

# ADVOCATE

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**Point of View by Anonymous:**

Two and a half years ago I heard a frantic, horrified mother tell me her son was found in a Franklin County Jail cell hanging from a bed sheet with no pulse.

As if held underwater with the events of my entire life on hyper fast forward, gasping for breath I found myself asking..."how did we end up here? How is this possible"?

Although we were going through a divorce, this person was my husband of 14 years. This person was the father of my two children. This person was a respectable member in our community. This person was a city firefighter. This person had many friends. This person made the choice to take a drug called Spice which altered his mental state to the point he became another person. Thrust into a psychosis that lasted 2 weeks; until his death.

It was this psychosis that led him to do the unthinkable, the unimaginable, the unforgivable; he groomed and molested our daughter. She was only 9 years old.

Some of the emotions I felt were: indescribable pain, gut-wrenching heart-ache, uncontrollable anger and guilt for not knowing. How could I have not known? What signs were there for me to know? I think the biggest misconception people have is that sexual abuse happens from "someone we don't know" or the "stranger in the bushes". We teach our children, "stranger = danger" which is good, however, 95% of sexual assault victims know their offender.

I believe more education needs to be taught to our children on the signs of a sexual predator. People, like myself before this ever happened don't want to hear the word "sexual" or "molestation" and it is a difficult topic to discuss with (in my case) a 9 year old. But I wish more had been talked about. I wish I would have known the signs. I believe parents, educators, and all community members

need to be educated on the risk factors so we can prevent the likelihood of child abuse and lessen the chances of victimization. I never thought this would happen in my life and you may think the same thing. I caution anyone to not take this lightly. Prevention is education. It is essential to provide our community on how to recognize and report child abuse. I was completely caught off guard. Don't be that person that thinks they can ignore it or think, "It won't happen to my child". It can happen. It happened to my child. It has forever changed my life. It also shook and changed the lives of my children, family, friends, and community.

The aftermath of this tragedy has dealt me many additional unfortunate circumstances. Some caused by my own foolish choices, some caused by forces outside my control. I have grown and learned more about myself, life and the world around me more from this traumatic experience than I have my entire life.

Of all I have learned from these horrific tragedies, one thing sticks out more clearly than anything. It's this false perception that the choices we make each day don't matter or don't add up to where we are today.

CHOICES - we are forced to make them every day. Some small, some great. There are some that could change the course of our existence yet we spend little or no time at all pondering these. Take a look at your life...your present situation. The people, the home, the job, your attitude about life, yourself, and others...it all is a product of multiple choices you've made. It didn't "just happen". Of course there are circumstances outside our control but we get to choose how we allow it to operate in our lives. I am today because of what I chose to make of my situation. And this is a daily choice! I fail at times...I'm human.

But I realize now as I would never have before that each daily thought, action, or choice I make will produce a result; it may not be today but maybe 5 years from now. Am I choosing the right kind of friends? The right kind of thoughts? Am I having negative self talk? Am I drinking too much? All this I can choose!

The tragedies in my life I couldn't control but I take pride and ownership of what I can control. My reaction to the devastation. My attitude towards others. What I can turn positive in the face of agonizing suffering. Its personal responsibility. I have no one to blame but myself for what I have. It's empowering. Life isn't easy. People will hurt you. Circumstances will happen. Pain will show up at your door. But it's what you CHOOSE to do, to be, to act, to live, to love, to give, to make a difference in this world that counts. The uncontrollable events in our past isn't what counts...it's what we choose to make of it that does! The events in our lives definitely make us who we are...who we CHOOSE to be because of it! You can choose to let it break you or let it build you into a better, kinder, less judgmental and more loving and forgiving human being.

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# SARC's Prevention Program

Education about sexual assault is shifting away from the conversations about “good touch and bad touch” and “stranger danger” which research has proven to be less effective. Building protective assets in youth is the best way to prevent assault from taking place.

