



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, Courtney Rich (soon to be Whitsitt).

Courtney was born and raised in Vernon where she currently resides with her fiancé Jon, two sons, and fur babies. In her spare time, she enjoys spending it with her family, golfing, and jigsaw puzzles.

For the past 18 years, Courtney has been dedicated to her work in the 46th Judicial District Adult Probation office. Her service has not got unnoticed as she was recently recognized for her work with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and her volunteer service to TASA. She was the recipient of the Judge Carol Wilburn Jr. Governor's volunteer award in Austin, Texas.

When asked why she loves being a part of the TASA family, she quoted one of her favorite celebrities, "Women are like butterflies-we may look pretty and delicate, but baby we live through hurricanes."- Betty White.

Courtney explained, "I want to help, assist, and promote the message that women need other women in their corners to show them how to spread their wings and fly".



HIGHLIGHTS

- * This quarter the Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) reviewed 7 new family violence cases.
- * 7 additional victims of domestic violence were served this quarter through a variety of services.
- * TASA is hiring for a full time position: Advocate/Community Educator. Resumes can be sent to texomaalliance@gmail.com. This person will begin duties October 1st.
- * TASA has implemented new and creative ways to raise awareness via ads. Checkout our new billboard on 3407 Wilbarger St. that can be seen for the next six months. In addition, TASA will have a yearlong ad at the Hillcrest Country Club golf course.

UPCOMING

- * TASA will celebrate 9 years of service on July 30th.
- * On August 17th, Exec. Director Rachel Lira and District Attorney Staley Heatly will have the opportunity to present "Creating and Operating a Family Violence Program in a Rural Community" to multi-disciplinary teams in Hawaii. Though this training will be virtual, we hope this will open the door for in person trainings in the future. Lira and Heatly first presented this training at a virtual conference last year.
- * Mark your calendars for this year's Texoma Gives held on September 8th. Texoma Gives is a 16-hour day of giving that provides critical funding to area non-profits. This will be TASA's 4th year participating and hope to raise \$5,000. Please stay tuned to our FB page for updates and ways to give.

RESOURCES & INFO

Often times it is believed that a victim of domestic violence may be free once the relationship has ended; however, that is not always the case. Domestic Abusers often continue exerting control over their ex-partners through the legal system. When this happens, the case can be mistaken for a "high conflict" divorce, but the reality is it is one person who is drawn towards the conflict. The abuser will create a series of court complications to make divorce or custody cases impossible to resolve. The abuser wants the case to drag on as a way to make the ex-partner suffer. This tactic is referred to as post-separation legal abuse.

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