

## **Announcements**

### **Illinois Funds Program for Women with Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Issues**

The Illinois Department of Human Services is funding a screening and treatment program to assist women with substance abuse issues who experience domestic violence. With this state grant, the substance abuse treatment provider Recovery Resources and the domestic abuse assistance agency Quanada will be combining their services. Women dealing with both issues will be identified through a screening process in place at both centers.

"It's one person and you can't split them in half. They need to be treated as a whole," said Ron Howell, executive director of Recovery Resources. "Eighty to 85 percent of women who seek (substance abuse) treatment have a history of domestic violence," said Jeanne Hansen, coordinator of community intervention services at the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. "We know a woman's sobriety is affected by her safety issues. When we increase her chances for safety, we increase her chances for sobriety. Participation between the agencies may include sending Recovery Resources staff to the Quanada location in order to provide treatment to those women who fear for their safety.