Educating children more than one time about any topic is essential in their ability to retain that information. Another

important aspect of building sexual assault prevention into the lives of our youth is educating parents. The goal is to provide primary prevention. The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) Prevention Program believes the best way to provide primary prevention is through a combined effort between educating youth from pre-school to high school AND educating parents about their role in reducing the risk. Including coaching parents about intentionally having regular conversations with their children about sexual abuse prevention.

SARC has an amazing Prevention Program that has been educating children in our community for many years. In the last three years the Prevention Program has undergone some significant changes. First, SARC updated all of the programs to become multi-session primary prevention programs. This shift is important because we want to be able to reach kids personally and have the children get to know our Prevention Specialists. Each

program has three sessions designed to build upon each other. Primary prevention is important to highlight because our goal is to build skills and attributes that we believe will limit their risk factors for victimization and teach children to not offend against



others. The core competencies are selected from the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. The Search Institute described the study as; “Data collected from Search Institute surveys of more than 4 million children and youth from all backgrounds and situations has consistently demonstrated that the more Developmental Assets young people acquire, the better their chances of succeeding in school and becoming happy, healthy, and contributing members of their communities and society.” The 6 competencies that SARC selected for the prevention programs are: Empathy, Respect for Self and Others, Boundaries, Assertiveness, Reducing Gender Stereotyping, and Social Responsibility. Since the initial revamp, we continue to carefully revise and update the presentations to ensure that we offer the most current, relevant, and up-to-date prevention programs available. This past summer, we decided to introduce some new themes within our already established Prevention

Programs. The content changes are a reflection of the issues that our youth and the community are facing. In our Technology Safety Program we have added age appropriate information about addictions to the internet and exposure/addiction to pornography. In these programs we encourage kids to reach out to an adult if they are experiencing poor habits or addictions to the internet or see things online that they don't understand. We believe by educating youth about such a secretive issue that it

might encourage kids to reach out for help and hopefully know that they are not alone.

The Creating Healthy Relationships Program now contains information about Child Sexual Exploitation/Human Trafficking. We have also included the video Chosen from Shared Hope International to give students information about this issue and relatable case examples from kids their own age. As our community continues to focus on the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation, we at SARC also need to ensure that current and relatable information is available to the youth we are educating. In addition to information about the issue, we have also included signs that a friend might be experiencing sexual exploitation and information about how to help.



# Prevention Program Descriptions

All of SARC's prevention programs are available to community members in Benton and Franklin Counties and offered free of charge. All program scripts are available for review and if you have any questions or need more information please call (509) 374-5391.

## Pre-School & Elementary Programs

### Body & Boundary Safety:

Pre-School aged children learn essential skills about feelings and personal space. They learn about boundaries and appropriate touching from our mascot Happy Bear and the Yell and Tell rule from the Sunshine Puppet Theatre.

Day 1: How to Get Along with Each Other

Day 2: Happy Bear

Day 3: Puppet Show

Length :30 minute sessions

Day 2: Respecting Boundaries in Self and Others

Day 3: Sunshine Puppet Theater- Teaching the Skills of the Yell and Tell Safety Rule

Length: 30 minute sessions

### Personal Body Safety:

3rd-5th grade children are actively involved in the discussion of safety rules, assertiveness role plays, empowerment exercises and identification of adults they can seek

help from.

Day 1: Respect: Treating Others the Way You Want to be Treated

Day 2: Learning Assertive Steps

Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video, "The Courage to Tell:

Now I Can Tell My Secret."

*5th Grade Only:* Some accommodations are made to the program to expand information regarding bullying for 5th graders.

Day 1: Learning Assertive Steps

Day 2: Recognizing Bullying Behavior and the Three R's of Bullying

Day 3: Personal Body Safety with a video, "The Courage to Tell: Now I Can Tell My Secret."

Length: 45-60 minute sessions

### Elementary Technology Safety:

Children are taught how to use technology safely and covers topics

that include social media, personal information and online privacy, negative online habits, safe searching online and cyberbullying. We introduce information about looking at inappropriate pictures and/or websites. In addition, we expand into conversations about developing secretive habits that could become dangerous.

