RVCC Mission: Assisting Victims and Survivors of Violent Crime and Working to Prevent Violence
Serving primarily Taylor, Callahan, Coleman, Haskell, Jones, and Shackelford Counties

Summary of Activities
In its 35th year RVCC continues to serve victims and survivors of violent crime and to provide violence prevention programs to students and community groups, as well as training for professionals and our volunteer victim advocates.

- Through our partnership with Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center (ATCCAC) we continue to provide crisis intervention and counseling services to child victims, as well as their non-offending friends and family members (secondary victims).
- Our collaboration with Serenity Foundation, Noah Project and other local service agencies helps us reach adult victims of physical and sexual violence, and those who need help to recover from the childhood abuse.
- Our play therapy area allows our counselors to use specialized methods for working with child victims of violence.
- Through our violence prevention programs we reach thousands of children, teenagers and young adults on school campuses in Abilene and the surrounding area.
- Our school collaborations include a partnership with Abilene Independent School District to facilitate state mandated healthy relationship, conflict resolution and anti-bullying education to students. We also partner with Abilene and other school districts, as well as Region 14 Education Service Center, to provide programs for students and training for educators.
- Our traveling counselor continues to reach clients who live outside of Abilene and are not able to make the trip to Abilene to receive counseling and other victim services.
- The Jay Hatcher Memorial Resource Library continues to provide updated resources for our counselors to assist victims.
- We collaborate to provide information and other victims services through the Victim Liaison and Special Victims Unit of the Abilene Police Department. We maintain cooperative working agreements with law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in the counties we serve.
- Our bilingual (Spanish speaking) case manager is masters-degreed and working toward full counseling licensure. We are fortunate to be able to have fulltime counselors with, or working toward, top state credentials in addition to specialized training in the fields of sexual assault, play therapy and victim assistance.
- Currently 30 highly-trained and certified volunteer victim advocates (3 at a time) are on-call when the office is closed to answer the hotline and respond to victims in crisis at the request of law enforcement, the trauma center and/or ATCCAC. We also maintain a list of advocates who may be available to respond to callouts during business hours.

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Our student practicum program provides us two to four graduate level interns from local universities who spend about 10 hours doing supervised counseling, crisis intervention and primary prevention programs.

Certified Advocates and Prevention Team Volunteers
RVCC recruits and trains 6 to 10 new crisis intervention/victim advocates and education/prevention volunteers each year. Crisis intervention/victim advocate volunteers receive 40 hours of training. Education/prevention volunteers may receive 16 hours of training in the W.H.O.® curriculum and presentation, or other programs for various age groups. We currently have 40 active certified volunteer advocates who are on-call for some 400 hours each month to answer the hotline or respond to a crisis situation. Others may be scheduled to present or assist with education and prevention programs on campuses or in community or professional settings. RVCC volunteer advocates tend to be passionate about our mission and dedicated to serving victims of violent crime. Several volunteer advocates have been with us for more than 30 years. We lose volunteers primarily because of relocation or other life changes. Our volunteers keep in touch through the monthly on-call calendar and a monthly advocate newsletter. We recognize their dedication in special ways as often as possible throughout the year.

Statistics

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<th>RVCC STATISTICS calendar years</th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>Projected 2012</th>
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<td>Primary Victims</td>
<td>1053</td>
<td>1150</td>
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<td>Secondary Victims</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td>TOTAL VICTIMS SERVED</td>
<td>1137</td>
<td>1200</td>
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<td>New Victims under 17</td>
<td>244</td>
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<td>Active Volunteers</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>K-12 Students Educated in Violence Prevention</td>
<td>24,288</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Young Adults Educated (College &amp; Community)</td>
<td>3,474</td>
<td>2,900</td>
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<td>Community Members and Professionals Trained</td>
<td>8,430</td>
<td>10,000</td>
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247% - increase in the number of victims served in the past ten years.
2001: 225
2011: 1137

225% - increase in the number of child victims over ten years.
New child victims in 2001: 75
New child victims in 2011: 244
Child age range: 0-16 years

Students K-12 attending RVCC Violence Prevention Programs
Total 2011: 24,288
Jan. – Oct. 2012: 15,909

Young adults (college & community) attending RVCC Violence Prevention Programs
Total 2011: 8,430
Jan. – Oct. 2012: 9,820
Two programs at RVCC: Victim Services and Violence Prevention/Education. Our people are our programs.

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<th>VICTIM SERVICES</th>
<th>VIOLENCE PREVENTION/EDUCATION</th>
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<td>• Staff and certified volunteer advocates work one on one with victims of violent crime, particularly sexual assault.</td>
<td>• Evidence based, age appropriate curricula are designed to teach students that violence is not okay.</td>
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<td>• Crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy with law enforcement, courts and other agencies.</td>
<td>• Students learn that if they are being hurt they can tell someone and get help to be safe.</td>
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<td>• Help with filing Crime Victim Compensation forms.</td>
<td>• One staff member and volunteers make prevention presentations to small groups or students, professionals and community members.</td>
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<td>• Referral to other service agencies as needed.</td>
<td>• Staff works with Regional 14 ESC and school districts to “train the trainers,” in order to reach as many students as possible.</td>
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<td>• Losing one counselor would cut the number of child and adult victims receiving services by an average of 12 or more each month. Each of those victims, particularly the children, requires hours of advocacy work by the counselor in addition to the hours of counseling/therapy.</td>
<td>• Our prevention/education programs are provided at no charge.</td>
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<td>• We provide those services at no charge to the victims.</td>
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Texas Association Against Sexual Assault – www.taasa.org

