



Safe Place

of Eastern South Dakota

Spring 2022
Newsletter



Mission

To provide a safe and empowering environment for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through advocacy, education, shelter, and family support services.

Upcoming Events:

April 1: Night at the Races



Join us for a Kentucky Derby themed event! There will be horse betting, silent auction and raffle items, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and mint juleps. **6:30 pm** at the Highland Conference Center.

April 29: Women's Luncheon



Join us at the Highland Conference Center from **11-2 pm** for a fun motivational lunch with Adam Sieff as he shares about being the best version of YOU. There will be vendors and you can get an updated headshot. Tickets are \$40.

Visit www.safespace-esd.org/news-events to purchase event tickets

Join us downtown for First Fridays on **May 6th** for food & family fun night. We will have bouncy houses, crafts, a cake walk and more! Learn about how we are serving families through the Family Visitation Center in all 8 counties. **Event is FREE** to the public.

Sponsorship:

Tanta's Guardian (\$10,000+)

Avera Health- Queen of Peace
Mark and Chris Buche

Victim's Defender (\$2,500-\$4,999)

Dental Designs - Dr. Brett Farnham
First National Bank of Omaha
Great Western Bank
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Van and Katherine Wire
ELO
Brock and Carol Millan

Shelter Supporter (\$1,000- \$2,499)

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Our Friend (\$500-\$999)

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Todd and Linda Francis
Plains Commerce Bank

a letter from the Executive Director

What an exciting time to be a part of the Safe Place! Not only are we unfolding our capital campaign for a new facility, but we have increased our prevention efforts in all of our service counties! With the help of a Prevention Grant, our outreach coordinator has been traveling to each of our 8-counties service area providing materials and information to various businesses, churches, organizations and schools. We have partnered with Mitchell Technical College to work with our outreach coordinator to provide prevention information and trainings. In 2021, law enforcement trainings took place and that led to a new lethality assessment with the local Police Department to contact our Crisis Hotline number for the victim to talk to an advocate right away. Now, in 2022, they will be doing trainings for area EMT workers to raise awareness of what to watch for and how to encourage medical victims to contact the Crisis Hotline advocate as well. Our dedicated and trained staff are here for that exact reason. Use their knowledge and experience to help these victims get to their next safe place.

Also in 2021, our Family Visitation Center saw it's largest one-year increase ever! The **FVC served 57 families** with **953 hours of service** compared to 51 families with 736 hours in 2020. And, **109 hours of virtual visits** took place for the first time ever. This allows families who are too far away to have in-person visits with their children, still make that connection and build a relationship. What started as a necessity due to COVID-19 and health concerns, has blossomed into a much-needed service to many families.

Safe Place will continue to strive to be a leader in advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking as well as promoting health family relationships for non-custodial parents. We have an amazing team of caring, compassionate and competent people that I am blessed to work with each of them. This new facility is just one piece of the puzzle in our quest to be the best. We are always very grateful for all of the amazing community support!



Nancy

Executive Director

'Building a Safe Future' Campaign Update

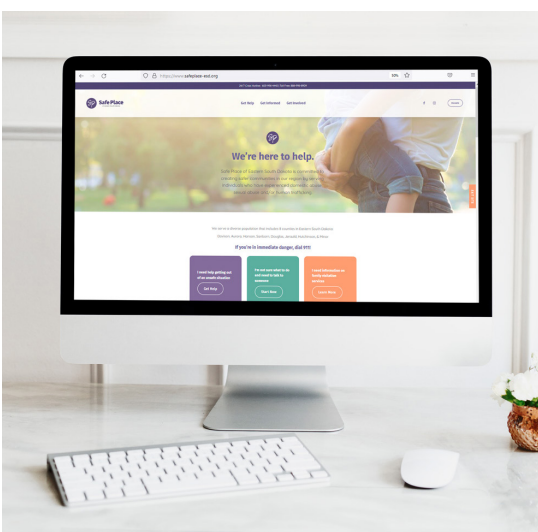
New facility, new location announced!

