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Federal Justice Department Director visits Grafton County Greenbook Project

Diane Stuart, Director of the federal Office on Violence Against Women, conducted a site visit at the Grafton County Greenbook Project on May 19, 2004. During the visit, Ms. Stuart met with representatives from the Project’s partners to discuss changes that have been made in policies and practice as a result of their involvement in the Project. Stuart met at the Plymouth Courthouse with Grafton Family Division Supervisory Judge Susan B. Carbon, Director Grace Mattern of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator Michelle Rosenthal of the Division for Children, Youth and Families, Attorney Betsy Paine of the NH District Court, and Greenbook staff members, Katja Fox, Kathy Kopiec and Ruth Houtte.

Also among those who had the opportunity to share their efforts to assist families experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect were Linda Dunn of CASA-Plymouth, Jaye Olmstead and Shelly Golden of Voices Against Violence in Plymouth, Pipp Wiese of DCYF-Littleton, and Suzanne Moberly of The Support Center at Burch House in Littleton.

The Greenbook Project is a federal initiative designed to bring together the court system, child protective services and domestic violence agencies to better address the needs of families when there is the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect. Grafton County is among six demonstration sites in the country selected to participate in the five year project. Greenbook is the nickname for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges’ publication, Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice. The publication and more information about the Project are available at www.thegreenbook.info.
Diane Stuart (front row, fourth from the left), Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, conducted a site visit at the Grafton County Greenbook Project on May 19, 2004. Among those who had the opportunity to share their efforts to assist families experiencing the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect were (back row from l-r) Greenbook researcher Kathy Kopiec, Linda Dunn of CASA, Jaye Olmstead of Voices Against Violence, Pipp Wiese of DCYF-Littleton, Greenbook staff member Katja Fox. Front row: Shelly Golden of Voices Against Violence, Michelle Rosenthal of DCYF, Suzanne Moberly of The Support Center at Burch House, Stuart, and Greenbook Project Director Ruth Houtte.