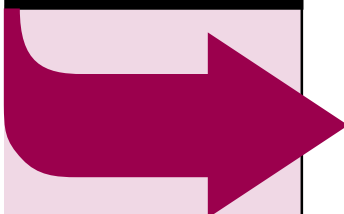


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The WSCWSAI is proud to be sponsored in part by the Washington State Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (D.A.S.A.).

Riel House

Riel House is one of Washington State's PPW (Pregnant and Parenting Women) programs and it is 12 years old this spring. It began as a result of Federal Block Grant Funds designated for this purpose to DASA (Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse). At that time the concept of having women in



Construction Phase of the new building for the Riel House PPW Program

treatment with their children was not the most popular of ideas. There were concerns about liability issues with the children and also with pregnancies.

However, Beth Dannhardt had recently become the executive director of Triumph Treatment Services and one of her stated goals was to increase programming for women and families. This opportunity fit perfectly into that goal. And the agency had a building empty and just waiting for a program. How handy.



Current Home of the Riel House Program

Little did we know what it would take to get this started. No one had done a gender specific program with children before. Everyone had an idea or what rules and regulations we needed to meet and follow. And of course, they were in times in conflict with each other. We have some classic stories about this.

So Riel House was born—so to speak. And what an adventure it has been. And other

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Family Treatment Court

An innovative approach for drug or alcohol involved parents of children in care.

Thurston County Family Treatment Court

This article is from the *Child Welfare Practice Digest*

Drug or alcohol addiction is probably the most common family problem placing children at risk and leading to placement. Many child welfare social workers struggle with the dilemma of how to engage a parent in her own recovery soon enough to meet her child's developmental needs for safety and permanence. Because drug treatment and recovery from addiction is a slow process, predictably including many slips and relapses before it really works, there is a heightened need for visibility, support, and accountability for parents. This kind of support is not always possible for a child welfare social worker with a high caseload to provide. And in most jurisdictions, the court hearing occurs only every six months. One very typical pattern is for a parent to apparently "do nothing" and then inter treatment just before the next hearing. In such cases it is a challenge for the court to get the information needed to make a permanency planning determination for the children.

In Thurston County, we are trying a new approach. The juvenile court is collaborating with the child welfare agency, local drug treatment providers and others to offer a legal structure providing both the support and the accountability needed to increase the odds of parental recovery and a safe reunification. Courts like this have been found effective in other parts of the country. Very frequent reviews and immediate rewards and/or court sanctions for the parent seem to be the right structure to support the parent in their recovery. Non-compliance is immediately obvious and if not reversed, a pattern of non-compliance is apparent to the court and decisions can move forward in a timely way for a child. Alternatively, compliance with treatment and recovery of health and ability to parent also become obvious over time, and the important steps along the way can be rewarded. The court becomes both an accountability structure and a support for parents working towards sobriety and a return of their children. What follows is a description of this innovative program as implemented in Thurston County.

What is Family Treatment Court?

Thurston County's Family Treatment Court is a program to assist parents to attain sobriety in order to parent their children. The program is for families who have come to the court's attention in Dependency Court proceedings due to abuse, neglect, or the parent's unwillingness and inability to parent because of substance abuse.

Upon agreement to participate in Family Treatment Court, a parent must immediately begin substance abuse treatment. Initially, weekly court appointments will be scheduled for the parent in order for the court to monitor compliance with the treatment program, case plan requirements and urinalysis results. By contract with the parent, the court has authority at each hearing to reward success and sanction for noncompliance. As treatment progresses, court appearances decrease in frequency to every two weeks and, later, to once a month. (A general dependency case is reviewed in court every six months.)

Why is drug treatment court needed in dependencies?

The court and the state have an obligation to attempt to reunite families who have been separated to protect children. But, in order to reunite parents and children, the situation must be safe. Where substance abuse is a problem, parents must become clean and sober for their children to be safe.

Parents suffering from addiction often do not immediately follow through with court-ordered treatment necessary to make themselves available parents; but they are also unwilling to give up their rights to parent their children. This program is designed to get parents to treatment more quickly, to motivate compliance with treatment requirements by regular court monitoring and to reunite parents and children sooner.

Who is eligible?

- Parents of children subject to a Shelter Care or Dependency Order.
- Parents who are diagnosed chemically dependent, admit addiction, and are amenable to treatment.
- With children 0 to 12 years of age (with priority to new cases, parents with more than child, and children under 10).
- Parents willing to immediately engage in treatment and provide random urine samples for analysis.
- Parents willing to cooperate with their court ordered case plan and department assessments.

