



Women At The Court House (WATCH)

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Introduction

- Advocacy - An 'advocate' is the title of a specific person who is authorized/appointed (in some way) to speak on behalf of a person in a legal process
- The Women At The Court House (WATCH) is an advocacy project where Zontians attend court with women who are there for protective orders, as witnesses in assault, domestic violence and rape cases, etc.
- We are there to support the women and to help them successfully navigate the system.

Overview

- Women who are victims of violence often feel traumatized, overwhelmed, frightened and powerless.
- The Zonta Club of Fort Worth would like to assist these women as they deal with the legal system



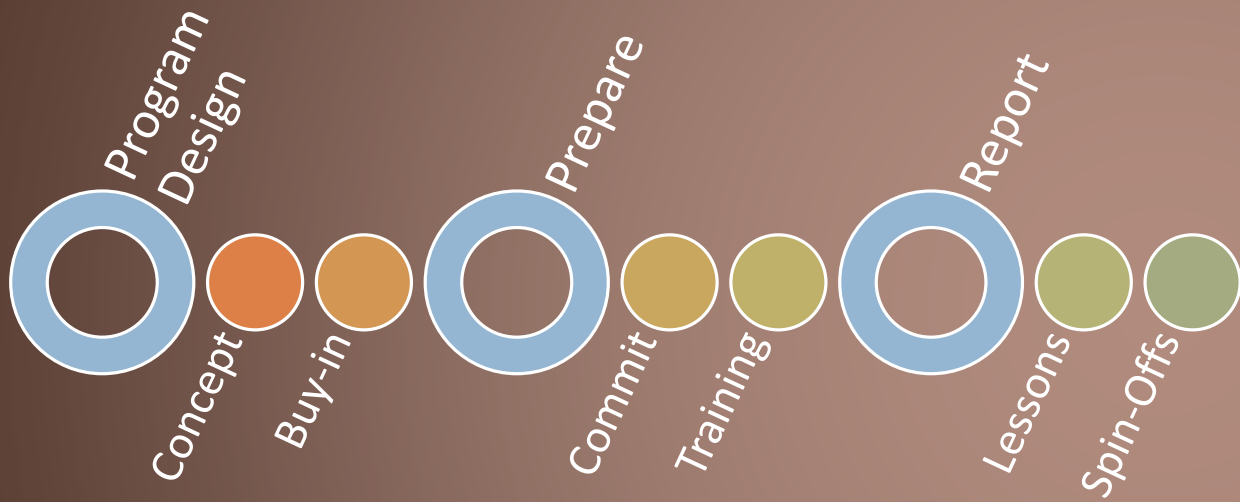
Supporting Organizations

- Zonta District 10 – would like us to develop the program as a prototype to use District wide
- SafeHaven of Tarrant County
- One Safe Place
- Tarrant County Court



Examples

- Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, CA has a similar program in cooperation with the Soroptimist Club.
 - In response to a Judge who spoke of the need for victims of domestic violence
 - Set up the Domestic Violence Center of SCV in 2010
 - Assist in completing forms for restraining orders



WATCH Timeline

Mission

- The Women At The Court House (WATCH) is an advocacy project dedicated to the support of women victims of violence who are working through the legal system to secure protection for themselves & their families and testify against violent perpetrators.

Activities

- Help victims navigate the legal system
 - Completing forms
 - Information
 - Court appearance support
 - Court advocacy

Conclusion

- The least we can do is to stand up with those women who find the courage to face their tormentors.



We are Women. United we Stand. Together we Fall.



Resources

- Article on Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program <http://www.signalscv.com/archives/64065/>
- Domestic Violence Center – www.scv-dvcap.org (661) 338-0252