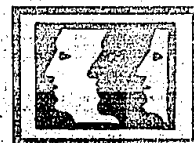


## Suburban Life

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Barbara Fischer, involved with LAW (Legal Alternatives for Women) since its onset, says the aim of the organization is to break the cycle of intergenerational battery with prevention programs in schools and communities.

## 'Strategies' is multi-market series for professional women

"Strategies for Success," a two-day multi-market series of career conferences for women returns to Detroit Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1986, sponsored by Chevrolet Motor Division.

Nationally, "Strategies for Success" is expected to draw more than 60,000 career-oriented women in 10 cities.

In Detroit, more than 6,000 are expected at Cobo Hall to hear successful professionals share strategies for making it in the business world.

Television personality Diahann Carroll, television correspondent Sylvia Chase, ABC's "Good Morning America" co-host Joan Lunden and astronaut Sally Ride are the keynote speakers for the programs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

IN ADDITION to the keynote speakers, the Strategies conference will offer more than 20 seminars and workshops conducted by national experts such as Betu Brophy, associate editor of U.S. News & World Reports and author of "Everything College Didn't Teach You About Money"; Arthur Bornstein, founder of the Arthur Bornstein School of Memory Training; Carole Hyatt, author of "The Women's Selling Game"; and "Women and Work," Dr. Marilyn Machlowitz, author of "Workaholics,

Inside Moves" and "Whiz Kids." Phyllis Martin, author of "Martin's Magic Formula for Getting the Right Job," and Beatrice Nivens, author of "The Black Woman's Career Guide."

Also participating are Diana Nyad, world-famous swimmer and announcer on ABC's "Wide World of Sports"; Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence magazine; and Dr. Hendrie Weisiger, author of "Nobody's Perfect" and "The Anger Workout."

Among the area people participating are Dr. Deborah Bright of Farmington Hills; Leslie Charles of Haslett, founder of Trainingworks, Inc.; Suzanne Gatchell, director Technology Assessment Planning and Development, Chevrolet-Pontiac Canada Group; General Motors Corp.; Gail Holtmeyer of Rochester Hills; Dr. Paul Fearall, designer and director of the Problems of Daily Living Clinic in the Department of Psychiatry at Sinai Hospital of Detroit; Karen Ritchie of St. Clair Shores, senior vice president, Campbell Ewald Company; and June Roselle, director of Civil Center Department.

THEIR SUBJECTS include management styles, improving memory, better sales techniques, negotiating to win, coping with stress, setting priorities in

counseling, educational courses and consultation services to area clergy, physicians and other professionals. Ten area churches are sponsoring the center. Representatives of these churches serve on the center's board of directors.

The sponsoring churches are Covenant Baptist Church, Church of Our Savior, Faith Covenant Church, First Presbyterian Church, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, North Farmington Baptist Church, Orchard United Methodist Church, St. Columba Roman Catholic Church, Trinity Episcopal and West Bloomfield United Methodist Churches. Contributions may be sent to the center at 36115 Farmington Road in space donated by First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. The center will be affiliated with the Samaritan Institute of Detroit. The institute is a national organization with more than 100 centers across the U.S. Other Michigan centers are in East Lansing, Battle Creek and Saginaw. When it opens in early 1986, the center will offer individual and group



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work and personal life, entrepreneurship, dealing with anger and jobs of the future.

The conference will donate exhibit space to Detroit area professional business women's organizations to provide attendees with an opportunity to meet other professionals in their respective fields.

Beginning in 1987 and continuing through 1988, Strategies will expand to 20 cities. Each conference will present nationally prominent keynote speakers such as Maya Angelou, Mariette Hartley, Cady Rigby McCoy, Barbara Gardner Proctor, Maureen Reagan and Barbara Walters.

"STRATEGIES FOR Success" registration costs are two day advance \$27.50; one day advance \$15; two day at the door \$35; one day at the door \$20. Tickets may be obtained by calling 855-8600; by writing: Ticket Sales, Strategies for Success, P.O. Box 3005, Farmington Hills 48018, or locally at all Ticket World outlets as well as all AAA offices. Randy Brous Silver of West Bloomfield is the founder and executive director of "Strategies for Success." Silver originated the conference in 1981 and produced the first conference in Detroit in February, 1982. The conference, which is in its fifth year, served as the prototype for the national Chevrolet program. "Strategies for Success" has been featured in national publications as the largest and most prestigious conference for women in the country.

## Battered

### Violence victims get legal facts from LAW

**'We found that legal information is what's sorely needed. Even attorneys are frequently not well trained in giving the legal information that battered women need.'**

— Barbara Fischer

By Shirlee Rose Iden  
staff writer

One out of every two women will be physically assaulted by a family member, spouse, or lover at some time in her life.