When is this program available?

Immediately, upon entry of a Shelter Care Order.

Where?

At Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court.

Parents represented by counsel should have counsel assist in requesting to be part of Family Treatment Court.

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Effectively Contacting Congress

Note:

- Faxes to Washington, D.C. are the most effective and timely means of being heard by your Congressperson.
- Mail is second, because you can express your whole idea or concern.
- Phone calls are useful to say, "Please support bill #so-and-so."
- Email is last. Jay Inslee's website notes that he receives 2,000 emails a day. Some Senators receive 50,000 to 75,000 emails a month. Be patient. For this reason, many websites limit email to constituents.
- The politicians are in D.C., so communicate with them directly on policy issues. Local offices mainly provide services to constituents and schedule local district meetings. Closer to the fall election, you can get a schedule of candidate forums from the local office.

The House of Representatives locator site is: <http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.html>

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 Sen. Cantwell has vowed to visit every county every year—your program could be on her agenda!

T-Shirts

The WSCWSAI now has T-shirts available for purchase. Show your support for women's services by sporting one of these quality T-shirts. All of the T-shirts are preshrunk cotton and have an embroidered WSCWSAI logo. They are available in medium, large, X-large, 1X, 2X, and in short sleeves there are also limited quantities of 3X and 4X.

To order your shirts-complete this order form and send it with your check or money order to the:

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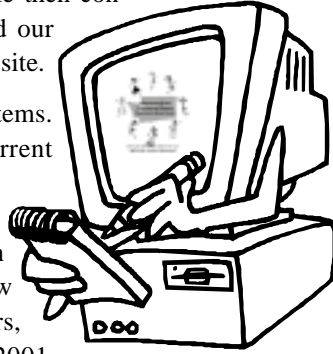
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WSCWSAI Website

It's your site!

If you are reading this article then congratulations you have found our website. Now bookmark this site.

We are adding many new items. You will now find your current newsletters, and links to member agency sites. Also new to your site is information from the 2001 conference, new steering committee members, new agency members for 2001-2002, membership survey, member requested links to pertinent sites, and much more. You will need Adobe Acrobat reader to view many of the archived items, but a link to a free download of reader is available on our site for your convenience.



The website will be what the members want. So take a look and tell us what you want! Please visit the comments page and send your-comments to the webmaster. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

SAVE THESE DATES

October 3 and 4, 2002

**12th Annual Conference
“Creating Seamless Connections”**

**Sponsored by the
Washington State Coalition on
Women’s Substance Abuse Issues**

Conference will be held at Sleeping Lady Resort located in a beautiful alpine location just outside Leavenworth, Washington. Delicious gourmet meals will be provided!

Workshop Topics

- * Safety and Sobriety for Women
- * Fostering Resilience in Women
- * Spirituality’s Importance in Recovery
- * Alternative Treatment Options
- * Motivating Women in Recovery
- * Domestic Violence and Recovery
- * Dependable Strengths
- * Treatment and Family Support Collaboration
- * Plus other current topics!

PLEASE NOTE: A complete brochure with registration forms will be mailed in mid-July
For more information contact Karen Christensen at 206/784-0924 or karencsea@earthlink.net

Budget Cuts

We want to let you know as a result of DASA Budget cuts, the support the coalition has received from DASA is significantly decreased. This will result in us looking at our programs and services to assess what and how we will continue. Rest assured—the Coalition will continue its work. We will let you know soon what the Steering Committee decides is the best use of our resources. And of course—we welcome your input. Please let us know if you have any opinions about what you would like to see us do or continue to do.



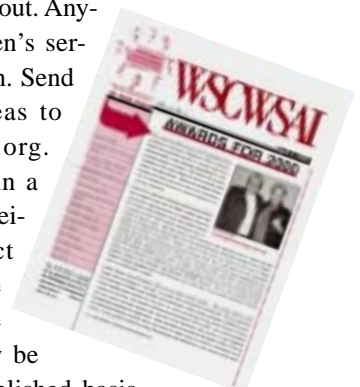
**THE CONFERENCE IS STILL ON. SO
SAVE THAT DATE. AND OF COURSE—THE WEBSITE
WILL CONTINUE.**

Nichols Leadership Award

Family, friends and colleagues of Marceil Ten Eyck gathered to honor her as the 2001 recipient of The Nichols Leadership Award at a reception hosted by Residence XII. This Award, presently annually to a person or group in the community who demonstrates consistent advocacy on behalf of the needs of chemically women and their families, is an endowed award established by Ann Nichols, former Board President of Residence XII. Marceil was selected to receive the Nichols Award for her long-term dedication to the needs of those living with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Related Conditions. Her advocacy and education of others regarding these issues has improved both diagnosis and treatment approaches. Congratulations and thanks to Marceil!

