



TEXOMA ALLIANCE To STOP ABUSE

Working Together To End Family Violence In Our Community

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SPOTLIGHT

This quarterly spotlight is TASA Board member, Sarah Anderson. She has served on the board since June 2018.

Mrs. Anderson received an Associate's degree from Vernon College and earned her Bachelor's plus Master's from Midwestern State University. She majored in Psychology.

Sarah has a long history of serving her community and helping others. She worked at MHMR Outreach and CPS before retiring in 2007. Her background in working with victims of domestic violence is what sparked her interest in serving on the board. "It is an area I feel needs strong support from the community", said Anderson.

Sarah is currently the office manager at Hill Crest Country Club. She is married to Joe Anderson, and they attend St. Paul Lutheran Church.



HIGHLIGHTS

* TASA received positive results from our audit by TDCJ, and our battering intervention and prevention program has now been fully accredited!

* TASA was nominated for the Junior League of Wichita Falls "Give Light Awards" and won! The award includes \$500 toward operational costs and a mass media package that will help us reach more people about our services.

* This quarter the DVHRT reviewed 6 additional family violence cases. 87 counseling sessions were provided to both adult and child victims.

* "No More Week" was March 7-13th and members of the community took a pledge to say "No More" to sexual assault and domestic violence.



Pictured: Lydia Garza, Wilbarger Co. Jailer.

UPCOMING

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Executive Director, Rachel Lira, will attend the "Save Jane" event held by Patsy's House in Wichita Falls. Lira will help read off names of children (2,882) who were abused last year in Wilbarger, Hardeman, Foard, and 5 additional counties in our surrounding area.

Members of the DVHRT will attend the 16th annual Conference on Crimes Against Women held on May 17-19 and May 24-26, 2021. The conference will be held virtually again this year. Attendees will get to enjoy a variety of topics taught by national experts, 140 live webinars, interactive learning, networking, and much more.



RESOURCES & INFO

Abusers employ many tactics to maintain power and control over their partner. Some tactics may include using their children. The violent parent might blame the children for the violence taking place in the home and threaten that the children will be taken away from the other parent. In many violent homes the abusive parent may physically abuse the children as well. Short term effects on children witnessing violence in the home may include: sleep disturbances, poor school performance, anxiety, and poor concentration. Some long-term effects on children include: depression, low self-esteem, criminal & violent behavior, and they may become victims/perpetrators of violence in their own future relationships.

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