Generally, no one has the right to assault another. Domestic violence is a crime.

Despite the prevalence of such incidents, each and every time abuse occurs, questions arise, courses of action need to be examined, decisions made.

Legal Alternatives for Women (LAW) is a helping organization designed to give aid to battered women by providing legal information support services.

"We just went into action on Aug. 1," said Barbara Fischer, LAW chairman for the Business and Professional Group of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW).

Fischer, involved with LAW from its inception, has spent three years designing the program in committee and through research.

It is the first special project of the NCJW Business and Professional Chapter, made up of women who work during the day.

"IN BRAINSTORMING," we thought that as women, we should do a woman's issue," said Fischer. "We decided on battered women, then asked agency personnel, those working in shelters and professionals about the needs."

Fischer and her co-chairman, attorney Alyssa Martina, both took part in LAW's evolution, which included a comprehensive survey questionnaire.

"We found that legal information is what's sorely needed," said Fischer. "Even attorneys are frequently not well trained in giving the legal information that battered women need."

NCJW, dedicated to furthering human welfare through education, social action and service; Business and Professional Branch, committed to education, advocacy, networking, and community service; and the HAVEN, providing shelter, crisis intervention, support, and outreach to victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence are partners in LAW.

Debi Cain, director of HAVEN, urged those designing LAW to work on providing the necessary legal information to assault victims.

"OUR BIGGEST push right now is to let the public know we exist," said Fischer. "We have been distributing brochures in hospital, shelters and doctors' offices."

Fischer emphasizes that the program is meant to give specific legal information and not legal advice to clients.

A native Detroit, she earned bachelor and master's degrees as well as a doctorate, all in psychology. Presently, she is in private practice in Farmington Hills dealing with children, adolescents and their parents.

Martina, also a native Detroit, was raised in Southfield where she was graduated from Southfield High School. She attended the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, and WSU School of Law. Currently, she is in a master's program and resides in Huntington Woods.

"There's a tremendous need we're just beginning to capitalize on," she says. "Too many women are uneducated about their rights."

"We don't advocate any woman suing for divorce or taking other action. We just advise them about options so they can make an informed choice of their own."



Domestic violence, with women and children most often the victims, cuts across age, race, educational levels and socio-economic groupings.

"THIS IS such an emotional area, there's a great need to have myths debunked."

Martina, who is extremely optimistic about LAW does the legal training for the volunteers.

"We have a great group of volunteers and this gives me a chance to combine my love of law and of teaching," she said.

A psycho-social training course consisting of 30 hours of training is given at the HAVEN, attended by volunteers and attorneys with Valerie Meyer doing the training.

"We have social workers, retired librarians, homemakers, and all kinds of people in the volunteer core," said Fischer. "We have eight attorneys and need more. They all get the same training."

Presently, two groups have gone through the training and are all set to work with assault victims. Volunteers operate out of the NCJW office in Southfield with shifts 1-4 p.m., Thursdays and 6-9 p.m. Monday and Wednesdays.

Women who have a problem call the office first, says Martina. "Interviewers try to identify the needs of the women, may refer for counseling or to an attorney."

A LIST of trained domestic violence attorneys is now being worked up. For women who come into the office,

a five step procedure has been worked out. "First there are questions that must be gone through before decisions can be made," said Fischer.

Does she want revenge, protection, or money? Is she in a crisis situation? Will she have her husband or boyfriend arrested?

Is there medical evidence? Is she in danger of intimidation by the batterer?

"We're giving her options, not advice. We're not telling her what to do," repeated Fischer.

Clients get insight into the courts and how long civil matters take to settle and other general information.

"These women are very frightened and have little knowledge of the legal system," said Fischer. "We teach them about injunctions they may take out for their protection, one kind for married women and another for unmarried."

The interviews last at least an hour, says Martina, who adds they are free of charge.

AT LEAST three volunteers and an attorney work on each shift.

Fischer says the NCJW is waiting for the Michigan Bar to approve the service so they can give names of clients to attorneys.

"Our women come from Bloomfield Hills, Pontiac, all over," said Fischer.

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## Samaritan Center fund drive begins

A fund-raising campaign has officially begun for the newly established Samaritan Counseling Center of South-West Oakland County. Bob McConnell will serve as chairman of the drive. In the past, McConnell has served as an Oakland County Commissioner, mayor of Farmington Hills and township supervisor of Farmington Township. Currently, he is chairman of the Economic Development Corporation. The center will be at 36115 Farmington Road in space donated by First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. The center will be affiliated with the Samaritan Institute of Detroit. The institute is a national organization with more than 100 centers across the U.S. Other Michigan centers are in East Lansing, Battle Creek and Saginaw. When it opens in early 1986, the center will offer individual and group