



E NEWSLETTER August/September 2009

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FEATURED INFORMATION

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

New from the Domestic Violence Awareness Project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence:

- **2009 Domestic Violence Awareness Resource Packet.** A collection of informational materials, fact sheets, articles and order forms for items available from national, statewide, and culturally specific organizations and projects. Available on the DVAP website (<http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam>) under "Materials."
- **Action for Social Change - Part II: Organizing and Communications (2009).** The second installment of this manual intends to generate critical thinking and enhance dialogue regarding community organizing and partnerships, communications and engaging the media. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2066>
- **Domestic Violence Awareness: Making Advocacy Accessible.** Facebook users can join DVAP's efforts to prevent domestic violence, participate in discussion groups, read articles, and share experiences of advocacy by joining the Cause. <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/307098>
- **"Utilizing Social Media Tools to Engage the Community."** Presented by Nakia Hansen, this webinar will focus specifically on how the domestic violence community can utilize social networking sites, tools, and applications to get out a message of prevention and effective intervention. Register to participate September 15, 11:30am or September 16, 3:30pm EDT at: <http://bwjp.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/event.pl?pp=NRCDV>.
- **Let's Help Each Other Imagine.** The NRCDV is expanding the Campaigns section of the DVAP website with new ideas for awareness events and modified versions of signature DVAM events. Share a description of your event and 3-5 pictures (jpg format) depicting the set-up, décor, and overall organization using the events submission form under "Materials" (<http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam/materials/>). Pictures submitted for consideration should include event set-up and décor only (please no individuals or participants). Email event information and pictures to nrcdvap@hotmail.com.



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2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Day of Action

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center is pleased to announce the date for the **2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Day of Action**: Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Check the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month website, <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam> regularly for additional updates and resources.

 *NRCDDV Webinar Archive*

“Why Cry if No One Hears?” The Deaf Community’s Experience of Sexual and Domestic Violence presented by Gretchen Waech. Available materials from the webinar held on July 28 and 29, 2009 include the PowerPoint presentation and questions and answers from the presenter.

<http://www.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2064>

 *New Applied Research Papers*

- **Battered Women’s Protective Strategies** by Sherry Hamby with contributions from Andrea Bible (July 2009)
This paper adopts a holistic approach to understand battered women’s protective strategies, reviewing a wide range of strategies used by women to cope with numerous threats posed by battering, not just the threat of bodily harm.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1872>
- **Sexual Violence Against Women: Impact on High-Risk Health Behaviors and Reproductive Health** by Sandra L. Martin and Rebecca J. Macy with contributions from Janice A. Mirabassi (June 2009)
This paper provides a brief overview of research on the impact of sexual violence on females’ high-risk health behaviors and reproductive health, focusing on studies of sexual assault or rape experienced primarily during adulthood.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2034>
- **Update of the 'Battered Woman Syndrome' Critique** by Mary Ann Dutton with contributions from Sue Osthoff and Melissa Dichter (August 2009)
This paper reviews the definition, evolution, and utilization of “battered woman syndrome” in the courts and offers a critique of its framework and its use.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2061>
- **The Use of Expert Testimony on Intimate Partner Violence** by Kathleen J. Ferraro and Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz (August 2009)
This paper presents an overview of the uses of expert testimony, the qualifications and roles of experts, the literature on the use of testimony on the effects of battering, and considerations for future research.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2062>

 *Latest Funding Alert*

Volume 4, Issue 18: August 13, 2009 by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009)

Government funding, private funding, and scholarships are included in this issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2065>

 *NRCDDV Quick-Reference Guide*

Quick Reference: Safety Net Benefits for Individuals and Families Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (June 2009)

This table highlights several key provisions in the Recovery Act with a direct impact on individuals and families.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2037>

HIGHLIGHTED ADDITIONS

- **Connect: Supporting Children Exposed to Domestic Violence - In-service Training for Resource Families, a Trainer's Guide & Tools** adapted by Denise Goodman, edited by Leiana Kinnicutt and Shellie Taggart for the Family Violence Prevention Fund (2009)
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2063>
- **Connecticut Department of Children and Families Domestic Violence Consultant Initiative: A State Child Welfare Agency Response to Domestic Violence** by David Mandel (March 2008) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2041>
- **Doorways** by the Safe Schools Program, USAID's Office of Women in Development (March 2009) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2042>
- **Effective Emergency Management: Making Improvements for Communities and People with Disabilities** by the National Council on Disability (August 12, 2009)
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2072>
- **Evaluation of the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Grant Program Special Initiative: Faith-Based and Community Organization Pilot Program - Rural Pilot Program** by Andrew Klein, Mitchell Brown, Mark Small, Debby Tucker, Rob Fischer and Christina Walsh for Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (June 2009)
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2070>
- **Guidelines for the Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence & Intimate Partner Violence** by the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Health (2009) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2073>
- **National Prison Rape Elimination Commission Report** by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission (NPREC) (June 2009)
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2036>
- **Practitioners' responses to trafficked children and young people** by Silvie Bovarnik, Jenny J Pearce, and Patricia Hynes for the National Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Children (2009) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2044>
- **Strengthening Sexual Assault Victims' Right to Privacy** by the Office for Victims of Crime (2009) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2025>
- **Transforming Communities to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: A Primary Prevention Approach** by Annie Lyles, Larry Cohen, & Margot Brown for Prevention Institute (May 2009) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2040>
- **Violence Against Women Classic Papers**, Edited by Raquel Kennedy Bergen, Jeffrey L. Edleson and Claire M. Renzetti (2009)
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2071>
- **Violence Against Women and Girls: A Compendium of Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators** by Shelah S. Bloom, MEASURE Evaluation for USAID East Africa Regional Mission and the Interagency Gender Working Group (October 2008)
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2045>

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