



Project Against Violent Encounters

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Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) is the only domestic and sexual violence advocacy agency in Bennington County. For nearly 40 years PAVE has provided compassionate support, practical services and the pathway to healing and safety for countless victims of domestic and sexual violence, dating violence and stalking throughout Bennington County.

PAVE has grown from a crisis hotline to the multiple and comprehensive support services we now provide. These services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, court and social service advocacy, case management, emergency financial assistance, access to legal services, emergency shelter, supervised visitation services, parenting classes, community awareness, school-based prevention education and more. We are thrilled to announce the addition of a transitional housing program beginning in 2021.

In the past year, several residents of Sandgate received comprehensive services through PAVE. In addition to the services listed above, 1 family with 1 child engaged in supervised visitation services through our Family Time Center; this is a critical, often court-ordered service that ensures safe and healthy contact for children with a non-custodial parent.

Domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. Our emergency shelter program provides families with short-term housing and case management services with the goal of obtaining safe, permanent housing. In the past year we provided 65 adults and 39 children in Bennington County with 5,028 nights of shelter services.

To stop the generational cycle of abuse, we must start early and invest in prevention strategies that provide healthy parent-child relationships, friendships and dating relationships. Through our education and empowerment programs pre-kindergarten to college; Nurturing Parenting classes, Women's Support Groups, Healthy Mind, Body and Family workshops and Financial Literacy Program, we've helped over 3,500 children, teachers and other adults learn new skills and techniques.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and families served, I thank the residents of Sandgate for your ongoing support; it allows us to create greater opportunities for the people impacted by domestic and/or sexual violence who need our services each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadia Lucchin

Nadia Lucchin, Executive Director

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