



Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc.

Board Members of Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP)

- Learn about the issues facing families that are working to end domestic violence
- Invest in efforts to make our communities safer and healthier
- Participate in the economic growth and development in Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood & Yellow Medicine Counties
- Get to know other committed people who care about safety for all people
- Work hard and have fun



A strong committed Board of Directors is essential for maintaining a quality respected organization that serves the people of the community.

The WRAP Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m.. Board positions are volunteer positions; members receive no monetary compensation. Board members are expected to participate on at least one committee in addition to the full board. The committees meet as arranged by participants and according to the tasks to be completed.

Board member applications are received at any time by the Executive Director or a Board Member. Applications are then reviewed by the full Board, which may include an interview, followed by approval of the entire Board for consideration at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. After the Board approves an application, the new member receives orientation from the Executive Director and is invited to attend the next Board meeting.

Mission Statement

The mission of Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) is to provide safety; advocacy and assistance for those victimized by domestic violence in Southwest Minnesota; as well as community awareness through prevention and education. WRAP promotes social change through equality, honesty and an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect.

History

Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) is comprised of four Community Advocacy Programs (CAP). Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) – Lyon County, located in Marshall, and Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) – Yellow Medicine County, located in Granite Falls, opened in 1994. Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) – Redwood County, located in Redwood Falls, and Women's Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) – Lincoln County, located in Ivanhoe, were both established in 1997. Services are now provided for Lincoln County out of the

Marshall office. The (CAP) programs provide the following services: crisis intervention for victims of domestic abuse, 24-hour crisis phone access to an advocate, short-term emergency safe-housing and transportation to safety and appointments as needed, accompaniment to appointments, legal advocacy and assistance in pursuing civil and criminal court remedies to battering, emotional support through individual discussions, supportive listening, educational support groups, education, and training for community members and agency professionals.

The Criminal Justice Intervention (CJI) program began in 1995 and was located in Marshall. However, due to funding cuts, the program was eliminated July 1, 2004.

In 2004, OJP was forced to cut funding to crime victim programs, with decisions made through a judicial district meeting process. As result of this process, WRAP received an 18% funding cut, however, in the subsequent fiscal year, that funding was restored. The Fiscal Year 2013 funding cut forced WRAP to reduce program coordinator hours and lay off an administrative support staff, requiring the 3 program coordinators to assume more administrative tasks. The offices in Yellow Medicine and Redwood counties were closed in December 2012, and the two advocates in those locations began to provide services “mobily,” meaning they worked from home and travelled to meet clients at agreed-upon locations. In the Lincoln/Lyon County office, the office hours were reduced by one full day, operating Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WRAP received a 60% increase in funding starting October 1, 2015 (for FY 2016), as well as a technology grant. At this time, WRAP increased its hours back to full-time and was funded to hire a .4 FTE staff person (advocate/support staff).

On October 1, 2016, WRAP received expansion funding from OJP, which has enabled it to re-establish two additional physical offices in its service area and increase the advocate/support staff position to full time. The Granite Falls office re-opened in November 2016, and the Redwood Falls office re-opened at the end of February 2017. The FY 2017 increase in WRAP’s budget represented a 95% increase since FY 2015.

On October 1st, 2017, WRAP’s Board of Directors made the decision to implement a change to the management structure of WoMen’s Rural Advocacy Programs, Inc. (WRAP) This change meant that the Collective Structure was dissolved and an Executive Director was appointed to run the day to day operations. WRAP was the last domestic abuse program in the State of Minnesota to give up its collective structure and move to the hierarchy management style.

PURPOSES

- 🌱 Securing and organizing existing talents and energies of persons within the county service areas who are concerned for individuals affected by domestic violence.
- 🌱 Acting in conjunction with feminist philosophy and mission statements, as advocates for consciousness raising and promotion for social change, modeling the operation of a feminist organization.
- 🌱 Submitting grant proposals to various public and private financial sources in an effort to continue on-going programs for victims of domestic violence. Other funding is obtained through donations, gifts, and fundraising events that is used to assist the goals of the organization by establishing and maintaining support services for individuals, developing and maintaining close working relationships with health, social service, law enforcement, legal systems providers, and other agencies.

WEBSITE- www.letswrap.com

OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION-

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24-Hour Crisis Line: 507.532.2350 or 800.639.2350

Granite Falls Office: Minnesota West Community & Technical College Campus, 1593 11th Ave., Room 260, Granite Falls, MN 56241 * Business/Crisis: 320.564.2422

Redwood Falls Office: 615 S. Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283 * Business/Crisis: 507.637.3040