- 1 in 3 girls, 1 in 5 boys will be sexually assaulted before age 17, regardless of age, ethnicity or income.
- 97% of the time the child is related to or closely acquainted with the offender. (Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center)
- More than 226,000 children and 104,000 adults are raped every year in Texas.
- Most sexual assaults, including those against children, are perpetrated by an acquaintance or family member.
- In one survey, 42 percent of rape victims reported that they had told no one about the assault. Only five percent reported to the police.
- One of every five college women reported being forced to have sexual intercourse

New in 2011/2012

- We asked Nil Santana, Instructor in Art & Design at Abilene Christian University, to help us with updating our logo and our brand. At no charge to the agency, Mr. Santana’s students accepted this request as a class project and presented options that were accepted by the RVCC Board of Directors:
  - The new logo describes our “mending hearts” philosophy of helping victims heal emotionally and mentally from the scars of violence;
  - The shortening of our name helps avoid confusion with Crime Victims Compensation;
  - Fewer initials are easier to say, write and remember.
- Our campus and community programs continued to involve more of our time gaining knowledge on the root causes of violence and how to prevent it, in response to federal grant requirements.
- Our prevention programs have expanded in our schools and communities to reach more than 20,000 students and thousands of professionals. Our curricula teach violence prevention, specifically sexual assault prevention, as well as anti-bullying and prevention of relationship violence as required for school districts by the Texas Legislature.
- We have operated without an administrative assistant for more than 30 years. In September 2012 we were able to use VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) federal funding to hire an operations manager to help handle the increasing office workload that comes with assisting more victims and providing more prevention programs.

Funding

- RVCC’s fiscal year is October 1st to September 30th. Federal and state government funds covered 62% of our budget for fiscal 2012. The increase over FY 2011 was due to extra funding available for our bilingual counselor. Local government funds provide approximately 17%. Our community has been generous in helping with additional funding in the form of foundation grants, as well as personal and corporate contributions for our programs and through our fundraising activities.

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<td>Federal/State Governments</td>
<td>57%</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Local Governments</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Fundraising and Contributions</td>
<td>24%</td>
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Fundraising

- Mission Abilene hosted “Stop the Violence” in August 2011 and presented RVCC with a check for $3,500.
- Our 5th annual “Men of Strength & Style” luncheon and men’s fashion show in October 2011 honored 14 men in our community who are positive role models. That event, “Stop the Violence” hosted by Mission Abilene in August and other fundraising brought in nearly $25,000 for FY 2012.
- Our “35 Year Campaign” along with grants from Community Foundation of Abilene, Future Fund, Shelton Family Foundation, Dodge Jones Foundation, Greathouse Foundation, and Barber Foundation along with contributions from other local groups and private donors totaled another $65,000.

RVCC 2012 Donors
—as of December 4, 2012

$5,000 and up
Beckham, Bob and Peggy
Dian Graves Owen Foundation
Mission Abilene
Rentz, Jack and Becky

$2,500 - $4,999
Ammons, Josh and Maurita
Beltway Park Baptist Church
Elm Valley Community Church

$1,000 - $2,499
Adams, L.D. and Johnnie
Arthur, Vicki
Beckham, Rob and Julie
Caldwell, Lee
Glandon, Shirley
Poindexter, Don and Becky
Rush Truck Center - Abilene
Senter, Scott and Michelle
Whitten, Larry and Mary Ann

$750 - $999
Abilene Founders Lions Club
First Financial Bank
Hatcher, Casey
Hatcher, Bob and Louise
Jacobson, Ken/Taco Bueno
Perry Hunter Hall, Inc.
Sears Methodist Foundation
Shelton Family Foundation
Spiva, Randy and Kay
Townsend, Chip and Glyn Ann

$500 - $749
Abilene Police Officers’ Association
Fite, Don and Pat

Hardin-Simmons University
Dodge Jones Foundation - Matthews Office Account
Miller, Mark – Edward Jones
Morris, Robby and Deana
Riley, Tom and Sharon
Spence, Sam and Ann
The Barber Foundation
Wylie UMC

$250 - $499
AEP Texas
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas
Castleman, Ken and Tonya
Davis Kinard & Co., PC
Dressen, Dr. Russell
Dyess Spouses Club
Innovative Business Systems
Key Property Management
Price-Hawkins, Kaye
Packwood, Randy and Cindy
Stovall, Realtors
Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.

$100 - $249
ANONYMOUS
Abilene Aero, Inc.
American State Bank
Batts, Yvonne
Brown, Dr. Karin
Bruce, Sheriff Les and Jamie
Carlin, Joey
Carter, Dr. Troy
Ceniglis, Tom and Angie
Condley & Co, LLP
Dotson, Diane
Eidson, James and Rebecca
Evatt, Dick and Annette
Here’s why we do it:
The consistent number of victims seeking counseling, information, assistance through the justice system and other services from RVCC is constantly challenging our resources. Child victims require a greater amount of our resources than do adult victims. We are making a difference. We are helping child and adult victims to heal from the mental and emotional injuries caused by sexual and physical violence. We are helping them move past the trauma to become successful members of the community.

We believe there is likely no more violence than in the past, but due to greater awareness of the prevalence of sexual violence committed against children more victims are speaking out. 82% of sexual assaults against children are committed by an acquaintance or family member (U.S. Dept. of Justice, 2008). Locally, the figure is 97% (Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center). RVCC services to victims of violence and our violence prevention programs go hand in hand to help make our community a safer place to grow up and grow old.