

## Victim Service Annual Collaborative Conference

On May 4, 2011 the DOVE Program, White Earth Police Department, Anishinabe Legal Services, Lakes Crisis and Resource Center, as well as White Earth Tribal Court hosted another Annual Victim Service Collaborative Conference in Mahanomen MN at the Shooting Star Casino and Event Center titled "Working together toward a violence free community." The conference addresses the issues of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Violence as it affects us, our family members and the communities we live in. The collaborative partners help make the conference a huge success with their support and generous contributions. The conference was a great success with over 200 participants. Participants included Advocates, Attorney's Judges, Law Enforcement Officers, Social Workers, Nurses, Health Representatives, Probation officers and many more professionals.

Keynote speakers were David McCollum MD who presented on "The Unseen Health Impact of Child Sexual Abuse- Now and Later." The afternoon Keynote speaker was Jermaine Davis who presented on "Stress Less: Beating Burnout Before it Brutally Beats You." The conference consisted of ten break-out sessions that occurred in between the two keynote sessions. Breakout session speakers included: Patty Wetterling, who presented on "Imagine a world without sexual violence....", Richard Moldenhauer who presented on Prescription Drug Abuse in Minnesota, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman who presented to Law Enforcement Officers on physiological and psychological preparation for combat, Joe Plummer and Darlene Rivera who presented on Prosecution Rates of Sexual Assaults and Domestic Violence Cases, Christina Kollman who presented on Traumatic Brain Injury, Glennis Dudley who presented on ways to identify elder abuse, Guadalupe Lopez and Nicole Mathews who presented on Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota, Jeremy Nevilles-Sorell who presented on tactics and profiles of batterers, and Shirley Iverson who presented on "Voices of Rape." The conference had many great speakers that provided professionals and individuals with valuable information that pertains to their work and everyday life. Conference credits were given for CLE, POST and MN Board of Social Work attendees. The conference had many great door prizes to give away; we greatly thank those who gave us donations to help make the conference special.

We hope you will look forward to next year's annual conference which will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Victim Service Collaborative Conference; we hope it will be as good, if not better, Next Year!!

Pictured Below is: Keynote Speaker, David McCollom, DOVE Staff, Patty Wetterling, and Pictured Below is: Keynote Speaker Jermaine Davis