### 3rd and 4th Grade Technology Safety Program:

Day 1: Introduction to Internet Safety Using the NetSmartz Curriculum

Day 2: Understanding Personal Information and Ways to Remain Private Online

Day 3: How to Recognize and Avoid Being Cyberbullied

### 5th Grade Technology Safety: The

5th grade program has expanded information regarding technology use. We have also included the definition of addiction and encouraging kids to talk to an adult if they see something online that is inappropriate.

Day 1: Understanding privacy settings and creating healthy and safe online actions

Day 2: Avoiding online predators

Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying

Length 45-60 minute sessions



### Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds:

Kindergarten-2nd grade children learn about their feelings, how to calm down strong feelings, boundaries and how to respect others boundaries, and the Yell and Tell rule from the Sunshine Puppet Theatre. We have made an accommodation to Day 1 of the program to make it more relevant to 2nd graders.

Day 1: Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Recognizing Feelings and Steps to Calm Down Strong Feelings

2nd Grade Only: How to Solve Problems

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# Middle School, High School & Adult Programs

## **Harassment & Bullying Prevention:**

This program is provided to children in middle school with activities and discussions being adjusted to be age appropriate. Gender roles, attitudes and beliefs that lay a dynamic part in harassment, sexual harassment and bullying are examined. Children learn what harassment and bullying are, how to provide bystander intervention, and how to get help if being harassed or bullied.

Day 1: Recognizing Harassment

Day 2: Sexual Harassment

Day 3: Being a Good Bystander to Harassment

Length: 45-60 minute sessions

## **Middle School Technology Safety:**

This technology safety program is designed for children in middle school. Children are taught how to use technology safely and covers topics that include social media, personal information and online privacy, cyberbullying, sexting, online pornography, and information about addictions to the internet and pornographic sites.

Length 45-60 minute sessions

### *6th Grade Only*

Day 1: Understanding privacy settings and creating healthy and safe online actions

Day 2: Avoiding online predators

Day 3: Recognizing and avoiding cyberbullying and sexting behaviors

### *7th & 8th Grade:*

Day 1: Understanding Privacy and Healthy Actions Online

Day 2: Avoiding Cyberbullying and Online Predators

Day 3: Avoiding Sexting Behavior

## **Sexual Harassment Intervention**

**Program (SHIP):** Students who exhibit sexual harassing behavior at school may be referred to the SHIP program by a school principal or counselor. This program meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 at the SARC office. Students are presented with the Harassment and Bullying Prevention program, videos on sexual harassment, as well as discussion regarding their behavior and why it is considered sexual harassment. To complete the program the student must complete a 500 word essay. The SHIP program is available for all middle and high school students.

## **Creating Healthy Relationships:**

This program is designed for teens and young adults and educates this age group about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The audience will learn about signs of unhealthy



relationships, boundaries, how to help friends who experience unhealthy relationships, and date and acquaintance rape. Our program promotes respect, boundaries, helping others, getting in touch with your feelings, breaking gender stereotypes and social responsibility. *New this year in the CHR Program is additional information about Child Sexual Exploitation/Human Trafficking. The program will give students information*

*about how trafficking happens and signs to look for in their friends. In addition to the information, the students will view the movie "Chosen" by Shared Hope International. This video gives real life, relatable examples of teen trafficking victims.*

Day 1: Healthy Relationships and Child Sexual Exploitation

Day 2: Date and Acquaintance Rape Prevention

Day 3: In Their Shoes Activity and Discussion

Length: 45-60 minute sessions

## **Adult Programs:**

**Parent Education:** Parents are provided child sexual abuse information, a preview of the program in which their child will participate, and learn ways to reinforce concepts at home. Parent education is a vital component in the prevention of child sexual abuse.  
Length: 60 Minutes

