



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.

COMING SOON

Newly-Enhanced Intervention & Programs Area

VAWnet staff and collaborative partners have been hard at work making enhancements to the existing "Services & Program Development" areas of VAWnet – transitioning and developing resources in preparation for the release of a more complete and user-friendly online collection. Due for release in late April, this new "Intervention & Programs" area will include information on movement theory and history, program management, service approaches, tools for assisting victims/survivors and their allies, interventions for batterers, and more. Stay tuned!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April brings an annual opportunity to focus awareness on sexual violence and its prevention. The 2007 National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) theme is **Prevent Sexual Violence... in our communities**. *A Day to End Sexual Violence*, Thursday, April 5th, is recognized nationally as a specific day designated to focus awareness on sexual violence prevention. This year's featured event encourages all communities to organize a showing of the documentary *No!*, an award winning film about the impact of sexual violence on African-American women and girls by Aishah Shahidah Simons. For more information on this year's theme, suggestions for community-based events and other great tools for a successful awareness campaign, visit: <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam> or contact Jessica Shomper, Prevention Coordinator at 877-739-3895 x119 or jshomper@nsvrc.org.

New Report from NNEDV

Domestic Violence Counts: A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelters and services across the United States by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (March 13, 2007)

On November 2006, 1,243 out of 2,016 identified local domestic violence programs across the United States participated in the first National Census of Domestic Violence Services (NCDVS). Designed to address the safety and confidentiality needs of victims, this Census collected an unduplicated, non-invasive count of adults and children who received critical services from local domestic violence programs during the 24-hour survey period. Since approximately 62% of local domestic violence programs in the U.S. participated, this Census provides a powerful glimpse but remains an undercount of the actual number of victims who sought and received services from local domestic violence programs nationwide in a 24-hour period.

<http://www.nnedv.org/census/>



New Online Manual from Transforming Communities

Making the Case for Domestic Violence Prevention Through the Lens of Cost-Benefit by Transforming Communities: Technical Assistance, Training and Resource Center (TC-TAT)

More than ever, domestic violence prevention programs are being asked: Is this program a good investment of public and private funds?; Can this program describe how the money is spent and how the funds have led to specific results?; and Can this program's costs be justified? This resource can help you answer these questions for your organization, funders, and policy makers.

http://www.transformcommunities.org/cdvp/CDVP_toc.html



Prevention Connection Web Conference

Seizing Opportunities to Advance a Prevention Frame through the Media

March 29, 2-3:30pm EST

Following recent school shootings in which girls were specifically targeted, the primary response was to call for school safety generally without attention to the gender of the victims or the implications. In the wake of announcements for OJ Simpson's book on how he would have committed murder, there was an outcry and plans were scrapped. But did we miss an opportunity to bring attention to the need for prevention? Working from two background readings in reaction to these events, this web forum will examine how we can be better prepared to advance a prevention frame through the media in light of public events in violence against women and girls. We will share input and recommendations from the recent Prevention Connection web dialogue on this issue ("Where's the Prevention Frame?" held on January 23, 2007) and explore further what an effective prevention frame might look like and how we can advance it. Register at: <http://www.PreventConnect.org>



Save the Date: National Sexual Assault Conference

National Sexual Assault Conference: Bridges to Social Change

September 12-14, 2007

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore Maryland

The National Sexual Assault Conference is a three-day, advocacy-based conference providing advanced training opportunities and information to sexual violence prevention educators, anti-sexual violence advocates, counselors, health care professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, social workers, psychologists, and public health workers. Registration information will be available in late April. For more information, visit: <http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac/index.html>

FEATURED ADDITIONS



New Funding Alert

Funding Alert Volume 2, Issue 11: March 23, 2007 from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Contained in this issue: HUD - 2007 SUPERNOFA

http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=869&category_id=5



New Series of Information Packets from the NRCDV

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

This collection of information packets serves as an introduction to the complex and varied issues that religion and faith can present for victims and survivors of domestic violence and their advocates in both the faith and secular communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=863>

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Overview by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

The first part in this series of information packets, the Overview reviews the complex and varied issues that religion and faith can present for victims and survivors of domestic violence and their advocates in both the faith and secular communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=862>

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Key Issue: Interpretations of Religious Doctrine by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

Certain interpretations of particular religious tenets are often used by batterers to manipulate and control their partners. Frequently referenced tenets that focus on the nature of heterosexual marriage have been included for discussion in this packet.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=864>

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Key Issue: Working with Victims by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

Religion and faith are part of deeply held belief systems for many and can play a significant role in the experiences of victims/survivors. Supportive faith communities and secular programs can help identify options that are unique to their situations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=865>

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Key Issue: Batterer Accountability by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

When faith communities and secular programs take steps to examine issues of batterer accountability in addition to those of victim safety and empowerment, they are better able to create a response that meets the needs of individuals and their communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=866>

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Key Issue: Developing Comprehensive Responses to Domestic Violence by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

Moving beyond the misconceptions and working together to provide education, resources and advocacy, enables faith communities and secular programs to create, enhance and improve access to comprehensive and supportive responses to domestic violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=867>

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources - Key Issue: Funding for Faith-Based Organizations by The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2007)

Describes funding available through the Compassion Capital Fund of the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, creating opportunities and removing barriers so that faith-based and community organizations can compete equally for funding.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=868>