



## WE DOVE Program Collaborates With Several Area Agencies

The White Earth Reservation DOVE Program in collaboration with the Becker County Sheriff Department, Becker County Attorney Office, Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, White Earth Tribal Law Enforcement, White Earth Indian Health Services, White Earth Mental Health Services, Mahnomen County Sheriff Office, Mahnomen Health Center, Clearwater County Sheriff Department, Clearwater County Attorney Office, Clearwater County Memorial Hospital & Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota, Anishinabe Legal Services, and St. Mary's Innovis Hospital is proud to announce that there is a team in place to assist victims' of sexual assault.

The Anishinabe Sexual Assault Resource Team (ASART) was started in January 2006. The ASART purpose statement is "To provide victims of sexual violence with a coordinated community response that is consistent, respectful, and culturally sensitive: and to promote healing, education, accountability and justice." Since the beginning, it has been a lot of hard work on each agencies behalf to put together protocols (procedures) for effectively responding for victims of sexual assault.

ASART is now in the process of training each agency on their protocol. By having the same standard for each agency involved, we will be better able to respond to the needs of the victim. The ASART team is also planning to expand its current members to also include the Minnesota Department of Corrections, and also the County Probation Departments.

If you have any questions regarding the Sexual Assault Resource Team, please feel free to call Julie at (218) 935-5554 Ext 3287.

If you are a victim or know a victim of sexual assault, please feel free to call our office at (218) 935-5554 or our 24-hour crisis line at 1-877-830-DOVE (3683) for free and confidential assistance.