



ENEWSLETTER

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FEATURED INFORMATION



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The 2009 theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is **Prevent Sexual Violence...in our workplaces**. The slogan for 2009 is "Respect Works!" to highlight the role that respectful behavior, at both the individual and organizational levels, can play in creating and maintaining safe and healthy communities and workplaces.

It's not too late to plan a local event or activity. For ideas, visit <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/resources/events>. If you already have a SAAM event planned, we encourage you to add it to the National Sexual Violence

Resource Center Calendar at <http://www.nsvrc.org/calendar/>. For more information and resources about Sexual Assault Awareness Month and your role in preventing sexual violence, please visit <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam>.



Blue Heart Campaign Against Human Trafficking

To rally world public opinion against human trafficking, the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime** is launching the **Blue Heart Campaign**. The Blue Heart represents the sadness of those who are trafficked while reminding us of the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings. The use of the blue UN color also demonstrates the commitment of the United Nations to combating this crime against human dignity. <http://www.unodc.org/blueheart/>



We need your feedback!

Please take a moment to respond to our brief survey of VAWnet users. Your responses will help us evaluate VAWnet's usefulness and usability, and provide direction regarding the future of the project. http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4D3wkYEplkGDX7lJO3_2bd4w_3d_3d

HIGHLIGHTED ADDITIONS



CDC Injury Research Agenda

CDC Injury Research Agenda, 2009-2018 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (January 2009)

This document describes the Injury Center's research needs and priorities for 2009-2018

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1816>



Latest Funding Alert

Volume 4, Issue 10: March 23, 2009 by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009)

Government and private grants are included in this issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1829>



NSVRC “Engaging Bystanders” Booklet Now Available in Spanish & English

Comprometer a los espectadores en la prevención de la violencia sexual por Joan Tabachnick, National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009)

Este libro presenta la necesidad de una orientación urgente sobre la importancia de comprometer a los espectadores en la prevención de la violencia sexual.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1830>

Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention by Joan Tabachnick, National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2008)

This book presents a compelling orientation to the importance of engaging bystanders in sexual violence prevention.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1831>



New Resource on False Reporting of Sexual Assault

False Reports: Moving Beyond the Issue to Successfully Investigate and Prosecute Non-Stranger Sexual Assault by Kimberly Lonsway, Joanne Archambault, and David Lisak for the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women (2009)

The article reviews research suggesting that the rate of false reporting for sexual assault is in the range of 2-8%, critiquing prior research suggesting the rate is far higher, and exploring reasons this poses a challenge for professionals in the field. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1817>

NEW RELATED RESOURCES

In honor of this year’s theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, VAWnet has added a variety of new resources on addressing and preventing domestic and sexual violence in the workplace. Look for new resources in VAWnet’s Public Policy, Intervention, and Prevention areas under both Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence. Highlighted materials are provided below.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

For a listing of publications on this topic from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, visit:

http://www.nsvrc.org/publications?tid=39&tid_1=All

What is Workplace Sexual Violence? by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009) This two page fact sheet talks about sexual violence at work and what that might look like.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1818>

Advocate Newsletter: Employment Rights for Sexual Assault

Victims by the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (2005) In this issue of the Advocate Newsletter, the focus is on the legal issues a sexual assault victim may encounter in her employment setting.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1824>

Employer Checklist: Prevent Sexual Violence in Your Workplace by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009)

This list of items was designed to assist employers in crafting a strong sexual harassment workplace policy.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1827>

Legal Resource Kit: Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in Employment by Legal Momentum (2005)

The materials contained in this kit provide general information on the Law on Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1823>



ONLINE WORKBOOK

Sexual Harassment: Trend of Turning Point, A self-paced sexual harassment prevention course

by Riley Harvill, Fire Protection Publications, Oklahoma State University (April 2006)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1641>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE

For more information on this topic, visit:

- The Corporate Alliance to End Partner Violence
<http://www.caepv.org/>
- Safe Horizon's Safe Work <http://www.safehorizon.org/safework/>
- Peace at Work <http://www.peaceatwork.org/>
- The Family Violence Prevention Fund: Workplace Program
<http://www.endabuse.org/section/programs/workplace>



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Employment and Domestic Violence

By the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (March 2006)

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=324

Domestic Violence Human Resource Policy Guide by Blue Shield Against Violence (2004)

This guide includes a summary of Blue Shield of California's human resources policies in support of a workplace response to domestic violence, offering model workplace policies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1832>

The Effects and Costs of Intimate Partner Violence for Work Organizations by Carol Reeves and Anne M. O'Leary-Kelly, Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2007)

This study examines the productivity-related effects and costs of intimate partner violence (IPV) on the workplace.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1833>

The Facts on the Workplace and Domestic Violence by the Family Violence Prevention Fund (2004)

This fact sheet provides statistics on the prevalence, costs, and employers' perspectives regarding domestic violence in the workplace.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1834>

The Impact of Violence in the Lives of Working Women: Creating Solutions, Creating Change by the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (2002)

This resource provides background information about violence against women in the workplace, explains key pertinent legal issues, and suggests ways employers can develop responses and solutions that fit their company's needs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1837>

Recognize. Respond. Refer. What to Do When Abuse at Home Comes to Work by Liz Claiborne, Inc.

This brochure provides general information about recognizing domestic violence in the workplace and addressing colleagues – victims or abusers – appropriately.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1835>

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF VAWNET



Grants & Funding

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http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=5

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