

# **PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS**

*Advocacy Services for Individuals Affected by Domestic and Sexual Violence*

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## **Project Against Violent Encounters 2012 Annual Report**

In 2012, PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, and stalking to citizens throughout Bennington County. These services include: 24 hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, case management, emergency financial assistance, information and referrals, legal assistance, access to emergency and transitional housing, supervised visitation, parenting classes, and community and in-school education.

Pave has a core of twenty-one trained volunteer advocates. Over the past year these dedicated citizens helped us provide safety, support, and options to approximately 900 women, men, and teens. Approximately one hundred of our clients were children under the age of 18.

Our supervised visitation program, housed in the Family Time Center, provided sixty-four children safe access to approximately 2,000 hours of visitation with non-residential parents. Trained monitors supervised visits for families referred by the Department of Children and Family Services, the courts, lawyers, and probation and parole. Further, our supervised visitation program continued to offer the Nurturing Parent program to over thirty-four parents and children.

Through our emergency and transitional housing programs we provided 23 adults and 20 children with 2,513 nights of shelter services, an increase of 48% over last year. We also assisted thirty-eight individuals and families transition to stable housing.

We continue to offer violence prevention programming throughout Bennington County to adults and young people, pre-school through college. During the past year we provided education programs to approximately 1400 adults and children. In addition, we have now expanded our outreach efforts to include presentations and videos on cable access television, our website ([pavebennington.org](http://pavebennington.org)) and social media including YouTube. Our focus continues to be on healthy expression of feelings, bullying prevention and alternatives to violence.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I thank you for your ongoing commitment to PAVE. Our staff and volunteers will continue to offer quality services for victims of domestic and sexual violence and respond to each town's desire for a healthy and violence free community.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Campbell  
Executive Director