Be a Part of Your Newsletter

Do you have a story idea for the newsletter. Maybe you have something to contribute or just a request for something you would like to learn more about. Anything that relates to women’s services is open for discussion. Send your stories or story ideas to AGostovich@triumphx.org. Please send any pictures in a jpeg format and stories in either Word or WordPerfect compatible formats. Please be aware that stories may be edited for length and may be used on a first in first published basis. Thank you in advance for your contributions.



Meet the Members

Who are Your Steering Committee Members (Part 2)

In part one of this ongoing series you will be introduced to of your steering committee members. Last issue you met four of our newest steering committee members. (Jackie Hyman, Leona Moran, Margo Caldwell, and Shereen Hunt) This issue we introduce you to members who have been apart of the steering committee for many years. In each future newsletter we will give you a glimpse into the backgrounds of the remaining committee members. Also look for background information on sub committees and the role they play in the coalition. Learn about your steering committee and its sub committees and how you can become more involved in the WSCWSAI and make your voice heard in the realm of women's services.

Beth Dannhardt (Treasurer) is a licensed registered Occupational Therapist. She has worked as such in Psych, Developmental Disabilities, Geriatrics, General Medicine and Surgery, Rehabilitation and as a Consultant. She got into the Addictions field by volunteering at a drop in center for street kids in Spokane in the early 70's. After that, she ran the residential programs for Youth Help Association until they got out of residential services. She and Hal Lotzenhiser then incorporated a residential program which is today New Horizon—one of its programs is Isabella House. She came to Triumph in 1989. Riel House became a program in 1990. Since then Triumph has developed outreach which today has become P-CAP. Additionally Triumph now has transitional housing for PPW and their children, phase two transitional housing and 49 units of permanent housing. Triumph has a program in the step down Restitution Center of the jail, United Way supported family programs and an outreach/education program for county schools and youth programs. She is presently working with Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health to develop a Co-occurring disorders residential program for men using integrated funding.

Beth has been a member of the Washington State Coalition on Women's Substance Abuse issues from almost the beginning. She has served on the Steering Committee for most of those years. Beth has held many positions within the committee including co-chair. Currently Beth is the Treasurer and the chair of the Legislative committee and the Sunshine committee.

Beth likes animals (has a menagerie) and plants. And her joy is her grandchildren, her children and her husband. She also enjoys sailing and is looking forward, eventually, to retiring on their boat.

Ann Forbes (Membership Chair) is a graduate of Central Washington College of Education and a former teacher at Issaquah

Junior High School. She began her career in chemical dependency at Seattle University where she earned a certificate in Alcohol Studies in 1976. Her internship took her to Cedar Hills Alcohol Treatment Facility followed by work with a crisis phone line called Dial-a-Bottle. When that program closed she worked at the University of Washington Fetal Alcohol Program where she implemented a Health Information Line for pregnant women. In her spare time she worked as a Camp Fire Organizer and was a volunteer for the Special Olympics.

Her interest in crisis phone work led her to develop the state wide Alcohol 24 Hour Helpline in the summer of 1979. The program began with a handful of volunteers from the Dial-a-Bottle program. The phones have never stopped ringing and since then the Agency has trained over 700 volunteers and answered more than half a million calls. In 1989 a special Teen Line was added and in 1995 the agency branched out with its Domestic Violence Outreach Program in King County.

The Washington State Alcohol/Drug Clearinghouse was added in 1998 and this component of the program has mailed prevention information to community organizations, schools and private citizens throughout the state. The Clearinghouse is also represented at many conferences, seminars, health fairs and other community gatherings.

In addition to her stewardship of this busy agency she has served her colleagues as an active member of the Washington State Council on Alcoholism and secretary to the Association of Alcohol Programs. She has participated on the statewide Epidemiology Work Group, the United Way Panel for Chemical Dependency and the Women's Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues.

Ann's dedication to furthering the education of chemical dependency counselors brought her to the Alcohol Studies Advisory Board of Shoreline Community College where she served for several years. She has been adjunct faculty at Seattle University and is currently on the Advisory Board for Addiction Studies at Bellevue Community College.

