



E NEWSLETTER January/February 2008

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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

◆ *Focus on Substance Abuse and Violence Against Women*

This eNewsletter features a variety of new materials exploring the intersections between substance abuse and violence against women through both the experiences of survivors and the abusive tactics of perpetrators. Models for treatment, prosecution, and recovery are offered with special attention to the complexity presented when these issues intersect. Related resources from VAWnet's existing collection are also provided in this issue.

◆ *National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week*

February 4-8 2008 is the third National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week. More information about the initiative is available at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/>. For Toolkit materials from the American Bar Association National Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative, visit <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/teendating.shtml>. For crisis services and information, visit the National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at <http://loveisrespect.org/>.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ *Upcoming Women of Color Network Conference Call*

A Call to Action for Women of Color Advocates and Allies

February 13, 2008 – 1-3pm Eastern Time

The purpose of this call is to: 1) Continue working on an "ally statement" providing a concrete definition for "ally" and to establish a critical framework for ally behavior, with particular focus upon addressing the endangerment of the woman of color advocate; and 2) Serve as a focus group for providing input to the development of the Cultural Competency and Ally Training that will be implemented in 2009.

White/mainstream advocates, male advocates and women of color advocates and activists are invited to participate. Registration form: <http://pubs.pcadv.net/wocn/2-13regform.pdf>

◆ *New National Report Released by NNEDV*

The **National Census of Domestic Violence Services (Census)** is designed to protect the safety and confidentiality of victims. Conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, this annual Census collects an unduplicated count of adults and children seeking services from domestic violence shelter programs in the United States during a single 24-hour survey period. On September 25, 2007, 1,346 out of 1,949, or sixty-nine percent, of identified domestic violence programs in the United States participated in the 2007 Census. The results were published January 30, 2008 in the NNEDV report: **Domestic Violence Counts: 07. A 24-hour census of domestic violence shelter and services across the United States**. Full report, summaries, chart, and press release: <http://www.nnedv.org/resources/census/>

✧ *New Publication on Poverty and Sexual Violence*

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape is pleased to announce a new resource, **Poverty and Sexual Violence: Building Prevention and Intervention Responses**. There is a complex and often reciprocal relationship between poverty and sexual violence. This guide is intended to support rape crisis centers in their economic advocacy efforts at all levels of the organization, using the Spectrum of Violence Prevention as a blueprint in responding to the needs of victims, survivors, and communities. The guide and accompanying trainings have been largely shaped by the voices of Pennsylvania's rape crisis advocates and through them, the stories and experiences of victims, survivors, and communities. We hope this guide supports the work of advocates beyond the state as well. <http://www.pcar.org/resources/poverty.pdf>

FEATURED ADDITIONS

✧ *New Applied Research Papers*

Restorative Justice Responses to Sexual Assault by Mary Koss and Mary Achilles, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (February 2008)

This Applied Research paper examines restorative justice for sexual assault from the perspective of survivors. A large international literature promotes restorative justice options as satisfying and empowering to crime victims.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1231>

Screening for Sexual Violence: Gaps in Research and Recommendations for Change by Lynne Stevens with contributions from Barbara Sheaffer, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (December 2007)

This Applied Research paper provides a review of the current literature on screening women for sexual violence in health care facilities, and discusses the reasoning and rationale behind screening women for sexual violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1191>

✧ *New Publication from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence*

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) Communities and Domestic Violence: Information and Resources by Mary Allen for the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) (2007)

Domestic violence in LGBT communities is about abuse of power, manipulation, exploitation, oppression and barriers to service. This collection is designed for dv program advocates, activists working in LGBT communities and those wishing to become allies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1192>

✧ *Funding Alert*

Volume 3, Issue 7: January 29, 2008 by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

OVW grants, HHS grants, DOE grants, private, and advocacy grants are included in this issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1230>

NEW MATERIALS: SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN GENERAL

Getting Safe and Sober: Real Tools You Can Use - Support Group Manual and Supplementary Materials for Advocates by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (2005)

The primary goal of this support group manual is to help advocates and providers better meet the safety needs of battered women and survivors of sexual assault who are impacted by their own or another's substance use, misuse or addiction.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1227>

Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy by Alisa K Lincoln, Jane M Liebschutz, Miriam Chernoff, Dana Nguyen and Hortensia Amaro for BioMed Central (September 2006)

This article discusses the results of a study and concludes that substance abuse treatment programs should incorporate violence exposure questions into clinical use as a matter of policy.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1228>

