



E-NEWSLETTER

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VAWnet's E-Newsletter provides monthly updates on new resources available online, and is intended for wide distribution. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues, advocates, community members and others with an interest in issues related to violence against women. Those interested in signing up to receive VAWnet E-Newsletters via email can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://www.vawnet.org/AboutVawnet/Contactus.html>. Our new additions are listed below.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



Technology Safety & Advocacy Special Collection (See the [Attached Announcement](#))

VAWnet has added a new special collection focusing on the use of technology as it impacts and intersects with violence against women and children. This categorized and annotated listing of selected articles, fact sheets, papers, reports, websites, and other materials, is offered as an additional tool to assist advocates working on and interested in the safe use of technology. This resource was developed in collaboration with SafetyNet: the National Safe & Strategic Technology Project of the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.

Access this Special Collection through the newly-enhanced "Help & Safety" area at:

<http://www.VAWnet.org>

FEATURED ADDITION



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Domestic Violence Awareness Project: 2006 Resource Packet by the Domestic Violence Awareness Project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2006)

The Domestic Violence Awareness Project: 2006 Resource Packet includes informational materials, samples and order forms for items available from the organizations represented on the project advisory group. This year's packet also includes a summary of the *Violence Against Women Act of 2005*. This short summary highlights key provisions and changes to the act and includes technical assistance resources for each title of the Act. Visit <http://dvam.vawnet.org/> "Materials" or <http://new.vawnet.org/dvap/dvap2006.php>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women of Color Network "Facts & Stats" Collection

The Women Of Color Network is pleased to announce the creation of a "Facts & Stats" collection. The materials are up-to-date and concise, as well as in-depth resources that focus on various topics in the field of violence against women and families in communities of color. *Domestic Violence Facts & Stats* and *Sexual Violence Facts & Stats* are now available in PDF format and may be downloaded on the Women Of Color Network website at: <http://womenofcolornetwork.org>



Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape Launches “Teens Think What?” Campaign

Ever wonder what teens are thinking? Well, PCAR asked—then incorporated the responses into a campaign called “Teens Think What?” Launched in August, the campaign gives parents the unique opportunity to hear teens’ raw, unedited comments about sexual violence. The goal of the campaign is to offer suggestions to parents on how to talk to their teens about important topics: healthy relationships, alcohol and sexual assault, statutory rape, sexual harassment, saying and hearing “no,” and Internet safety. The campaign features radio spots, a brochure entitled “I can’t believe that’s what my teen thinks!” and website: <http://www.teensthinkwhat.com>.



Office on Violence Against Women Launches New Website

U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, has launched a revised Web site with a new format designed to simplify information searches. The Web site also contains new resources with links to initiatives such as the Presidents Family Justice Center Initiative and Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. It includes updated links to domestic violence and sexual assault hotlines and other organizations designed to prevent violence against women. The website can be found at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/index.html>.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Check the VAWnet Calendar regularly for conferences, trainings, web seminars, and grant application deadlines at <http://www.vawnet.org/Calendars/month.php>

Featured Event:

OVW Grantees Conference: The Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking Conference

Presented by the Stalking Resource Center and National Network to End Domestic Violence
September 18-20, Minneapolis

<http://www.register123.com/event/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x242650a12b>

NEW MATERIALS: GENERAL

Reshape Issue #19: Collaboration with Government Entities by the Sexual Assault Coalition Resource Sharing Project (Summer 2006).

This newsletter of the National Sexual Assault Coalition Resource Sharing Project focuses on the ways that Sexual Assault Coalitions are building capacity for community collaborations as well as collaborations with governmental entities.

http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=424&category_id=289

NEW MATERIALS: SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Creating Safe Environments: Violence Prevention Strategies and Programs by Patti Culross, MD, MPH, Larry Cohen, MSW, Ashby Wolfe, MD, and Joanne Ruby, MSW for the Prevention Institute (June 2006).

Providing a useful overview of the current state of violence prevention in the US, this report discusses approaches to violence prevention with a focus on youth violence and intimate partner violence prevention.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=500>

Factsheet: Focusing on the Prevention of First-Time Male Perpetration of Sexual Violence by RTI International.

This fact sheet provides information about programs targeting prevention of first-time male perpetration of sexual violence. This information is drawn from a review of 37 sexual violence prevention programs, key experts in the field, and a comprehensive literature review.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=551>

Report Describing Projects Designed to Prevent First-Time Male Perpetration of Sexual Violence by RTI International (2003).

This report offers a catalogue of programs targeting prevention of first-time male perpetration of sexual violence and provides an overview of literature findings on sexual violence prevention.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=550>

Sexual Violence and the Spectrum of Prevention: Towards a Community Solution by Rachel Davis, Lisa Fujie Parks, Larry Cohen for the Prevention Institute (2006).

This NSVRC publication provides advocates, practitioners and educators with a guide for developing a comprehensive community approach to the primary prevention of sexual violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=422>

NEW MATERIALS: AFTERMATH OF HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA

Hurricanes Katrina/Rita and Sexual Violence: Report on Database of Sexual Violence Prevalence and Incidence Related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (July 2006).

This is a preliminary report from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center on the first six months of data collection on sexual violence committed in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=423>

The Women of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast: Multiple Disadvantages and Key Assets for Recovery Part 1. Poverty, Race, Gender and Class by Barbara Gault, Heidi Hartmann, Avis Jones-DeWeever, Misha Werschkul, & Erica Williams for the Institute for Women's Policy Research (October 2005).

This briefing paper addresses the needs of the women of the Gulf Coast region and uncovers the multiple disadvantages experienced by women affected by both hurricane Katrina and Rita.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=540>