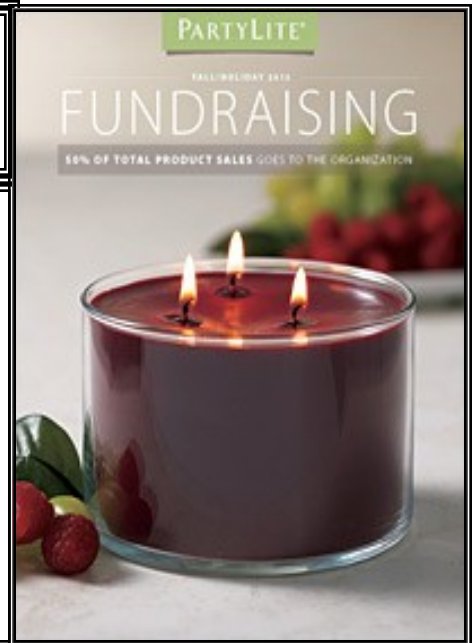
**General Sexual Assault:** This presentation provides statistics and informs audiences about child sexual abuse, sex offenders, adult survivors, rape, social myths, laws and prevention. This program is offered to service clubs, businesses, churches, and to anyone interested in learning more about sexual violence.  
Length: 60 minutes

**SARC Services:** This presentation gives the audience detailed information about SARC, our programs, services, statistics, and our role in the community. This presentation can be catered to fit the needs of the individual audience.  
Length: 45-60 minutes

## **SARC PartyLite Fundraiser!! Shop for Fall and Holidays and Help Too!**

PartyLite Gifts Inc. Fundraiser for SARC! You can get started on your holiday shopping list, shop for fall décor and holiday items, or simply buy something fun for yourself! You will receive a huge discount of 40% off. 10% of sales proceeds goes back to SARC!

Simply go to [www.partylite.biz/barbieyoung](http://www.partylite.biz/barbieyoung). At checkout, you will enter code: 1977. If you have any questions, please contact our office! Happy shopping!



## **Make a YouTube Video for SARC & WIN CASH!!!**

**You could win up to \$650!!!**

Here are the categories that you can pick from:

- ◇ What makes SARC awesome? (agency culture & working environment)
- ◇ The Wonders of SARC (services & what we do)
- ◇ Join the SARC Team (recruitment for volunteers, board members & employees)

Here are some RULES: One (1) video per category will be selected as the "winner"; the winner from each category will receive \$200 in cash; winners will be announced at Strides of Strength on April 20th, 2014; winners that are present at the Strides of Strength event will win an additional \$50!! Come into SARC, meet our staff, ask questions, learn about what we do, and shoot some video. We're willing to help out in anyway we can.

The video must contain agency & contact information. Videos can be submitted to: [jgarretson@frontier.com](mailto:jgarretson@frontier.com). The first 20 submissions will receive 2 Regal Cinemas movie tickets, providing the videos are appropriate.

# SARC Program Reports



## Sexual Assault Crisis Program

Client Highlight: A few years ago we worked with a family who was going through an investigation regarding the father sexually abusing the children. Throughout the legal process we were connected and the case resulted in a conviction and ultimately a prison sentence for the father. Recently we were reconnected with the mother of the family because the father was released from prison. The father filed for visitation with the children and their mother was naturally very concerned. Rosanna

Herrera, SARC Advocate, provided support and scheduled her for counseling. Rosanna was able to get her connected to an attorney through the Northwest Justice Project to provide legal assistance through the family court process. The mother has been very appreciative of the services she has received over the years. We don't yet know the result of the custody matter but with the legal support and the emotional support in place, hopefully this will be helpful to the mother in working through this difficult time.



## Kid's Haven Program

The total number of interviews that were conducted through the Kid's Haven Program last year was 307, a 9% decrease from previous year. There was a 26% increase in second interviews that were conducted and we are now capturing the amount of offsite interviews. Kid's Haven saw a large decrease in the amount of interviews being done for physical abuse victims, 60%. The witnesses that were interviewed more than doubled this past year and there was a 10% in children 0-5 being interviewed.

