



## E-NEWSLETTER

June 2006

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.

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### THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



#### *Focus on Immigration and Violence Against Women*

The June E-Newsletter highlights resources on the experiences of immigrant victims of violence against women and the systems that impact them. New materials discussing the multiple layers of abuse against immigrant women, effective advocacy and intervention strategies, legal protections for battered immigrants, and system responses and barriers are listed below.

For more information on the intersections between immigration and violence against women, visit:

- National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women  
<http://www.immigrantwomennetwork.org/>
- TAPESTRI, Inc. Immigrant and Refugee Coalition Challenging Gender Based Oppression  
<http://www.tapestri.org/>



#### *New Transitional Housing Document*

**Transitional Housing Services for Victims of Domestic Violence: A Report from the Housing Committee of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence** by Amy Correia and Anna Melbin (November 2005)

This paper describes results of phone interviews with twelve domestic violence transitional housing programs across the country. Key considerations for new and emerging programs are offered. Program profiles are also provided.

[http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=396&category\\_id=195](http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=396&category_id=195)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### *Publish Your Materials on VAWnet!*

VAWnet is continually seeking innovative materials developed by local, state, and national-level advocates or agencies on emerging issues related to violence against women to add to our online collection. This is an opportunity to share your materials to support the work of fellow advocates and human service professionals across the country and beyond! If you have articles, reports, curricula, best practices, or other materials that you would like to submit for consideration, please email Casey Keene, VAWnet Resource Coordinator, at [ck@pcadv.org](mailto:ck@pcadv.org).



#### *New National Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Campaign from PCAR & NSVRC*

Vision of Hope, launched in July 2005, is a campaign aimed at protecting our children from the devastation of sexual abuse. Nationally, Vision of Hope will promote: critical research, effective prevention strategies, and adult responsibility and accountability. Leading the Vision of Hope campaign is

former Pennsylvania First Lady and mother of two, Michele M. Ridge. She is joined in this effort by professionals from government, business and the private sector who are dedicated to promoting solutions that protect children from a lifetime of devastation.

<http://www.theirhope.org/about.htm>

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

### **Upcoming Prevention Connection Web Conference**

Media Advocacy to Prevent Violence Against Women: July 19, 2006 2pm - 3:30 pm EDT.

Registration will open in late June. For more information about this web conference, please contact David S. Lee, Prevention Connection Manager at 916-446-2520 x309 or [David@calcasa.org](mailto:David@calcasa.org)

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

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## NEW MATERIALS: IMMIGRATION

**Battered Immigrants and U.S. Citizen Spouses** by Giselle Aguilar Hass, Nawal Ammar, and Leslye Orloff, Legal Momentum (April 2006)

This paper reviews and provides data about the dynamics of domestic violence experienced by immigrant women. The authors demonstrate how power and control over the immigration status of an immigrant partner enhances the likelihood and severity of abuse.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/BatteredImmigrants.php>

**Building Bridges to Stop Violence against Immigrant Women: Effective Strategies & Promising Models for Reaching and Serving Immigrant Women** by Voices for Change: Immigrant Women & State Policy (March 2004)

Developed to share the lessons of two NY regional workshops, this document describes the barriers facing immigrant victims, as well as effective service models and strategies to overcome those barriers.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/BuildingBridges.php>

**Building the Rhythm of Change: Developing Leadership and Improving Services Within the Battered Rural - Immigrant Women's Community** by Gail Pendleton, Family Violence Prevention Fund (2001)

This manual provides suggestions and guidance on how to organize a project aimed at improving services and eliminating barriers to safety for battered immigrant women through empowerment.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/BuildingtheRhythm.php>

**Immigration Issues** by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)

This fact sheet provides legal information for immigrants who identify as LGBT and also those who are HIV-positive.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/ImmigrantIssues.php>

**Immigrant Populations as Victims: Toward a Multicultural Criminal Justice System** by National Institute of Justice (May 1998)

This report summarizes findings from a study about the criminal justice system's approach to immigrant victims of crime and barriers that prohibit immigrants from reporting crimes.

<http://www.vawnet.org/SexualViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/ImmigrantPopulations.php>

**No Refuge Here: A First Look at Sexual Abuse in Immigration Detention** by Stop Prisoner Rape (2004)

This report provides information about the sexual abuse of immigrants while in detention centers in the United States.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/Research/OtherPubs/NoRefugeHere.php>

**Realities for Immigrant Populations: How they Experience the System** by Gail Pendleton & Ellen Kemp, ASISTA Immigrant Women's Technical Assistance Project (2006)

This document describes experiences, barriers, and fears of many immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking when accessing the U.S. civil and criminal justice systems, and provides an overview of the immigration system and laws.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/RealitiesforImmigrant.php>

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## **NEW MATERIALS: GENERAL**

**Crime and the Nation's Households, 2004** by Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs (April 2006)

Presents information on the percentage of households or persons in households who are victimized as measured by the National Crime Victimization Survey. Findings are presented by region; urban, suburban or rural location; and by household size.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/Research/OtherPubs/CrimeandtheNation.php>

**Researching Violence Against Women: A Practical Guide for Researchers and Activists** by Mary Ellsberg & Lori Heise, World Health Organization, PATH (2005)

This manual outlines some of the methodological and ethical challenges of conducting research on violence against women and describes a range of innovative techniques that have been used to address these challenges.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/Research/OtherPubs/ResearchingViolence.php>

**Reshape Issue #17: Dual Coalitions** by the Sexual Assault Coalition Resource Sharing Project (Winter 2006)

This newsletter addresses issues that arise in dual coalitions. The articles focus on ideas and experiences of those working on creating balance and equality within dual coalitions.

<http://www.vawnet.org/SexualViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/Approaches/Reshape17.php>

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