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Although Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program's Outreach Coordinator Carol Sherman is feeling confident that the agency is getting back on its feet, the added work in the last year has been rewarding.

"Being short-staffed like we are, it's a lot more work, but a lot more satisfying," she said.

Coming through a tough year, Sherman will celebrate her one-year anniversary as outreach coordinator in February.

She is hopeful with new leadership, she will be able to focus on her position, which includes the duties of coordinating all volunteers, facilitating the women's group, organizing events, and giving presentations in schools and to youth and adult groups to raise awareness of SCIP's plight.

Sherman, of Brule, made a total career shift when she came to work at SCIP.

"I used to do hair," Sherman said, adding the she had to have surgery on her hands, forcing her to look at a new career path.

"I'm pretty passionate about it (her work now)," Sherman said. "If I would have known what SCIP was when I went through it, I would have utilized it, very much so."

Now, happily married to Jerry Sherman, education is a large portion of Sherman's job–from speaking to youth groups, in schools and to clubs, organizations and groups.

During the next year, her focus will be on getting the word out about SCIP in all the counties the agency serves.

"I'm going to go to the schools, go to businesses, just pretty much advertise and let people know what we do and what kind of services we offer," she said.

Although the year was challenging, Sherman said clients still were served and she saw great changes made in people's lives.

"That's pretty awesome," she said. "It's really awesome to see that transformation to 'I can do this.'"