

## ODU Center for Family Violence Education and Research

### Mission Statement

Our aim is to increase understanding among citizens, practitioners, students, and scholars about the various forms of family violence, including child abuse, sibling abuse, partner abuse, and elder abuse.

Strategies to increase awareness about these problems include:

- Conducting interdisciplinary research focusing on different types of family violence.
- Developing public awareness campaigns to educate members of the public about family violence.
- Evaluating programs and processes used with family violence victims and offenders.
- Establishing partnerships with various agencies, groups, and organizations handling or responding to family violence cases.
- Providing technical assistance, support, and training for grant writing programs

The Center for Family Violence Education and Research (CFAVER) will assist in the training and development of officials encountering cases of family violence. CFAVER is committed to educating professionals and ultimately providing information to help decrease the extent family violence.

### Advisory Board

**Brian Payne** is the director of CFAVER. He received his Ph.D. in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University. He has published over forty-five articles on topics related to violence and social control in scholarly journals and has published five books including *Crime and Elder Abuse*, *Family Violence and Criminal Justice*, and *Crime in the Home Health Care Field*. He is a member of The Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and The National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse.

**Marjorie Arrington** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Hampton University and her Juris Doctorate from Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. She is a Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Norfolk. Her specialty is in sexual assault cases. She is also a board member with Tidewater Legal Aid, the Norfolk Bar Association, the Portsmouth Bar Association, the Hampton Roads Bar, and the Norfolk Marine Institute.

**Kim Birdwell** received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. She is the Education Coordinator, the Court Advocate and a Counselor for Response Sexual Assault Support Services in Norfolk. She is an active member of the Norfolk Interagency Council on Youth Services.

**Dianne Carmody** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire. She has published articles and book chapters on the media portrayal of the criminal justice response to wife assault, school violence, and rape victimization.

**Antonia M. Cerino** received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Old Dominion University. She is a local probation officer with the city of Chesapeake. She is a member of the Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association.

**Betty Wade Coyle** received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Sociology from the College of William and Mary. She is the Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads. She also serves on the Citizens Advocacy Council of the Norfolk Juvenile Court, Norfolk Interagency Consortium, the Virginia Child Fatality Review Team, and the Governor's Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect.

**Rev. Joe Dillard** is pursuing a graduate degree at Norfolk State University. He has served in the Baptist Ministry for seventeen years and is currently Youth Director at Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church. He leads the activities, teaching, and outreach for the congregation's youth. His interests are in urban studies and the effects of the environment on youth.

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**Sergeant Steven Duke** joined the Norfolk Sheriff's Office in 1996. During his tenure he has progressed through the ranks of Corporal, "Officer in Charge" of the Community Affairs Division, and in 2002 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He has been named "Deputy Sheriff of the Year" and is currently the Sheriff's Programs Manager. Sgt. Duke is president of the Virginia State TRIAD/S.A.L.T. Council in Richmond and is a member of several organizations committed to crime prevention.

**Becki Fogerty** is the Assistant Director of the Women's Center at Old Dominion University and coordinator of the Sexual Assault Free Environment (S.A.F.E.) program. She received her Master of Arts in Applied Sociology with a concentration in Women's Studies from Old Dominion University in 2002.

**Randy Gainey** is an Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Washington. He is co-author of *Family Violence and Criminal Justice: A Life-Course Approach*. His research is focused on sentencing decisions, alternatives to incarceration, and neighborhood characteristics and crime.

**Mandy Gesme** received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa, and a Master of Science in Art Therapy from Eastern Virginia Medical School. She is currently the Art Therapist at The Dwelling Place, a homeless shelter for families. Her responsibilities include mental health case management, counseling, crisis intervention, and art therapy services.

**Barbara Gillman** holds a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Human Development. She is a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor and a Licensed Professional Counselor. She performs volunteer work, assisting with inmate transition for the city of Hampton jail. She is a certified mediator with the state of Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations court.

**Lieutenant Ray Greenwood** has served with the Virginia Beach Police Department for twenty-six years and is currently assigned to the Detective Bureau. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Old Dominion University and is actively working towards a Masters of Arts in Public Administration. He has spoken before State Attorney Kilgore on issues involving domestic violence. In 1993, he was awarded the City Manager's Creativity and Innovation Award for the development of the Domestic Violence Unit.

**Tammy Hatfield** earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kentucky, a Master of Science degree from Murray State, and a Doctor of Psychology degree in Clinical Psychology from Spalding University. She currently serves as an Assistant Professor/Professional Counselor at Old Dominion University. Some of her counseling specialties and topics of interest include sexual abuse, sexual assault, and relationship violence.

**Lou Ann Ivory** is currently the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Hampton Roads Regional Office of the Attorney General. She also serves as the Regional Representative for the TRIAD program, a crime prevention initiative geared to senior citizens. She has been involved with Attorney General Kilgore's Identity Theft, Domestic Violence, and Gang Reduction Task Forces.

**Earle C Mobley** is the Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Portsmouth. He graduated from Regent University School of Law in 1989 and served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Portsmouth, Virginia between 1989 and 1993. In 1993, he left the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and joined the law firm of Ferrell, Backus, Sayer and Nicolo, P.C. becoming a partner in 1996. In 1998, he joined the law firm of Marcus, Santoro, Kozak & Melvin, P.C. as a partner.

**Stacey Plichta** is an Associate Professor at Old Dominion University in the College of Health Sciences, Ph.D. Program in Urban Services. She earned her Doctorate of Science degree from The Johns Hopkins University of Hygiene and Public Health. Her area of expertise is in health services research, with a particular focus on domestic violence and women's health. She has numerous publications in the area of women's health, and has presented her work in both national and international forums.

**Robert J. Starowicz** is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Special Education at Old Dominion University. He has worked as a local probation officer for the city of Chesapeake where he handled domestic violence cases.

## Contact Us

A number of upcoming events are planned in line with our mission. If you would like to offer support in achieving our aims, or if we can be assistance to you, please contact Brian Payne at (757)683-3795 or [bpayne@odu.edu](mailto:bpayne@odu.edu). Together, steps can be taken to make sure that a greater understanding about family violence is provided to all.

*\*Brochure designed by Teresa Dillard, CFAVER Intern*