



# The Advocate Aspect

Family Support Center and Kids First Children's Advocacy Center – February 2012  
*Programs of Rural Resources Community Action – a non-profit agency*



## February is... National Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month

Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it during the month of February.

The repercussions of teen dating violence are impossible to ignore – they hurt not just the young people victimized but also their families, friends, schools and communities. Throughout February, organizations and individuals nationwide are coming together to highlight the need to educate young people about relationships, teach healthy relationship skills and prevent the devastating cycle of abuse.

[www.teendvmonth.org](http://www.teendvmonth.org) – dating violence 101

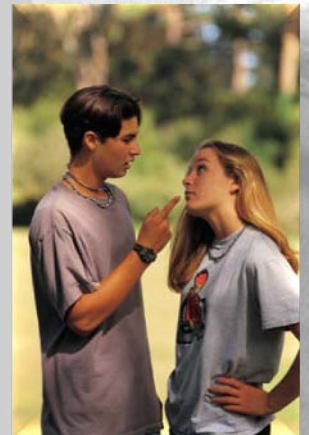
- One in three teens has experienced some kind of abuse in their dating relationship.  
*American Journal of Public Health*
- 9% of domestic violence victims killed by their abuser were under the age of 21.  
*Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project, 2010*

### Ten Warning Signs of Abuse

1. Checking your cell phone or email without permission
2. Constantly putting you down
3. Extreme jealousy or insecurity
4. Explosive temper
5. Isolating you from family or friends
6. Making false accusations
7. Mood swings
8. Physically hurting you in any way
9. Possessiveness
10. Telling you what to do

Teen dating violence and abuse is a pattern of destructive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. While we define dating violence as a pattern, that doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time.

**If you or a loved one is in a violent relationship, please get help.  
24-Hour Help Line (509) 684-6139**



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# **The Sarah Brown Band**

**A Benefit Concert for Family Support Center**

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00 PM**

**Colville High School  
Auditorium**



Please join the Sarah Brown Band for a Benefit Concert supporting Family Support Center. 100% of the proceeds from the concert will be used to help victims of crime in Stevens County.

## **Tickets Sold at the Door**

Students / Seniors: \$7.00

Adults: \$10.00

Children under age 6: Free



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**1 in 4 teens have been called names, harassed, or put down by their partner through cell phones and texting.**



# Moving On...and Saying Goodbye!

In January we said goodbye to two of our staff members, Connie Jackson and Laura Wilson.

**Connie** was instrumental in starting our Elder Abuse Multi-disciplinary Team and spreading the word in our community that we provide services to the elderly. Thank you for all your efforts Connie, we will miss you.

**Laura** was an advocate in our office who worked mostly with sexual assault and child sexual abuse victims. Her caring heart will be missed by all. Thank you for giving so much of yourself to the clients we serve, we will miss you.



Bob Meshishnek, Debbie Matney, & Dorothy Bergin

## Washington Dental donates \$1,000 to Family Support Center!

Debbie Matney presented a check to Family Support Center thru their "Big Hit" donation they do each year. Family Support Center was nominated by Jennifer Gosney-Winter an employee at Washington Dental.

**Thank You for your support!**



Mary Page & Mary Beth Bronowski

## Forest Capital Partners donates \$500 to Family Support Center!

Mary Beth Bronowski presented a check to Family Support Center to show their support to the services we provide in Stevens County.

**Thank You for your support!**

Happy  
Valentines  
Day!



Money for Gas Cards  
Writing Pens  
White Copier Paper  
Approved Car Seats

Family Support Center  
Needs

Family Support Center  
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*“Service is the rent we pay for living...it is the true measure, the only measure of our success. Think of those people who have paved the way for you and those who are counting on you to pave the way for them.”*

*Marian Wright Edelman*

**Thank You for your donations!**

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