

We're Open!

The [National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) is pleased to announce its opening. While the Training Center incorporated in May 1998, work began long before then. We've already sponsored two national conferences: "A Domestic Violence Institute for Law Enforcement Trainers" and "Coordinated Community Responses to Domestic Violence: Cooperation, Coordination and Collaboration". Our office opened in October 1998 and we now have a staff of five. ❖

Services

Generally, the Training Center:

- [Trains](#) domestic and sexual violence advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, healthcare professionals, welfare workers and others who work with victims of violence;
- [Develops](#) and provides training and technical assistance to enhance collaboration among advocates, professionals and others working to end violence against women;
- [Participates](#) in the assessment and development of policies and practices designed to assist people who have been or are at risk of being victims of violence;
- [Consults](#) with organizations and agencies in organizational development, strategic planning, policy development and management issues;
- [Serves](#) as a repository for training materials;
- [Operates](#) a registry of qualified experts and trainers; and
- [Contracts](#) with local programs, state agencies and associations, and other professional groups to design and deliver training. ❖

Job Posting

Enclosed is a [job posting for a Training Coordinator](#). It will be an exciting and challenging job. We would appreciate your assistance in spreading the word. A letter of interest, resume and references must be received [no later than March 31, 1999](#). ❖

Domestic Violence Education in Texas Law Schools Symposium

On April 15 and 16, the Training Center is sponsoring a two-day Symposium for all nine Texas law schools. [Sarah M. Buel](#), a co-founder of the Training Center and our Consultant/Trainer, is leading this effort. The Symposium is designed to share strategies for developing course work and clinics to provide direct legal services for battered women. The [Texas Bar Foundation](#) is the primary project sponsor and numerous professional legal groups are cosponsors. ❖

Domestic Violence and Welfare Reform Project

With a contract from the [Texas Department of Human Services](#), the Training Center is working with Texas state agencies, domestic violence service providers, the University of Texas Center for Social Work Research, and others with expertise to develop and implement policies for assisting TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) recipients who are domestic violence victims so they can move safely from welfare to work.

[Dr. Patricia R. Cole](#), Associate Director, is directing the domestic violence and welfare reform project and [Bernice B. Williams](#), Welfare Project Specialist, is assisting her. Please share with Pat and Bernice the policies and procedures your state has developed and implemented for domestic violence victims in the TANF system and any related training materials. They will be glad to share their experiences with you and have already been in contact with many groups that are grappling with the myriad of issues involved in welfare reform for battered women. ❖

Violence Against Women Grants Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

One of the major components of the VAWGO grant is conducting site visits to local arrest grantees across the nation to encourage collaboration with advocates, prosecutors and others to improve their effectiveness. [Deborah D. Tucker](#), Executive Director, Sarah Buel and the new Training Coordinator will make most of these visits. As a part of this grant, the Training Center is also assisting with training provided by the [Battered Women's Justice Project](#).

In another collaborative effort, Debby is working with the [Federal Law Enforcement Training Center](#) to develop curriculum for rural law enforcement's response to domestic violence. She is also serving on the [DVERT](#) (Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team) Advisory Committee, as this national model of local collaboration in Colorado Springs continues to grow and mature.

[Christina Walsh](#), Technical Assistance Coordinator, will assist in the coordination of site visits and technical assistance support to local arrest grantees. She will also be developing and maintaining the Training Center's website.

Christina is also responsible for the development of the library and the repository of training materials. We hope to establish the Training Center as a resource for recommending training curricula and materials. Please share with Christina the training materials you have developed for local programs or other groups. Handouts, overheads, manuals – send us anything you have found to be effective in the delivery of training to any audience. We want to compile all of the available domestic violence and sexual assault training materials and be able to recommend specific resources. The Training Center will not distribute other organizations' training materials; rather we'll refer individuals to the appropriate organizations to access the materials. We need your help to be successful. ❖

Other Projects

The Training Center is consulting with the [National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund](#) to develop training for advocates in policy and systems advocacy. Christina and Debby have been assisting [Vickii Coffey and Associates](#) with curriculum development for the upcoming U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-sponsored conference, “[The Next Millennium](#),” to be held in Chicago, August 29 – September 1, 1999. For more information, visit their website at: www.dvmillennium.org

The Training Center is also working with a variety of other state agencies, local service providers and law enforcement agencies to design and deliver training. Debby continues to train and consult on organizational development, strategic planning, policy development and management issues. Please contact us for assistance in training or for consultation. ❖

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Tucker, Buel and Associates

Tucker, Buel and Associate **ceased operations** in conjunction with the opening of the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence. In co-founding the Training Center, Sarah and Debby hope to expand upon the relationships they enjoyed through Tucker, Buel and Associates to offer a more comprehensive training and consultation service. Sarah is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Texas School of Law and Co-Director of their Domestic Violence Legal Clinic. In addition to consulting with the Training Center, Sarah also continues to privately contract for keynote addresses and workshops. She can be reached directly at: 9723 Sugar Hill Drive, Austin, Texas, 78748, 512/282-9688, 512/292-9063 (fax), SMBuel@aol.com ❖

Staff

DEBORAH D. TUCKER, Executive Director, dtucker@ntcdsv.org – Debby is a nationally recognized speaker and has advocated for services and laws against domestic violence for more than 25 years.

PATRICIA R. COLE, Associate Director, pcole@ntcdsv.org – Pat is well known in Texas for her broad experience in health and human services.

JOHN A. DENNIS, Office Manager, jdennis@ntcdsv.org – John has a strong computer background and administrative experience.

CHRISTINA WALSH, Technical Assistance Coordinator, cwalsh@ntcdsv.org – Before joining the Training Center, Christina worked for six years at the Texas Council on Family Violence.

BERNICE B. WILLIAMS, Welfare Project Specialist, bwilliams@ntcdsv.org – Bernice has worked in several state and local programs that serve TANF clients. ❖

Requests of You

Please:

1. **Share** any welfare and domestic violence related materials with Pat and Bernice.
2. **Share** any training materials with Christina.
3. **Post** the enclosed Training Coordinator job announcement.
4. **Delete** from your mailing list: Tucker, Buel and Associates @ 4612 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78756.
5. **Add** to your mailing list: National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence @ 2300 Pasadena Drive, Austin, Texas, 78757. We'd like to receive your newsletter, training announcements, etc.
6. **Let us know** if we have the wrong address for you, so we can correct our mailing list.

Thanks for your help. We look forward to working with you in this new way. Call if we can be of service. ❖