The second interviews have been a great regular reminder to engage our community partners in case reviews. One of our goals is to increase the amount of case reviews to meet Children Advocacy Center's accreditation standards and more importantly to ensure the safety of the children being interviewed. We continue to engage our community partners in having case reviews on a regular basis.

## Crime Victim Service Center (CVSC)

Client Highlight: During the third quarter, one of the volunteers, Barb Wolski, received a call after hours regarding a murder in Connell. Barb turned around and called JoDee Garretson, SARC's Executive Director, right away. JoDee and Barb drove to Connell to provide support to the witnesses. After they spent time on the scene of the murder, law enforcement asked that the two young girls drive to Kennewick with JoDee and Barb and their mother drive with another person (they needed to stay separate until the girls were interviewed). On the way back to Kennewick, Mari Murstig, the child interviewer, was called in to facilitate the forensic interviews for the girls. Since the night of the murder, Norma Chavez,

CVSC Advocate, has been working closely with the family and assisting them with a variety needs. Soon after the murder the family relocated to California with family; however, after being there for a few weeks they wanted to come back to Washington. Norma assisted them with getting into the Domestic Violence Shelter. Norma has also been working closely with the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, acting as a liaison for the family. The murder suspect fled the country soon after the murder and has not been caught yet; however, the US Marshals have narrowed down their search and hopefully will have him in custody soon.



For more information regarding these reports please contact Renee Blackman, [rblackman@myfrontiermail.com](mailto:rblackman@myfrontiermail.com)

## Sexual Assault Statistics

Types of Assaults	Year End 2012-2013
Adult Survivor	37
Date Rape	16
Acquaintance Rape	72
Stranger Rape	10
Marital Rape	9
Family Molestation	86
Acquaintance Molestation	51
Stranger Molestation	0
Sexual Harassment	3
Family Rape	41
Other	47
Total	372
New Clients	364

## General Crimes Statistics

Types of Assaults	Year End 2012-2013
Child Abuse	30
DUI	0
Elder Abuse	2
Hate Crimes	1
Harassment	21
Robbery	3
Assault	39
Identity Theft	5
Kidnapping	3
Vehicular Assault	2
Property Crimes	10
Fraud	3
Trafficking	3
Homicide	11
Other	1
Totals	134
Total New Clients	130

**Camp SARC (Strengthening And Revitalizing Children)**



The week of June 17th we were able to offer our 3rd annual summer camp, Camp SARC. CAMP SARC is a unique and innovative program that combines the rite-of-passage experience of summer day camp with group psycho-education and support for young victims of abuse. SARC stands for the Support, Advocacy and Resource Center. During one special week each summer, it stands for Strengthening and Revitalizing Children. Complete with wacky songs, arts and crafts, pizza and parachute games, Camp SARC engages kids in healthy and fun activities in an environment that validates and normalizes their experiences. In addition to fun, we provide group psycho-education, support, teach safety techniques and help kids gain the courage to move toward healing. 22 lucky kids ages 5-12 got to participate in camp this year. All of the children we screen into the camp are either a client of SARC or come in through a referral and then screened in to ensure safety of everyone at the camp. All of the children we are working with have had difficult experiences that might have an impact of behaviors, so it is imperative that we thoroughly screen all campers. The psycho-education that is provided to the campers is divided into four group themes: Healthy Expressions: feelings identification, affect regulation, trigger identification, coping skills, and resource development. Healthy Connections: active listening and social skills, respecting others and body integrity, recognizing unhealthy relationships, teamwork and interpersonal relationships, enhancing healthy relationships. Healthy Confidence: external boundaries, internal boundaries and assertiveness training, body safety, personal safety, self-efficacy. Healthy Me: self-identity and exploration, recognition of others, trust and empathy building, trust and self-empowerment, future self and self-empowerment. In an effort to reinforce all the skills the children learned and developed there were a variety of off-site activities that we took the kids to: Tour the Kennewick Police Department, Bowling, Lunch at the Park, Chuck E Cheese, and a trip to the movie theatre. In each off-site adventure, the kids were able to practice their skills and increase their social interactions. We are already looking forward to next year!