NEW MATERIALS: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Assessment and evaluation of men who batter women by Linda M. Peterman and Charlotte G. Dixon, Journal of Rehabilitation (October-December 2001)

Reviews research on characteristics of batterers and encourages ethnically and culturally sensitive approaches to assessment that are to plan effective interventions. Includes considerations regarding assessments for substance abuse, homicide, and more.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1208>

Intervention with Abuse of Alcohol, Drugs and Women by Gus B. Kaufman, Jr. for Men Stopping Violence (2001)

This article describes similarities and differences between addiction and battering, explores the relationship between the two, and discusses MSV's approach to addressing these co-occurring issues with batterers who abuse substances.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1215>

The False Connection Between Adult Domestic Violence and Alcohol by Theresa M. Zubretsky and Karla M. Digirolamoo for the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Explores the relationship between victimization and the development of alcohol/other drug problems in women; the relationship between a batterer's use of substances and his violence; and compares "co-dependency" and the effects of victimization.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1209>

Model Protocol For Working with Battered Women Impacted by Substance Abuse by Lupita Patterson for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (February 2003)

Designed to help advocates better meet the safety needs of all battered women by providing them with tools to address service needs and options for those impacted by their own or another's substance use, misuse or addiction.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1207>

Safety and Sobriety: Best Practices in Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse by the Domestic Violence/Substance Abuse Interdisciplinary Task Force of the Illinois Department of Human Services (July 2000)

This manual outlines procedures that human service professionals can follow when they are facing clients living with both domestic violence and substance abuse, and provides guidance for forging collaborations between agencies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1189>

Screening Chemically Dependent Battered Women IN... NOT OUT of our Programs, The A-Files Newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 3, pp. 127-138 by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WSCADV) (October 2001)

This issue of the A-Files makes visible the experience of substance abusing battered women and our challenge as advocates to develop responsive services in our programs. Includes several articles and resources.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1188>

Violence in the Lives of Women in Substance Abuse Treatment: Services and Policy Implications by Suzanne Swan, PhD, Stephanie Farber, PhD, and Donna Campbell, LCSW for The Connecticut Women's Consortium (2000)

Presents a review of the literature relating domestic violence, trauma, and substance abuse treatment; discusses the philosophical barriers between service providers; and describes the results of the study, offering policy and treatment recommendations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1206>

NEW MATERIALS: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Childhood Sex Abuse Increases Risk for Drug Dependence in Adult Women by Patrick Zickler for The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) (April 2002)

The article briefly discusses the data results gathered from interviews of women revealing that those who experienced any type of sexual abuse in their childhood were roughly three times more likely than unabused girls to report drug dependence as adults.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1217>

Helping Sexual Assault Survivors with Multiple Victimizations and Needs: A Guide for Agencies Serving Sexual Assault Survivors by Jill Davies for The University of Iowa (2007)

This Guide offers information about advocacy approaches with sexual assault survivors who have experienced multiple victimizations and have multiple needs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1232>

Helping yourself heal: A Recovering Man's Guide to Coping With Childhood Abuse Issues by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (2006)

The brochure addresses men who are receiving treatment from substance abuse. It talks about some of the feelings that are common for men who start treatment, but how the same feelings may be stronger for men who were abused in childhood.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1225>

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<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1224>

It Won't Happen to Me: Substance Abuse-Related Violence against Women for Anyone Concerned About the Issues by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Prevention Pathways (Last updated 2004)

This web-based course is for anyone concerned about substance abuse-related violence directed at women. It is for people interested in preventing and stopping violence against women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1222>

Sedating substances and sexual assault: the connection by the Sexual Assault Referral and Information Service

The article talks about perpetrators and why they might use substances, the different types of drugs that are used, and their side effects. Includes risk reduction strategies as well as what to do if you suspect that you or someone else has been drugged.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1221>

Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse by Janet Anderson for The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (October 2005)

This Digest focuses on the connection between sexual assault and substance use and abuse. The article also describes models used to prevent victims from using substances to cope with aftermath.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1220>

Sexual Violence and Substance Abuse by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (1997)

Defines both sexual violence and substance abuse. Talks briefly about the connections between sexual assault and substance abuse and how alcohol/drugs may be a contributing factor in its occurrence. It also gives some facts along with their sources.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1219>

Substance Abuse, High-Risk Sex, and Sexual Violence: What's the Connection? by Rowan Frost for the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (December 2002)

The article summarizes some of the research that demonstrates having experienced sexual violence is strongly associated with later substance abuse, high-risk sex, and other harmful behaviors.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1218>

