



TEXOMA ALLIANCE To STOP ABUSE

Working Together To End Family Violence In Our Community

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SPOTLIGHT

This quarterly spotlight is TASA's newest Advocate, Mindy Crossover.

Mindy was raised in Chillicothe, TX where she resides today. She and her husband are proud parents of 4 adult daughters.

Mindy graduated from Texas A&M-Commerce with a degree in Sociology. She has 15+ years experience working with Child and Adult Protective Services.

Crossover stated, "I was interested in working with TASA because empowering women has always been important to me, especially as a mother of young women. I love making a positive difference in our community through education, assistance, and support."

Welcome to the TASA team, Mindy!



HIGHLIGHTS

- * This quarter the Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) reviewed 5 new family violence cases.
- * 7 additional victims of domestic violence were served this quarter through a variety of services.
- * TASA now has a 24/7 hotline where advocates can be reached: 1-800-973-7414
- * On March 10th, TASA participated in the "Adulting Day" event held by the Boys and Girls Club. TASA advocates held 4 sessions with high school seniors discussing healthy relationships.
- * A special screening of Beyond Conviction (a documentary highlighting the work of TASA & DA Staley Heatly) was held at University of North Texas on March 21st. Students majoring in journalism, criminal justice, and social work were in the audience. Heatly and ED Rachel Lira took part in a discussion and Q&A following the screening.

UPCOMING

- * April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).
- * TASA will be participating in an upcoming agency round table held by the Salvation Army. The purpose of this annual gathering is to network with area non-profits and to create a resource guide of local agencies for individuals seeking a variety of services in Wilbarger County.
- * May 23-26 TASA advocates will be attending the 17th Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women in Dallas. This will be held in person after being held virtually the past two years.



Hardeman Co. Sheriff Office pictured for No More Week March 10, 2022

RESOURCES & INFO

Strangulation is a significant risk factor for attempted or completed homicide of women by their male intimate partners. A woman who has been strangled is 7.5 times more likely to be killed. Strangulation often leaves no marks or any other external evidence on the skin. This is challenging for law enforcement and medical professionals, which helps make it a particularly useful means of intimidation and harm for an abuser. Law enforcement in Wilbarger, Hardeman, and Foard Counties use a strangulation supplement tool to help capture cases involving strangulation that may have otherwise gone unnoticed. This tool can be instrumental in prosecution of the offender and advocacy for the victim.

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