



## E NEWSLETTER December/January 2009

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### THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



#### *Announcing the Special Collection of Online Learning Tools on Violence Against Women*

This collection provides a sampling of available Online Learning Tools with subject matter related to violence against women prevention and intervention. Materials included in this collection have four key components: they are 1) free, 2) available online, 3) interactive, and 4) self-guided. The resources listed here can be used for the purposes of staff development (by individuals), or as tools for trainers (in groups). This Special Collection provides a discussion of considerations for using Online Learning Tools, including potential applications and benefits and limitations. Tools include: Online Classes/Tutorials/Courses, Slideshows & PowerPoint Presentations, Podcasts/Audio, Videos, Web Conferences, Toolkits, Quizzes, and more.

[http://new.vawnet.org/category/index\\_pages.php?category\\_id=867](http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=867)



#### *January 2009 is National Stalking Awareness Month*



**Stalking Victimization in the United States** by Katrina Baum, Shannan Catalano, Michael Rand, and Kristina Rose for the U.S. Department of Justice (January 2009)

This report presents findings on nonfatal stalking victimization in the United States, based on the largest data collection of such behavior to date.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### *VAWnet Advanced Search Available*

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#### *VAWnet is on MySpace and Facebook*

VAWnet is now available on popular social networking sites. Send a friend request on MySpace or become a fan through Facebook to stay current on updates and new releases.

MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/VAWnet>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/VAWnet-The-National-Online-Resource-Center-on-Violence-Against-Women/46375435699?ref=nf>

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## FEATURED ADDITIONS



### *New Applied Research Documents*

#### *Sexual Violence:*

**Alcohol and Sexual Violence Perpetration** by Antonia Abbey with contributions from Lydia Guy Ortiz, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (December 2008)

This Applied Research paper examines the frequent co-occurrence of alcohol and sexual violence perpetration. Identifying the different ways alcohol relates to perpetration can aid in the development of effective sexual violence prevention strategies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1586>

**Rape Prevention and Risk Reduction: Review of the Research Literature for Practitioners** by Kimberly A. Lonsway with contributions from Dorothy Edwards, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (January 2009)

This Applied Research paper examines both single- and mixed-gender rape prevention and risk reduction programs, and provides suggestions for practitioners to design, implement, and evaluate programs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1655>

**The Relationship Between Alcohol Consumption and Sexual Victimization** by Jeanette Norris, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (December 2008)

This Applied Research paper examines the relationship between alcohol and sexual victimization. The paper focuses on victims' experiences, including resistance during and psychological effects subsequent to alcohol-involved sexual assault incidents.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1630>

#### *Domestic Violence:*

**Mobilizing Communities to Prevent Domestic Violence** by Melanie Shepard with contributions from Deborah Zelli, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (November 2008)

This Applied Research document provides an overview of the research on community mobilization to prevent domestic violence, explores guiding concepts and frameworks, and discusses the challenges of implementing community mobilization strategies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1582>

**Parental Alienation Syndrome & Parental Alienation: Research Reviews** by Joan S. Meier, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (January 2009)

This VAWnet document provides a historical and research overview of Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation, identifies strategic issues for advocates working with victims, and offers guidelines to improve courts' treatment of these issues.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1679>

**Restorative Justice and Intimate Partner Violence** by James Ptacek and Loretta Frederick, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (January 2009)

This Applied Research document discusses the role of victims within restorative justice, reviews the research on restorative justice, and discusses the potential harms and benefits of using restorative justice in cases of intimate partner violence:

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1656>



*New Publication from NSVRC*

**Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention** by Joan Tabachnick (2008)

This book presents a compelling orientation to the importance of engaging bystanders in sexual violence prevention. The narrative provides background on the development of an approach that empowers each of us to be involved in prevention.

[http://www.nsvrc.org/cms/fileUpload/Engaging\\_Bystanders.pdf](http://www.nsvrc.org/cms/fileUpload/Engaging_Bystanders.pdf)



*New "Facts & Stats" from the Women of Color Network (WOCN)*

**Elder Abuse in Communities of Color** by Women of Color Network, The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2008)

This "Facts & Stats Collection" paper describes specific issues and distinguishing dynamics that confront older women of color, highlighting types of abuse and warning signs. Resources for additional information are provided. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1659>

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**NEW MATERIALS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**An Assault on Our Future: The impact of violence on young people and their relationships** by Michael Flood and Lara Fergus for the White Ribbon Foundation (2008)

This report examines how violence against women specifically affects children and young people. It looks at the nature of violence they experience in their homes and their own relationships, its impacts, and recommends priorities for action.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1737>

**Working with Men and Boys to End Domestic Violence** by Julia Perilla for the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence/Alianza Latina Nacional Para Errad

This position paper on working with men and boys delineates the principles with Alianza approaches this task, based on the belief that the eradication of domestic violence requires the ongoing and committed participation of both Latinas and Latinos.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1735>

**On the Road to Social Transformation: Utilizing Cultural and Community Strengths to End Domestic Violence** by Elsa A. Ríos for the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence/Alianza Latina Nacional Para Errad

This document is meant to inspire program innovation and a deeper commitment by service providers, policy makers and funders to building culturally proficient organizations capable of delivering quality services to diverse communities.

