



Connected - Newsletter Dial Help, Inc.

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New Executive Director Announced

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca Crane as Executive Director of Dial Help. Rebecca joined Dial Help in April 2008 and served as supervisor of the Victim Services Unit for the past year. An area native, Rebecca graduated from Houghton HS, holds a bachelors degree from MTU, and is completing a masters degree in Human Services from Capella University.

Rebecca brings fifteen years experience in direct service, program development, and staff supervision as well as successful non-profit human service agency grant writing. Rebecca is also qualified to work

with clients in Dial Help's counseling program.

"Having worked in a variety of communities and workplaces, I can say that Houghton and Dial Help truly feel like home. I arrived at Dial Help when it was facing major changes and struggling to survive. This past year, I have also watched us arrive at a place where we are rebuilding; making a solid, positive impact in the community, and are very stable once again. It has been a gratifying experience to work with this staff and board to reach this point. I am excited for the future of Dial Help, and in helping to ensure that our vital services in the commu-

nity continue for many years to come."

Katherine Cocciarelli, who has served as interim director for the past year, will remain with the agency as clinical supervisor. Dial Help is rather unique among human service agencies in its' commitment for many years of maintaining the presence of a licensed clinician to review and assist direct staff in their work with members of the public. This is one example of our commitment to maintaining quality programs and services.

Website Revamped

Check out the new look at www.dialhelp.org. Make safe, secure contributions to Dial Help through the Paypal link in the sidebar.

Big Truck Day!

Saturday, July 25 at CLK school parking lot from 11am to 3pm. Come and sit in the cab of a collection of BIG TRUCKS, enjoy activities, fun, food and the HUGE playground — a fundraiser for Dial Help. See more on page 4.

Our Funding Partners:

- Western Upper Peninsula Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency
- MI Dept. of Community Health
- MI Dept. of Human Services
- Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission
- 1-800-Suicide
- Keweenaw Community Foundation
- Superior Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Copper Country United Way
- United Way of Dickinson County
- Friends like you!

Services Update

- ◆ **Counseling services** — Available, accessible and affordable with a licensed clinician. Moderate fees are charged for this service and we are able to utilize some insurances including UPHP. Victims of crime may be eligible to receive free counseling services.
- ◆ **Crisis line** — Now open 9am to 9pm, Monday to Friday and noon to midnight Saturday and Sunday.
- ◆ **Victim Services** — Jaclyn Larsen has joined our team as the new Victim of Crime Coordinator. The Sexual Assault Advocate and Forensic Nurse program is being developed in Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties. MTU students will be serving as campus-based advocates in collaboration with the Victim’s Service Unit.
- ◆ **Sexual Violence Prevention** — Campus collaborations are expanding rapidly to bring SVP awareness to college students.
- ◆ **Prevention Team** — Is pleased to have been awarded a grant to expand family support services in Keweenaw County in the next fiscal year. Programs will continue in area schools next school year. Upward Bound students at Finlandia University summer program received the Class Action program.
- ◆ **Website www.dialhelp.org** — Dial Help is launching its first new website in 4 years! Visit www.dialhelp.org to learn more about Dial Help services, find out what’s new, or access community resources.

Staff and Board	Board Chairperson:	Staff:	Prevention:
	Tommy Gilpin	Executive Director:	Sue Kauppi
	Vice Chairperson:	Rebecca Crane	Barry Fink
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Contribute to Dial Help

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Thank you for these special recent contributions:

- ◆ Plumbing and construction and other very “handy” skills in our building from Richard Crane.
- ◆ Keweenaw Community Foundation \$500 award from the Gundlach Family Grant.
- ◆ Jim O’Brien refinished and repaired our beautiful teak wood conference table.
- ◆ Superior Child Abuse Prevention Council grant to support Summer Discovery Groups to develop social skills in fun activities and learn about child abuse awareness from the Spidey Comic Books series.

There are so many ways you can help support Dial Help!

◆ ***Volunteering at Dial Help—***

Call An-gel at 482-9077 to talk about these volunteer opportunities:

- Crisis line phone worker
- Victim Advocate
- Campus Victim Advocate Team
- Sexual Assault Response Team
- Youth Activities Assistant
- SVP Coalition Member

****Make a Donation***

Use the link to Pay Pal on the left side bar of our website to make a safe, secure on-line donation

*or send a check payable to
Dial Help, Inc.
609 Shelden Ave.
Houghton, MI 49931*

****Our wish list:***

- ◆ Exterior Front windows/façade beautification
- ◆ Linoleum floor tiles for kitchen
- ◆ New flooring in outer entry
- ◆ Office supplies
- ◆ Student two pocket folders
- ◆ Money to purchase safety whistles distributed by the Victim Services unit
- ◆ Houghton City trash bags

SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE ONLINE STORES WHILE SUPPORTING DIAL HELP! ***www.iGive.com***

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BIG TRUCK DAY IS COMING!!!

Dial Help introduces a new fundraiser for the agency and great fun for the community, especially intended to delight the young and young at heart. Come see and sit behind the wheel of a whole collection of BIG TRUCKS. Enjoy face painting, coloring, games and the huge playground with 6 swing sets and 3 play structures.

DATE: Saturday, July 25, 2009,

TIME: from 11am to 3pm.

PLACE: CLK school parking lot

**COST: \$5 per child; family rate 4 or more kids \$20;
adults accompanying children admitted free**

Adults not accompanying children are welcome, donations appreciated.

Sit behind the wheel of the Zamboni, ambulance, dump truck, fire truck, snowplow, road grader, fire dept. hovercraft, tow truck, school bus, concrete truck, 53' racing trailer and semi, Red Cross Disaster vehicle, crane and more. . . !!

A big thank you to CLK Schools and to all our sponsors for making this a terrific fundraiser for Dial Help and fun for Copper Country kids!



Dial Help is your resource for
Crisis Intervention * Education * Victim Services * Prevention * Counseling