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The purpose of this Learn More Series is to provide information regarding issues related to domestic violence and sexual assault among communities in the northwest region of North Dakota.

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Domestic Violence Database
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The Domestic Abuse Information Network (DAIN) is a Minnesota based software program that was produced by the Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project. DAIN is utilized for tracking, monitoring, and analyzing police, court and offender program records. Beginning in 2010, DAIN was implemented in Minot by the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC). With the partnership among Minot’s law enforcement departments and the DVCC, domestic violence reports are shared and entered into DAIN. Currently, the DVCC has entered over two years of domestic violence data. DAIN allows law enforcement departments to determine trends that are reoccurring (location of incidents, time of occurrence, how many incidents involved alcohol etc.) to better respond to domestic violence incidents in the future.

With technology always evolving, so has the need for a more user friendly database, one specifically tailored to Minot’s specific needs. Since January 2013, Chad Hammond, Systems Coordinator for the Rural Crime and Justice Center (RCJC) has developed a new Domestic Violence Database (DVDB) to replace the existing DAIN. This updated domestic violence database was modeled after Minot Police Department’s domestic violence report as a way to enter and locate data in a faster and more efficient manner. The DVDB allows the user to have complete control over which information to track. The DVCC has made the switch from DAIN to the DVDB in April 2013. The DVDB continues to progress and evolve.

The RCJC is currently working on a similar DVDB for The Domestic Violence Program Northwest North Dakota (DVP NW ND) located in Stanley by using the feedback and suggestions from Minot’s DVDB. The RCJC plans to implement the DVDB in Stanley this summer and is currently considering its implementation in other possible departments in the northwest region of the state as well.

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RESOURCES
The Domestic Abuse Information Network V2.2 user’s manual produced by the Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (2007) www.theduluthmodel.org

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