

Talking Points--Mayor Jennifer Gregerson Domestic Violence Conference

- I am so honored to be here, as a woman, and as mayor, your work is so important
- Thanks for being here, Rosehill, beautiful space, great place for reflection
- In my first week as mayor, I outlined a seven-point Action Agenda for my first year in office
- Domestic Violence Prevention was at the top of my list, and I'm pleased to have your conference here in Mukilteo, raising awareness and attention to the issue.
- Crime reports: on average, more than one person a week is arrested in domestic violence incidents. That is more than twice as many arrests as we see for DUI, with little attention from the media or public.
- I committed to change that. We have already taken steps to improve coordination with Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County
- As we prepare next year's budget, I have asked our city staff to examine the costs and benefits of adding a Victims Advocate, to improve our services for families in need
- I reflect on stories like one I received from a woman who stayed at the DVS Shelter in Everett. She called the staff there "My Angels at DVS"
- She wrote that, "Now I know how to deal with life... I have a safe warm home where I don't have to fight the world. I can just be me... Yes, my Angels saved my life."
- We need more stories like that in our community. Thank you for your work to make it happen.