

MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council Proposed Goals for FY 2010

- Expand the Youth Empowerment Project and WebofFriends.org to include resources and assessments for teens who abuse or may be risk for abusive behavior. Assess adult batterer intervention programs for relevance to abusive teens and incorporate appropriate elements to the project and Web site. The impact will be that teens will have effective prevention and intervention tools to assist abusers, as well as victims, of teen dating violence. These updates will be presented to the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council for approval by the fourth quarter.
- Develop and distribute tool kits containing teen dating violence curriculum and collateral material for teens, practitioners serving youth and faith based organizations. The tool kit contents will be presented to and approved in the third quarter. The impact of the toolkits will be teens and adults working with teens will be better prepared to end teen dating violence through the utilization of tested successful strategies.
- Develop a new Regional Plan to End Domestic Violence through research, community input and committee expertise. The plan will identify strategies at the systems level, municipal level, agency level and personal level for ending domestic violence and promoting healthy relationships. The plan will be presented to the MAG Regional Council by the fourth quarter.
- Host an annual Domestic Violence Awareness Month Press Conference celebrating the ten year anniversary of the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council. The press conference will include an assessment of progress made in ending domestic violence during the last ten years, highlights of the region's best moments in this work, and next steps. At least 50 people will attend the event and at least four outlets will cover the event. The event will take place in the first quarter.
- Update the 2005 MAG report, "The Need for Increased Domestic Violence Shelter," to include homeless shelters with a focus on how many people are turned away from shelters and why they are turned away. The impact will be recommended changes to better serve more people and to better understand the true capacity of the current shelter system serving both victims of domestic violence as well as homeless people. The report will be recommended by the MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness for approval by the MAG Regional Council in the second quarter.
- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by domestic violence and homeless shelter and service providers about client principles. The principles will include standards of treatment and expected outcomes for all people served in the

MAG region. The impact will be clarification of and commitment to high quality services for people experiencing domestic violence and homelessness. The MAG Regional Domestic Violence Council and the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness will approve the Memorandum of Understanding in the first quarter.