**Education Program**

Some of the new locations that we provided prevention based programs this year are: Desert Hills Middle School, Horse Heaven Hills Middle School, Lakeview Community Center, Nueva Esperanza, McLoughlin Middle School, the Daycare Provider Conference, Catholic Family and Child Services, St. Patrick’s School, Sears Safety Event, Maya Angelo Elementary School, Vergie Robinson Elementary, Boys and Girls Club, and White Bluffs Elementary School.

Our total outreach for last year more than doubled compared to the previous year (769,369 compared to 488,926). This large increase has generated from undercounting the audience that is generated by the Charter Cable Shows that air on a regular basis. In previous years we have counted based on a sporadic schedule that Charter was showing the documentaries that we have created. Now Charter has our shows in a regular rotation that airs one show multiple times per day. The shows will change also to ensure variety in the content. The shows are also added to their on-demand section and uploaded to Youtube. With the update in the way Charter is airing our shows we have had our audience almost triple in size. We continue to create new Charter shows on a bi-annual basis to increase variety. Another change that we have had this year has been to our Newsletter. Due to some budgetary restrictions we decided that the newsletter would be sent out three times this past year, instead of on a quarterly basis. In addition to the reduction of the frequency in which we distribute the newsletter, we also discontinued sending out the national newsletter. This change definitely impacted our total audience and we saw a 49% decrease. Another area to address are the website hits within our outreach statistics because they have been severely impacted due to a change in the website content manager. At the beginning of this fiscal year our website server changed the way they manage content and that changed the way we were able to count the number of our website hits. Hopefully the change is permanent and going into the next year the numbers will begin to even out. We continue to utilize Facebook as a method of communication and outreach which has proved to be very efficient and helpful. Facebook has been very reliable and our amount of “friends” continue to grow every day.

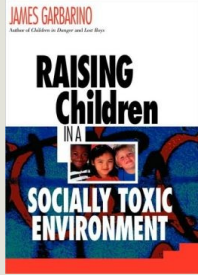
Total Sessions Offered for Each Program

Year End	Boundary & Body Safety	Safe Bodies, Healthy Minds	Personal Body Safety	Technology Safety	Harassment & Bullying Prevention	Creating Healthy Relationships	Parent Education	SARC Services	Other	Total Presentations
2011-2012	38	235	106	85	230	107	9	61	13	901
2012-2013	37	240	78	130	308	81	3	64	15	956

## Resources for Adults

“Raising Children in a Socially Toxic Environment”

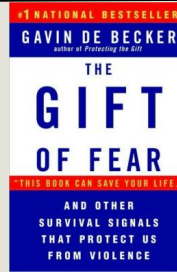
By James Garbarino



For children, the mere act of living in our society is dangerous. Drugs, guns, AIDS, divorce, poverty, and violence are constantly damaging their lives. Their mental as well as physical health and well-being are in jeopardy. Author James Garbarino, whose thirty-year career has focused on the effects of violence and abuse on child development, draws attention to these dangers and explains how to strengthen children, families, and communities so that they can resist these toxic influences. Garbarino suggests specific actions that individuals, families, schools, and communities can take to help our most vulnerable kids.

“The Gift of Fear: and Other Survival Signals that Protect us from Violence”

By Gavin De Becker

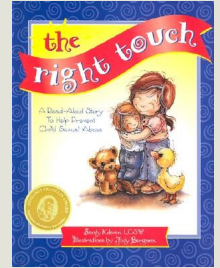


A date won't take "no" for an answer. The new nanny gives a mother an uneasy feeling. A stranger in a deserted parking lot offers unsolicited help. The threat of violence surrounds us every day. But we can protect ourselves, by learning to trust—and act on—our gut instincts. In this empowering book, Gavin de Becker shows you how to spot even subtle signs of danger—before it's too late. Shattering the myth that most violent acts are unpredictable, de Becker, tells specific ways to protect yourself and those you love, including...how to act when approached by a stranger...when you should fear someone close to you...what to do if you are being stalked...how to uncover the source of anonymous threats or phone calls...the biggest mistake you can make with a threatening person...and more.

