

Domestic violence program gets funds

■ **GRANT:** Womenspace will use part of the grant to extend the education program at Sacred Heart

By Doug Irving
Community Reporter

It can happen to your neighbors. It can happen to your parents.

It can happen to your friends, and it can happen to you.

Womenspace gets about 7,000 calls each year from victims of domestic violence.

A recent grant will allow Womenspace to better educate the community about this problem and launch a domestic violence program at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

"The need is really great," said Sandy Ragusa, the supervisor of the social work department at Sacred Heart.

"It's a really serious social problem. I don't think there's much information or understanding," she said.

The Centers for Disease Control awarded Womenspace and seven other sub-agencies \$770,000 to expand their services, Ragusa said. Boston and Spokane received similar grants.

More than 80 communities throughout the country applied for the grants, Ragusa said.

"We already had a really strong collaborative effort," Ragusa said. "There's already been good communication."

Womenspace plans to open a

40-hour/week advocacy office for women who need help but not shelter, said Carla Orcutt, grant manager for Womenspace.

It will also expand its education program into the elementary schools.

"The office would help a person coming in to get the type of services a person would need," Orcutt said.

Sacred Heart will train its physicians and nurses in how to assess women for domestic violence, she said.

Sacred Heart already has a policy to ask every female patient over 15 years old if they feel safe at home, Ragusa said.

Too often, however, doctors feel uncomfortable and ignore that question, she said.

The grant will also help educate every physician in the Peace Health system of health care, Ragusa said.

"I want them all to know about domestic violence," she said.

However, a major part of the new programs will focus on community education, Orcutt said. This includes expanding educational and counseling programs, she said.

Too many people think domestic violence does not affect them, she explained.

"That is one attitude we will be trying to change," she said. "We are hoping to make the community have a better understanding it is you and I who will change it."

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