

## **The DOVES Program Expands to Serve Northern Panhandle**

The DOVES Program – serving victims of domestic, dating & sexual violence and stalking – is pleased to announce it will expand its service area to include Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux Counties effective July 1, 2010. DOVES currently serves Scotts Bluff, Cheyenne, Morrill, Kimball and Banner Counties.

Family Rescue Services has served the Northern Panhandle since 1988. According to Sarah Bernhardt, Chair of the Family Rescue Services Board of Directors, “When we experienced a change in leadership and funding, we contacted DOVES about assuming administration of the program. DOVES has more than 30 years experience providing safe shelter, supportive services and community education. We’ve worked together closely over the past several years, and we are confident they will continue our goal of providing safe, accessible, victim-centered, empowering services throughout our four-county service area. Family Rescue’s former service area will now be part of DOVES’ and services will continue to be available 24 hours a day.”

Hilary Wasserburger, Executive Director of DOVES, has seen an ever-increasing need for services to victims of violence, and she’s excited to work with the many agencies, businesses, faith communities, schools and others who have provided such vital support to Family Rescue Services.

DOVES offers the following free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking:

- 24-Hour Assistance
- Immediate, Ongoing and Long-Term Support
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Assistance with Protection Order Applications
- Assistance with the Criminal & Civil Justice Systems
- Referrals for Legal Representation
- Transportation Assistance
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- One-on-One Support
- Support Groups
- Food Pantry
- 911 Cell Phones
- Community Connections

If you or someone you know needs help, please call the DOVES 24-hour crisis line at 866-95-DOVES, log onto [www.dovesprogram.com](http://www.dovesprogram.com), or stop by any of their public offices located at:

Scotts Bluff & Sioux Counties  
2035 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
PO Box 98  
Gering, NE 69341

Cheyenne County  
1626 Illinois Street  
PO Box 590  
Sidney, NE 69162

Kimball & Banner Counties  
225 South Chestnut Street  
PO Box 433  
Kimball, NE 69145

Box Butte & Morrill Counties  
604 Flack Avenue  
PO Box 981  
Alliance, NE 69301

Dawes County  
502 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
(Please use South entrance)  
PO Box 877  
Chadron, NE 69337

Sheridan County  
106 North Main Street  
PO Box 104  
Gordon, NE 69343

In addition to expanding its direct services, DOVES is seeking:

- Community members to serve on the DOVES Board of Directors
- Volunteers to work directly with victims, organize fundraising campaigns, and provide administrative assistance.
- Personal hygiene and household donations for clients. No clothing, please. For a complete list of items, please visit [www.dovesprogram.com](http://www.dovesprogram.com).

Donations may be dropped off at any office location.

For additional information, please contact Hilary Wasserburger at 866-95-DOVES or via e-mail at [Hilary@dovesprogram.com](mailto:Hilary@dovesprogram.com).