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**NEW MATERIALS: SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**Evaluating Children's Advocacy Centers' Response to Child Sexual Abuse** by Theodore P. Cross, Lisa M. Jones, Wendy A. Walsh, Monique Simone, David J. Kolko, Joyce Szczepanski, Tonya Lippert, Karen Davison, Arthur Cryns, Polly Sosnowski, Amy Shadoin, and Suzanne Magnuson for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (August 2008)

Describes an evaluation of the effectiveness of four prominent Children's Advocacy Centers and comparison communities in coordinating child abuse investigations and providing victim services.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1564>

**Final Report: Alaska Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Study** by André B. Rosay and Tara Henry for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (October 2008)

This study identified the characteristics of sexual assault victimizations in Alaska, as recorded by sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) in 8 cities, with attention to the key factors that impacted victims' genital injury and case legal resolutions.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1613>

**The National Plan to Prevent the Sexual Exploitation of Children** by The National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation (2008)

The purpose of this plan is to help assure all children have childhoods free from sexual abuse and exploitation in both physical and digital environments and have opportunities to develop into healthy adults capable of having healthy relationships.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1614>

**Rape: How women, the community and the health sector respond** by the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (2008)

This research summary is based on a desk review on women's responses to sexual violence and the appropriateness and effectiveness of sexual violence services in meeting their needs as survivors.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1568>

**Report Describing Projects Designed to Prevent First Time Male Perpetration of Sexual Violence (Updated)** by RTI International (2008)

This report offers a catalogue of programs targeting prevention of first-time male perpetration of sexual violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1577>

**Sexual Violence: Longitudinal, Multigenerational Evidence from the National Youth Survey** by Jennifer Grotzpete, Scott Menard, Danielle Gianola, and Maura O'Neal from the United States Department of Justice (July 2008)

This study examines data from the National Youth Survey Family Study (NYSFS) in order to assess the prevalence of sexual assault in a nationally representative sample.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1612>

**Strategies to Prevent Prison Rape by Changing the Correctional Culture** by the National Institute of Justice (October 2008)

This report discusses promising initiatives and practices in 11 states. A research team from Urban Institute and the Association of State Correctional Administrators interviewed prison officials in 45 states.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1574>

**The use (and misuse) of data on rape: restoring sexual assault to the national agenda** by Jody Raphael, Schiller DuCanto, and TK Logan for CounterQuo (2008)

This White Paper addresses some of the issues relevant to the controversy over rape statistics, asserting that rape prevalence denial is a calculated strategy aimed at silencing rape victims and preventing successful rape prosecutions.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1580>

**WHO Ethical and Safety Recommendations for Researching, Documenting and Monitoring Sexual Violence in Emergencies** by the World Health Organization (July 2007)

This document follows on a 2006 expert consultation on ethical, safety and methodological issues in researching, monitoring and documenting sexual violence in emergencies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1585>

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## NEW MATERIALS: GENERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Addressing violence against women and HIV testing and counseling: A meeting report** by the World Health Organization (2007)

This meeting report is an outcome of a consultation held in 2006 on how HIV testing and counseling programs can take into account and address intimate partner violence and other concerns related to women.  
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1569>

**Criminal Victimization, 2007** Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice (December 2008)

This report presents estimates of rates and levels of personal and property victimization for 2007 and describes the substantial fluctuations in the survey measures of the crime rates from 2005 through 2007. Includes assault and rape/sexual assault.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1734>

**Getting Safe and Sober: Real Tools You Can Use** by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Revised 2008)

A practical tool kit for use with women who have substance abuse or chemical dependence problems and who are, or have been, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or sexual abuse.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1562>

**Glossary of Violence Against Women To share understanding of terminology** by The NGO Working Group on Violence Against Women (2007)

As the same words often mean different things to different people, and in different contexts, the NGO Working Group on Violence Against Women compiled this glossary on violence against women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1657>

**Guidance to States: Treatment Standards for Women With Substance Use Disorders** by The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors with The Women's Services Network (August 2008)

This document is based on the knowledge and experience of the WSN members, with the objective of helping States to improve alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services to women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1572>

**How To Start an Independent Advocacy Center to End Violence Against Women, ...and Why** by the Women's Justice Center

This guide is for individuals who want to strike out in new directions, forge new strategies, advocate without compromise, confront the patriarchal roots of the violence, and be independent of government funds.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1579>

**Primary prevention of intimate-partner violence and sexual violence: Background paper for WHO expert meeting May 2–3, 2007** by A. Harvey, C. Garcia-Moreno and A. Butchart for the World Health Organization (2008)

The paper explores what can be done to prevent violence against adolescent and adult women that occurs within intimate relationships, and sexual violence that occurs outside intimate relationships.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1578>

**Reducing Inequities in Health and Safety** through Prevention by Prevention Institute & The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies (January 23, 2009)

This memo offers a suggested strategy for developing a comprehensive, prevention-oriented approach to health equity, starting with the highest levels of the federal government and continuing to states and communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1733>

**The State of the World's Children 2009: Maternal and Newborn Health** by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) (December 2008)

This report examines critical issues in maternal and newborn health, underscoring the need to establish a comprehensive continuum of care for mothers, newborns and children.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1694>

**Who Answers to Women? Gender & Accountability: Progress of the World's Women 2008/2009** by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (October 2008)

This report demonstrates that the Millennium Development Goals and other international commitments to women will only be met if gender-responsive accountability systems are put in place both nationally and internationally.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1587>

**World Report 2009** by Human Rights Watch (2009)

The 19th annual World Report summarizes human rights conditions in more than 90 countries and territories worldwide.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1716>