This past fall we received a Community Block Grant for \$2.2 million that will allow us to build a much-needed larger facility located at N. Kimball and E. Green Drive. The location is near, but not on, a major thoroughfare; it's near important services and schools for our clients.

While the grant was a huge help, we still need your support to ensure this critical project keeps moving forward. Please consider donating to help us build a safe future.



New Name, New Website!



If you missed our big announcement at "Not a Silent Night", we've changed our name and re-branded. We also recently launched our new website which will serve as a resource for those escaping domestic violence, as well as our community.

Why the name change?

"We hope that becoming Safe Place of Eastern South Dakota will make it evident that we are a regional resource for individuals who experience domestic violence," said Ashley Hobbs, director of development. "We serve an eight-county region, with services ranging from housing to advocacy to parenting classes and much more."

Contact:

Crisis Hotline: 605-996-4440

Shelter: 605-996-2765

Family Visitation Center: 605-996-8880

To update your contact information or to be added to our e-mail list, please contact Ashley Hobbs:

605-933-9644 | ashley@safepace-esd.org



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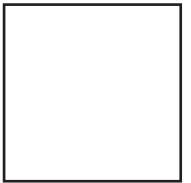
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Rural Community Outreach

Our Rural/Outlying Area Outreach is a large component of the education and training provided by Safe Place.

Our prevention presentations are intended to reach ages 18-24 to stress the importance of recognizing symptoms of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking to better help a victim.

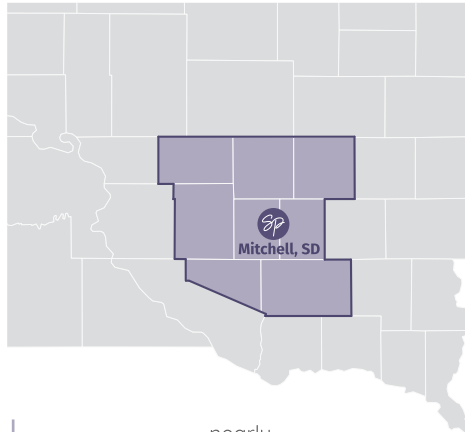
Presentation topics include:

- Healthy relationships
- "In Her Shoes": a demonstration of the life of a victim
- Stalking prevention tips
- Human trafficking awareness
- Basic services offered and how to refer someone for help
- Training specific to law enforcement members
- And more

Currently, training is underway with EMT members to educate how to work with victims, what to expect, and how to get a victim to safety.

If you have a group, organization, or school that would be interested in learning more, please contact:

Coleen Hoffman | Outreach Coordinator
Ph: 605-996-2765
email: outreach@safepace-esd.org



nearly
6,000

miles traveled in 2021 providing advocacy and delivering educational programs throughout the 8-county area

1,582

miles already logged in 2022

332

people educated through our programs in 2021 including: parents, K-12 students, college students, educators and administrators, law enforcement members, and community members

Help us spread awareness throughout the year:

January 11th

Wear Blue Day- Human Trafficking Awareness Month

February 9th

Wear Orange Day – Teen Dating Awareness Month

April 6th

Wear Teal Day – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 28th

Denim Day

July 30th

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

October 4th

"Unity Day"

October 5th through 21st

Paint the Town Purple

October 13th

Health Cares about DV Day and Law Enforcement Appreciation

Wishlist

- Fruit cups/pouches
- Tuna Helper
- Juice
- Ziplock baggies-any size
- Garbage bags
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Cracker Snack
- Gas Cards

Donations may be brought to our north door at 1809 N. Wisconsin St. in Mitchell, SD Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Please call ahead • 605-996-2765

Not a Silent Night



Thank you for another successful event!



Survivor Stories



I met my boyfriend when I was 14. What started as an attentive, protective relationship eventually became controlling and abusive. Throughout our time together, which included the birth of our three children, he gradually became more violent toward me, and eventually our children. When I finally connected with Safe Place, I was able to leave the situation and move into the shelter and then an apartment. At Safe Place, my boyfriend participated in the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, and he also suggested that we take a parenting class together. He has continued to put in the work to change, and our relationship is in a much better place now.

- Kristen