Substance Addiction and Sexual Assault Survivors by New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (2003)

This one page document provides statistics on the relationship between substance addiction and sexual assault survivors.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1226>

NEW MATERIALS: OTHER

Advancing the Nation's Health: A Guide to Public Health Research Needs, 2006-2015 by the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (December 2006)

This guide is meant to serve as a critical resource for research areas that should be addressed during the next decade by CDC and its partners in response to current and future public health needs and events.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1201>

Communities Engaged in Resisting Violence by Ann Russo & Melissa Spatz for the Women & Girls Collective Action Network (CAN) (December 2007)

This report highlights a growing movement in Chicago of community-based initiatives seeking to resist violence against women, create community accountability for its perpetration, and develop strategies to end the oppressive systems that support it.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1187>

Responding to Sexual Assault in Rural Communities by Alexandra Neame and Melanie Heenan for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (June 2004)

This briefing paper reviews some of the existing literature that deals with sexual assault and service provision outside metropolitan areas and takes into account some of the issues that women and workers often need to negotiate when living in rural areas.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1195>

Ripple Effects of Sexual Assault by Zoë Morrison, Antonia Quadara and Cameron Boyd for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (June 2007)

The paper discusses some of the widespread effects of sexual assault on families, professionals and society as a whole, demonstrating the significance of sexual assault as a social issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1203>

Sexual Violence Offenders: Prevention and Intervention Approaches by D. Chung, P.J. O'Leary and T. Hand for the Australian Center for the Study of Sexual Assault (June 2006)

This paper examines how theoretical explanations of sexual violence have shaped intervention and community responses.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1198>

Victims and Witnesses with Developmental Disabilities and the Prosecution of Sexual Assault by William Paul Deal and Viktoria Kristiansson for the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women

The article provides a brief overview of developmental disabilities and the diagnostic criteria for mental retardation.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1202>

Young People Who Sexually Abuse: Key Issues by Cameron Boyd and Leah Bromfield for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (December 2006)

This paper is about young people who have committed acts of sexual abuse. It is written for those who might come across this issue in their day-to-day work and would like to know what the current research and practice says.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1197>

FROM THE COLLECTION: RELATED MATERIALS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Averting The Campus Date Rape Drug Crisis: Seven Solutions For Colleges, Law Enforcement and Medical Professionals by Jim Ryan, Office of the Illinois Attorney General (Revised January 1999)

The book offers guidelines and checklists to use in implementing a proactive and comprehensive response to date rape crimes on college campuses.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=754>

Beyond "Drink Spiking": Drug and Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault by Alexandra Neame for the Australian Institute of Family Studies (2003)

This report from Australia focuses on the issue of drug-facilitated sexual assault and "drink spiking", and the fact that it is problematic to overlook the real issues related to sexual assault, alcohol consumption, and victim-blaming.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=633>

Drug-facilitated, Incapacitated, and Forcible Rape: A National Study by Dean Kilpatrick, Heidi Resnick, Kenneth Ruggiero, Lauren M. Conoscenti, & Jenna McCauley for the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (July 2007)

This study provides important information regarding the lifetime prevalence, past year prevalence, characteristics, and mental health impact of rape among adult women residing in U.S. households as well as among U.S. female college students.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1124>

Drug-Facilitated Rape: Looking for the Missing Pieces by Nora Fitzgerald and K. Jack Riley for the National Institute of Justice (April 2000)

Describes rape-facilitating drugs and what is known about how often these drugs are used, efforts to reduce drug-facilitated rape, and specific strategies needed to respond including investigation policies and suggestions of future research.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=653>

Estimate of the Incidence of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault in the U.S. by Adam Negrusz, Ph.D., Matthew Juhascik, Ph.D., & R.E. Gaensslen, Ph.D. for the U.S. Department of Justice (2005)

This report provides an overview of a study that was done to determine the incidence rates of drug-facilitated sexual assault. It also seeks to examine the social aspects surrounding the issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=634>

Prosecuting Alcohol-Facilitated Sexual Assault by Teresa P. Scalzo for the American Prosecutors Research Institute (2007)

This monograph discusses the prosecution of alcohol-facilitated sexual assault (AFSA) with a specific focus on AFSA when the victim is voluntarily intoxicated.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1160>

Substance Abuse and Woman Abuse by Male Partners by Larry Bennett, VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (September 1997)

The author examines various perspectives regarding the relationship between substance abuse and violence, explores research on substance abuse by batterers, discusses substance abuse by battered women, and includes recommendations for interventions.

http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=395&category_id=567