The agency received special recognition for service to the community when it was given the Alvirita Little Award in 1993. Ann's colleagues recognized her dedication and commitment by naming her Professional of the Year of the Alcoholism Professional Staff Society in 1985 and in 1997 the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse honored her for her leadership and sustaining contribution to the chemical dependency field.

Riel House

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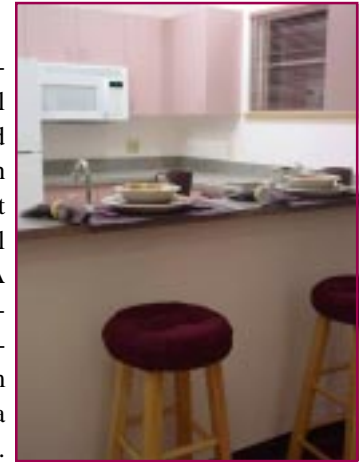


Beth Dannhardt (Triumph) and Ed Ferguson (EPIC) officially open the New Building!

agencies have followed suit with other fine PPW programs. And we are grateful.

One of the issues we discovered after having the program and graduating women with their children, was they needed a place to live that was safe and clean and sober. So we developed our transitional living program—Parkway Place. This made a big difference in the graduates' ability to continue their progress toward their goals and reduced relapses.

A very exciting development for Riel House has occurred this year—but was in the development stage for several years. WE HAVE A NEW BUILD-



New serving kitchen—Meals will be catered from an onsite campus kitchen run by Triumph.

ING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We have become partners with EPIC (Enterprise for Progress in the Community) in their new EPIC Place Campus. And with their help, a grant and long-term loan from Washington State DCTED (housing) and a loan to Triumph from a local bank, we now have a building designed specifically for the Riel House program. We are still pinching ourselves. And we are combining our childcare with EPIC in a brand new licensed childcare on the campus across the therapeutic play yard from Riel House. Our cup runneth over.

We look forward to many, many more years of service to the wonderful families we see in our program. We are grateful for the challenges and the joy and the growing (for all of us.) Please come and visit us.

Riel House was named after Leonard Riel who passed away too early. The building was an asset for the non-profit he and his wife originated. Upon his death it was given to another non-profit (Triumph). His family remains supportive of the Riel House program



The buildings lounge area was furnished by donation from a local area services group and is therefore called the Zonta Lounge after the very generous group.



Each new bedroom contains space for Mom and child as well as sink and a diaper changing area.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join Us!

Membership in the Coalition will add your voice to those of many others in this state who are advocating on behalf of women whose lives are affected by chemical dependency.

Coalition membership can open new networking and educational opportunities with others concerned about chemical dependency treatment for women.

The Coalition sponsors an annual conference and regional meetings to share local state and national information.

Our monthly Steering Committee meetings are open to all members and are held on the first Friday of the month. They are held at Residence XII, 12029 113th Avenue NE, Kirkland.

Please fill out and return the membership form along with your membership fee... *Please join us today!*

Individual Name _____

or

Agency Name _____

Agency Representative(s) _____

Address (including City and Zip) _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I/we support the philosophy and mission of the Coalition and wish to become regular members.

Type of Membership:

Agency (\$100⁰⁰/yr.)

Save on two registrations to the 2002 conference with a paid 2002 agency membership & receive a link to your agency on the webpage-Link address _____

Individual (\$20⁰⁰/yr.)

Save on your registration to the 2002 conference with a paid 2002 individual membership

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Be a Part of a Positive Statewide Support System

Strength Comes in Numbers!

Family Treatment Court Cont.

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What can happen at a hearing if a parent is in compliance?

Relaxation of restrictions on visits:

- More time to visit.
- More frequent visits.
- Removal of supervision.

Reduction in frequency of court hearings.

Reduction in frequency of urinalysis and meetings.

Return home of children.

Dismissal of dependency.

What can happen at a hearing if a parent is NOT in compliance?

Repeating a phase of treatment.

More intensive treatment requirement.

More frequent urinalysis or meetings.

Restrictions on visitation:

- Shorter visits.
- Supervision of visits.

Electronic home monitoring or community service.

Incarceration.

Termination from Family Treatment Court.

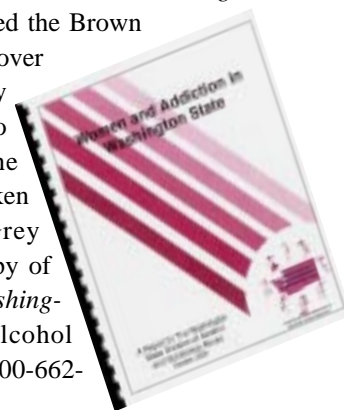
Early filing of a petition to Terminate Parental Rights (in some cases).

