



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 E-Newsletters can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://www.vawnet.org/AboutVawnet/Contactus.html>. New additions are listed below.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Newly-Enhanced Public Policy & Systems Advocacy Areas** (See the attached Announcement) VAWnet has significantly enhanced the content, structure, and utility of the Public Policy & Systems Advocacy information on our website. These special collections of selected public policy materials, now located within the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault areas of VAWnet, provide a broad range of information and tools to support critical thinking and systems change work to end violence against women. Access the enhanced areas at: <http://www.VAWnet.org/>

* **The Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005: H.R. 3402** by the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women provides a section-by-section analysis of VAWA 2005. <http://www.vawnet.org/InTheNews/VAWA2005BySection.pdf>

* **"Speak Out" Against Sexual Violence**

Join hundreds of communities nationwide as they recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). Access resources, purchase SAAM products, view the NSVRC's national SAAM Calendar of Events, and find out what you can do to end sexual violence by visiting <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam> or calling (877) 739-3895.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Prevention Connection Web Conference

Engaging men and boys: A dialogue on changing norms about masculinity that contribute to violence against women - March 23, 2006; 2-3pm EST. <http://www.preventconnect.org/19.0.html>

IN THE NEWS

New stories are added weekly to VAWnet's collection of news links related to violence against women at <http://www.vawnet.org/InTheNews/index.php>

March stories include:

- "Asian Pacific Women Find New Refuges From Abuse" from Women's eNews
- "Academy assault cases up sharply" from The Baltimore Sun
- "Area Juvenile Sex Rings Targeted Using Anti-Trafficking Laws" from The Washington Post
- "Group proposes domestic violence court" from The Courier-Journal

- "New Law Puts Brakes on International Bride Brokers" from Women's eNews
 - "Pleading way back to class: Teachers return despite allegations" from The Denver Post
 - "Sex-Assault Outreach Intensifies in Hurricane Zone" from Women's eNews
 - "CARE Launches I Am Powerful Campaign on International Women's Day" from Yahoo!
 - "Alleged rape victim threatened with jail" from The Chicago Tribune
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GRANTS & FUNDING

The **Funding Alert** provides a weekly synopsis of current fellowships, scholarships, and grants that may be used to address domestic and sexual violence. <http://www.vawnet.org/Funding/>

Volume 1, Issue 10: March 10, 2006 – Government Grants are included in this edition.

- Social and Economic Development Strategies For Native Americans (SEDS) Grant
- Evaluation of Mentoring Initiative for System Involved Youth
- Process and Outcome Evaluation of G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training)
- Injury Control Research Centers
- Public Awareness in Underserved Communities
- Tribal Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Program
- Training and Technical Assistance to Tribal Victim Assistance Grantees
- Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant Program Grant (JADG) – Fiscal Year 2006
- Urban Partnership Academic Centers of Excellence (U-PACE)

<http://www.vawnet.org/Funding/FundingAlert-V1N10.pdf>

RESEARCH

Assessment for Lifetime Exposure to Violence as a Pathway to Prevention by Linda Chamberlain

With contributions from Peggy Brown (February 2006) provides a brief overview of the research on lifetime exposure to violence and the long-term health consequences of violence. It also examines how assessment for lifetime exposure to violence can create a pathway to prevention and address the long-term consequences of exposure to violence over the lifespan.

http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/Research/VAWnetDocs/AR_AssessmentforExposure.php

Marital Rape: New Research and Directions by Raquel Kennedy Bergen With contributions from Elizabeth Barnhill (February 2006) provides an overview of the research on marital rape including a brief legal history of marital rape; a discussion of the occurrence of marital rape; a summary of the effects of marital rape; and an analysis of practitioners' intervention with marital rape survivors. The document also provides ideas for future directions to gain public and scholarly attention and a marital rape resource page.

http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/Research/VAWnetDocs/AR_MaritalRapeRevised.php

NRCDV PUBLICATION

"Casa de Esperanza: Mobilizing Latinas and Latino Communities to End Domestic Violence"

(February 2006, Volume 7, Number 1). This issue of the BCS newsletter features the strengths-based, community engagement approach of Casa de Esperanza, of St. Paul, MN. The main article describes their work of mobilizing Latinas and Latino communities to end domestic violence. Lessons learned are highlighted.

http://www.vawnet.org/NRCDVPublications/BCSDV/OtherPubs/BCS_v7n1.php

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