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FEATURED INFORMATION



March 8, 2009 is International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day connecting women around the world and recognizing their struggles to secure human rights and peace.

- For more information about previous years and themes, visit the **United Nations: Women Watch** website at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/iwd/index.html>.
- To learn more about IWD and its history, visit the **UN Cyber School Bus** at <http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/womensday/index.asp>.



Announcing the 2009 International Women's Day Special Collection Series: Immigrant Women and Domestic & Sexual Violence

This International Women's Day, we celebrate diversity and bring you two special collections:

Immigrant Women and Domestic Violence and **Immigrant Women and Sexual Violence**. These two special collections are aimed at increasing awareness of the common experiences and unique needs of immigrant women who survive domestic and sexual violence.

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=781



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The NSVRC is pleased to announce the 2009 theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM): **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. The 2009 SAAM Day of Action will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Please visit the SAAM website at <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/> for more information.



The Family Violence Prevention Fund Launches New Campaign

That's Not Cool helps teens recognize digital dating abuse and take steps to prevent it.

<http://www.thatnotcool.com/>

HIGHLIGHTED ADDITIONS



Multi-State Study of Domestic Violence Shelter Experiences

Meeting Survivors' Needs: A Multi-State Study of Domestic Violence Shelter Experiences by Eleanor Lyon, Shannon Lane, and Anne Menard for the National Institute of Justice (February 18, 2009)

This groundbreaking study provides important insights into the role that shelters play in survivors' efforts to escape violence and abuse.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1756>

 *“Domestic Violence Counts” Census Report*

Domestic Violence Counts 2008: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (February 2009)

This Census collects an unduplicated count of adults and children seeking services from domestic violence shelter programs in the US during a single 24-hour survey period.

<http://nnedv.org/resources/census.html>

 *“Facts & Stats” from the Women of Color Network (WOCN)*

Dating Violence 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 teens and young adults of color, highlighting types of abuse and warning signs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1740>

NEW RELATED RESOURCES

The Vulnerable Women's Project Good Practice Guide: Assisting Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women affected by Rape or Sexual Violence by the Refugee Council (February 2009)

The guide explains the Refugee Council approach to best practice in caring for women who have been subject to sexual violence, including rape. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1746>

Workers in the Shadows: Abuse and Exploitation of Child Domestic Workers in Indonesia by Human Rights Watch (February 2009)

This report documents how hundreds of thousands of girls in Indonesia, some as young as 11, are employed as domestic workers in other people's households, performing tasks such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, and child care. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1750>

Empty Promises on Darfur: International Community fails to deliver by Amnesty International (January 2009)

The fighting between the Sudanese armed forces, their allied militia and the disparate armed opposition groups continues to blight the lives of civilians, especially women and girls.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1751>

Don't Turn Your Back On Girls Sexual Violence Against Girls In Haiti by Amnesty International (November 2008)

This report argues that sexual violence against girls, and in particular rape, is pervasive in Haiti and that it can no longer be ignored. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1793>

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