For more information about this program you may contact Sandy Hart at DCFS 360-725-6651.

By Judge Paula Casey, Thurston County Juvenile Court and Sandy Hart, Child Welfare Service Social Work Supervisor

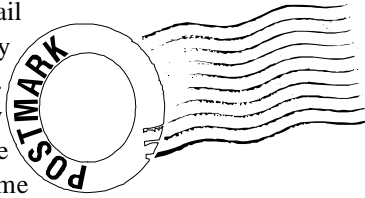
Women and Addiction in Washington State

The Washington State Coalition on Women's Substance Abuse Issues published *Women and Addiction in Washington State* (affectionately called the Brown Book due to its cover color) over nine years ago. It has recently been updated and can no longer be referred to as the brown book but has now taken on the nickname of the Grey Book. You can receive a copy of *Women and Addiction in Washington State* by calling the Alcohol Drug Clearing House at 1-800-662-9111.



Newsletter Delivery

As stated in the October 2001 and the March 2002 Newsletters, the Coalition is looking to provide you the most beneficial services that we can within our budget. We believe that our newsletters are a vital part of the information service that we provide on issues relating to women's treatment. We have made a commitment to provide up to four newsletters a year from this time forward. The cost of providing this service is great. Therefore we are exploring other avenues to bring you this information in a more cost effective way. You were notified about this newsletter with either a postcard that led you to this site or by e-mail alert if you have already registered for this service. We had previously planned to send out these postcard for one last time with the next newsletter. However due to the DASA cutbacks (DASA was supporting the newsletters) this will be the last notification via postcard. Please send us your e-mail address so that we can begin to notify you by e-mail rather than through the post office. You can either mail the card back or you can e-mail your name, address, and e-mail address to Agostovich@triumphtx.org to add your self to the e-mail mailing list. Additionally please take the time to visit the e-mail survey on the website and return it to us so that we may better survey you our members.



Legislative Issues

It is very important that you stay active in the legislative process. It is up to you to ensure that your legislators are aware of your budget needs and concerns as it affects women's services. Follow the link at the end of this story to a sample letter you could use to send or e-mail your legislators and the Governor. Feel free to change it in order to make it personal to your area legislators. Also included is material on TANF cuts and resulting DASA cuts, finalized budgets and much more. Look for further updates on the web page as the year progresses. Please address specific women's treatment issues to Sue Green, Women's services at DASA.

Click Here and navigate to the Legislative section for the sample letter and current legislative information. Check back often for new material as it becomes available.



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Washington State Coalition on Women's Substance Abuse Issues is to advocate for women whose lives are affected by chemical dependency.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Addiction is a primary, progressive, and, if left untreated, fatal disease. The origins of addiction in women and their treatment needs are unique. These needs arise in large part from women's cultural and class experiences, and from their diversity of age, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

Research, prevention, treatment, funding, and state policies must begin to honor and reflect the effects of these unique experiences.

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

Our monthly Steering Committee meetings are open to all members and are held on the first Friday of the month. Below is a schedule for this years remaining meetings and their locations. If you are interested in joining us for a Steering Committee meeting simply email Amy Gostovich so that we can give you directions and reserve your lunch. (Lunch is Five dollars).



**MARK
THIS
DATE**

July 26-Merit Resource Services

August-No Meeting

September 6-Residence XII

October 4-Annual Meeting at Conference (Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth)-No need to RSVP

November 1-Residence XII

December 6-Residence XII

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Consortium*

WHO WE ARE

The Coalition is a feminist, non-profit association of individuals and organizations concerned about women's chemical dependency issues. Members include local and state government agencies who work with disabled people, health care providers, domestic violence providers, chemical dependency treatment providers, therapists, researchers, attorneys, and others concerned with public policy issues affecting chemical dependency treatment for women.

WHAT WE DO

The purpose of the Coalition is to advocate for improved, expanded, more accessible and relevant chemical dependency treatment services for women. To achieve its mission, the Coalition:

- ☉ Educates legislators and other policy-makers about the needs of chemically dependent women.
- ☉ Monitors legislation and proposes policy changes to improve treatment services for women.
- ☉ Provides education and training through conferences.
- ☉ Provides networking opportunities for professionals working in the chemical dependency field and other fields affected by the issues of substance abuse.



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