## Resource for Children

“The Right Touch”

By Jody Bergsma



*The Right Touch* reaches beyond the usual scope of a children's picture book. It is a parenting book that introduces a very difficult topic--the sexual abuse of young children. This gentle, thoughtful story can be read aloud to a child by any trusted caregiver. In the story, young Jimmy's mom explains the difference between touches that are positive and touches that are secret, deceptive or forced. She tells him how to resist inappropriate touching, affirming that abuse is not the child's fault. The introduction provides valuable information about sexual abuse and guidance on what to do if your child experiences an abusive situation. Jody Bergsma's gentle illustrations soften the impact of this story; yet this portrayal of a dangerous situation is very realistic.

# Mid-Columbia Sex Offender Information

## This Notice is For Information Only



### Level III Sex Offender

**NAME:** Walter Anthony Modest  
**ADDRESS:** 1200 Block of E Clark St. Pasco, WA 99301  
**SEX:** M  
**HAIR:** Black  
**EYES:** Brown  
**HEIGHT:** 5'08"  
**WEIGHT:** 204 lbs  
**AGE:** 47  
**CONVICTION DATA:**  
 10/01/1995: Rape of a Child 3rd Degree  
 7/31/2007: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender  
 03/03/1986: Attempted Indecent Liberties  
 01/13/1992: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender  
 12/21/1993: Failure to Register as a Sex Offender



### Level II Sex Offender

**NAME:** Jason Dean Jarrett  
**ADDRESS:** 1100 Block of N. Cleveland St. Kennewick, WA 99336  
**SEX:** M  
**HAIR:** Brown  
**EYES:** Brown  
**HEIGHT:** 5'09"  
**WEIGHT:** 215lbs  
**AGE:** 40  
**CONVICTION DATA:**  
 02/02/2004: Convicted of Voyeurism  
 12/01/2005: Convicted of Voyeurism  
**REVIEW THE STATUTE:**  
 Voyeurism-9A.44.115



This information is provided in accordance with RCW 4.24.550. The Police Departments have no legal authority to direct where a sex offender may live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, the offender is constitutionally free to live wherever they choose. Citizen abuse of this information to threaten, intimidate or harass registered sex offenders will not be tolerated. Such abuse could end our ability to do community notifications.



# SARC NEWS

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## Upcoming Events



October 6—JoDee's Birthday  
October 7—JoDee's 17 Year Anniversary  
October 10—Mari's Birthday  
October 21— Board meeting 5:15 PM  
November 18—Board meeting 5:15 PM  
November 20—Rosanna's Birthday  
November 28-29th-Holiday Office Closed  
December 3—Norma's 1 year Anniversary  
December 8—Renee's Birthday  
December 25-31-Holiday Office closed  
January 1—Holiday Office closed

SARC's Annual Report for fiscal year 2012-2013 is available!  
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*Striving for a "Community without Victims"*



## about the program

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center serves Benton and Franklin Counties with sexual assault crisis and education services. We provide free and confidential assistance for victims of sexual assault, child sexual abuse, dating violence and adult survivors of child sexual abuse.

SARC also provides prevention education for our schools, day cares and community groups on sexual abuse and safety issues. Our services are available to all people regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or physical and mental ability.

The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy accredits SARC as a Community Sexual Assault Program. SARC is a member of the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and

the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties.

Services are provided through grants from the state and federal government, local and regional foundations, and through donations from our generous community.

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The SARC Advocate is designed to educate, inform and promote community awareness regarding sexual assault issues. Reader feedback and submissions are always welcome. Mail to: 830 North Columbia Center Blvd., Suite H, Kennewick, WA 99336 or contact us via e-mail.

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