



E NEWSLETTER

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FEATURED INFORMATION



Violence in the Lives of Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

This new Special Collection offers information regarding the experiences and needs of individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing and victims/survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence. The purpose of this collection is to: 1) increase knowledge and understanding of Deaf culture, 2) provide resources to assist helping professionals in direct service work with Deaf individuals, and 3) highlight best practices. http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=966



❖ *New Program from the Family Violence Prevention Fund*

Lessons from Literature is an innovative program that enlists English teachers to facilitate discussion and build awareness about physical, verbal and sexual abuse. Prompted by a growing public interest in and demand for programs that seek to prevent abuse, Lessons from Literature helps address this problem among youth in the classroom and beyond.

<http://www.lessonsfromliterature.org/>

HIGHLIGHTED ADDITIONS

❖ *New Special Collection*

Stimulus Funds: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (April 2009)

This special collection organizes materials related to Recovery Act (Stimulus) funds to assist state and local practitioners and policymakers identify, influence, and access information and programs of potential benefit to victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=943

❖ *Latest Funding Alert*

Volume 4, Issue 15: June 9, 2009 by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009)

Government funding, private funding and scholarships are included in this issue.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2030>

❖ *New BJS Report*

Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Victims of Crime by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (March 2009)

Presents findings about violent crime and property crime experienced by the Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander population in the United States.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1910>

❖ *New UN Report*

15 years of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, its Causes and Consequences by The United Nations Commission on Human Rights (2009)

This review takes stock of the achievements of 15 years of work on the VAW mandate, which has produced an impressive collection annual reports, country mission reports, and communication reports comprising many communications to and from governments.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1906>

NEW RELATED RESOURCES

To coincide with the release of the new special collection, Violence in the Lives of Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, VAWnet has added a variety of new resources on working with individuals with disabilities. Highlighted materials are provided below.

Deaf Culture and Domestic Violence by Gretchen Waech, Justice for Deaf Victims National Coalition (March 2009)

This PowerPoint presentation offers an overview of the Deaf culture, accessibility challenges faced by Deaf individuals in society, dynamics present for Deaf victims, myths and realities about the Deaf culture among members of the hearing world, and more.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1985>

Deaf Victims/Survivors: A Guide to Effective Service Delivery by Crisis Center Foundation (CCF), Illinois

Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and CCF Deaf Ad (Revised March 2009)

This resource is intended to help the staff of domestic violence programs better understand the needs of Deaf/HOH victim/survivors and provide services in ways that appropriately meet those needs. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1991>



ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Increasing Agency Accessibility for People with Disabilities: Domestic Violence Agency Self-Assessment Guide by Cathy Hoog of Abused

Deaf Women's Advocacy Services, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Revised 2004)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=715>



APPLIED RESEARCH

Confronting the Sexual Abuse of Women with Disabilities by R. Amy Elman (January 2005)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=416>

Disability Etiquette: Tips on Interacting with People with Disabilities by the United Spinal Association and Judith Cohen (2003)

This manual offers basic tips for engaging in respectful interactions with individuals who have various types of disabilities, including physical, developmental, and "hidden" disabilities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2018>

Etiquette Tips for Working with People with Disabilities

by the Vera Institute of Justice, Accessing Safety Initiative
This one-pager offers tips for engaging in respectful interactions with individuals with disabilities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2021>



JOURNAL ARTICLE

Individual-Systemic Violence:

Disabled Women's Standpoint by Maria Barile, Journal of International Women's Studies (November 2002)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=764>



PREVENTION PROGRAM

Kid&TeenSAFE: An Abuse Prevention Program for Youth with Disabilities by Wendie H. Abramson and Iracema 'Cema' Mastroleo, National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (2002) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=850>

Sexual Violence Against Women with Disabilities and Deaf Women: Needs and Remedies by Nancy Smith, Vera Institute of Justice, Accessing Safety Initiative (January 2009)

This 29-slide PowerPoint presentation provides strategies for effectively serving survivors with disabilities and Deaf women, and offers practical steps for improving programs. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2022>

When Deaf and Hearing Meet: Until We Can Communicate with Ease – A work-book for Hearing People Connected to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Disability, and Related Programs by Mark Sweet, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services Division of Disability and Elder Services Office (2006)

This workbook offers introductory information about language, culture, and respectful interactions between hearing and Deaf, helping the user feel comfortable, confident, creative, and competent to provide respectful assistance to Deaf individuals.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1990>



SURVIVOR GUIDE

A Guide for Friends, Family and Care Providers of Sexual Violence Survivors Who Have Disabilities by Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=794>



MODEL PROTOCOL

Model Protocols on Safety Planning & Screening Practices for Domestic Violence Victims with Disabilities by Cathy Hoog, Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2004) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=809>

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF VAWNET

❖ *Grants & Funding*

Updated regularly, the Grants & Funding area includes information about funding streams, current grant solicitations available, application information and other issues and information related to funding. To subscribe to the Funding Alert, email FundingAlert@pcadv.org with subject "Funding Alert." http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=5

❖ *Applied Research Documents*

VAWnet has more than 54 Applied Research documents on a variety of topics of consequence to advocates and others working to end violence against women. Recently posted papers include *Rape Prevention and Risk Reduction* and *Parental Alienation Syndrome & Parental Alienation*.

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=477

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