV/SV.

Roles of Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force:

The DVSTF will support DV/SV response, early intervention, and prevention. Roles of the DSVTF include:

- Advocacy
- Planning for DSVS prevention, early intervention, and response for the community of Sitka
- Sharing information within the DSVTF and across our networks
- Implementing strategies or coordinating events
- Developing shared language for DV, including the promotion of non-violent language
- Creating a community of cooperation to maximize resources and services

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Focus Areas for the DSVS Task Force from 2009-2012:

1. Strengthen male involvement and male role models promoting safe and respectful relationships

- **Recruitment of males for male prevention efforts**
- **Assist with or identify men in the community who will participate in the design of male training / skill-building opportunities**
- **Network with possible partners to incorporate a “boys to men” approach in their organizations and work**

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- **Consider meeting that is male friendly to build DVTF and prevention men**

2. Identify universal strategies (in school and out of school) that reduce risk of teen dating violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence

- **Explore evaluated or promising approaches for school-based programs (PBS, Curriculum etc.)**
- **Develop advocacy plan, including letters of endorsements to superintendents, school board.**
- **Share info about strategies that relate to IPV /SV prevention**
- **Identify and advocate for community-based strategies**
- **Find individuals to support task force in researching strategies that can be community based**

3. Increase information in the community for coordinated early intervention and response of DV/SV

- **Bring together and develop electronic resource list**
- **Develop useful checklists for various sectors that might respond to DV/SV**
- **Make information available on-line**
- **Develop talking points and audience appropriate information**
- **Recruit peers from various sectors (employer, judges, principals, boards, health professionals community leaders)**
- **Present information at relevant meetings or community forums**

4. Establish Sexual Assault Response Teams or provide adequate training for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

- **Provide advocacy to ensure SART or SANE availability in Sitka**
- **Organize training**

5. Improve entire DV/SV family response

- **Identify ways to better respond to needs of entire family**
- **Identify ways in which traditional responses and traditional values can be incorporated into response efforts**
- **Develop partnerships with agencies that can provide entire family response (e.g. church, tribe, etc)**

Other Next Steps:

- **Distribute Survey Monkey to Determine:**
- **Determine Volunteers for each goal/focus area**
- **Identify Leadership and Staff Support (how coordination occurs, what are the roles of the facilitators are there roles of participants?)**
- **Meeting times / frequency (consider inclusiveness to folks interested that are not working in the field)**
- **Does the name of this group need to change?**
- **How do you prioritize?**
- **Determine how you will assess the accomplishments of the DSVTF work?**
- **How are new members chosen, invited, and oriented?**
- **Think more about the early intervention of task force work: How can the DSVTF best work with the existing agencies that are working on early intervention? How can the DVSCF coordinate early intervention of shared risks?**