



ANNOTATED PUBLICATIONS LIST

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV) provides technical assistance, training and information on domestic violence and related issues. The NRC DV supports the efforts of all individuals and groups working throughout the United States to respond to and prevent domestic violence, including: community-based domestic violence programs; state coalitions; federal, state and local government agencies; Indian tribal organizations; business and community groups; policy leaders; the media; and all others seeking information on domestic violence. The NRC DV works to increase responsiveness to the needs identified by communities of color and other traditionally underserved populations. To request any of the publications listed here or for more information about NRC DV's services and projects, please call (800) 537-2238 or TTY (800) 553-2508.

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GENERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Information Packets

NRCDDV staff and consultants develop a variety of general information packets on a range of domestic violence issues.

Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence (March 2002)

This information packet provides an introduction to the complex and varied issues around children's exposure to intimate partner violence. It includes articles, research findings, statistics and resources culled from work done between 1990 and 2002. Resource lists for web sites, videos and direct service tools are included.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Resource Packet (2009)

This packet compile resources, sample materials, activities and events that have been sponsored by advocates and community members throughout the United States to recognize and promote awareness and prevention initiatives year-round and during October, designated nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Select material from packets from earlier years is available; call or visit us online at www.nrcddv.org/dvam for more information.

General Domestic Violence Statistics Packet: Using Statistics and Evaluating Research (March 2002)

This information packet presents key issues around selecting statistics and questions to ask when reviewing a dataset or research study. It includes an annotated list of various domestic violence statistics by topical category, a chart comparing four U.S. national datasets, a bibliography and an extensive web site resource list. Attachments include three relevant applied research papers.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) Communities and Domestic Violence: Information and Resources (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.

Religion & Domestic Violence: Information and Resources (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.

Teen Dating Violence: Information and Resources (July 2004)

This packet explores issues specific to teen dating violence, examines current provision of support services for teens and presents information about a variety of promising prevention /intervention strategies. While some awareness materials such as booklets, checklists and posters are included, the intent of packet contents is to examine some of the key dating violence issues currently facing teens and their advocates.

Online Toolkits

Runaway and Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit (February 2010)

This online toolkit is a collaborative project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It was developed by and for advocates in the runaway and homeless youth and domestic violence and sexual assault fields to help programs create partnerships, meaningful services, and effective intervention and prevention strategies for working with youth at risk.

Publications

The NRC DV commissions and/or publishes documents created in consultation with experts in the field of domestic violence program advocacy, prevention, public education and services. The publications are designed to disseminate replicable, innovative approaches to assist advocates and allies in meeting varied objectives in the long-term work to end domestic violence.

The Austin Community Domestic Violence Project: A Blueprint for Raising Community Awareness and Promoting Local Action, by the Chicago Abused Women Coalition (June 1999)

The Austin Community Outreach and Training Project is a community organizing project that worked within one predominantly African American community to mobilize and train citizen gatekeepers to safely and effectively intervene in cases of domestic violence and raise awareness about the issue in their neighborhoods.

Developing Culturally-Relevant Responses to Domestic Abuse: Asha Family Services, Inc., by Antonia Vann (2003)

This publication documents the development and growth of Asha Family Services, Inc., a comprehensive family violence intervention and prevention agency located in Milwaukee, WI. Asha, the first and only recognized culturally-specific family violence intervention and prevention program in Wisconsin, employs methods specific to African American families. Asha is a private, nonprofit, spiritually-based agency. Asha is also a state-licensed outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment clinic. Asha employs a holistic family approach and through collaborative efforts strives to provide effective, comprehensive family violence, mental health, HIV/AIDS education and counseling and substance abuse intervention and prevention.

Domestic Violence Awareness: Action for Social Change by the Domestic Violence Awareness Project (DVAP) Advisory Group (2005)

This manual begins to illustrate the tremendous power, creativity and mobilization of advocates nationwide and also to inspire each of us to move beyond minimum standards of operation. This first installment includes a record of some advocates' discussions of social change, gender and language and analyses of violence against women. It also includes the beginning of a new section titled "Working within Our Own Communities," comprised to date of contributions from advocates in Asian and Pacific Islander, Native and older adult communities.

Expect Respect: A School-Based Program Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships for Youth by Barri Rosenbluth, SafePlace (March 2002)

This publication describes *Expect Respect*, a nationally-recognized dating and sexual violence prevention and intervention program in Austin, TX, which provides school-based counseling to children and youth who have experienced abuse, and educational programs on the prevention of dating and sexual violence, sexual harassment and bullying. This document examines the issues of dating violence, sexual harassment and bullying, their interrelationship, and offers a rationale for school-based programs.

Getting the Word Out... Domestic Violence Awareness in Rural Communities, by the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (July 1999)

Getting the Word Out... in Rural Communities is a statewide public awareness campaign focused on rural populations. The campaign collected and evaluated existing awareness materials, developed new materials focused on rural populations, tested creative strategies for distributing materials in rural areas, and compiled a rural resource listing.

Kid&TeenSAFE: An Abuse Prevention Program for Youth with Disabilities by Wendie H. Abramson and Iracema Mastroleo, SafePlace (March 2002)

This details a project of SafePlace's Disability Services ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) in Austin, TX, and provides model program materials for use with youth with disabilities. Appendices include needs assessment tools, recommended curricula, resources, checklists, evaluations, feedback forms, surveys, order form, fact sheets and a sample flyer.

Making the Peace: An Approach to Preventing Relationship Violence Among Youth, by the TODOS Institute/Oakland Men's Project (May 2000)

Making the Peace is a comprehensive school-based project that provided training and technical assistance to two communities implementing comprehensive dating/domestic violence prevention campaigns in their secondary schools. The campaigns combined an anti-violence curriculum, schoolwide events, and the implementation of a school-wide safety plan to intervene in and prevent relationship violence. Emphasis was also placed on enhancing collaboration between youth, schools and community organizations, and building self-sustaining programs.

Media Outreach Made Easy by Vicki Cuscino and Pam Shea, Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (March 1999)

This document provides basic information on the many ways to use the media to disseminate messages about domestic violence to the American public. A set of sample media materials is included.

The Multilingual Access Model: A Model for Outreach and Services in Non-English Speaking Communities, by The Asian Women's Shelter (December 1999)

The *Multilingual Access Project* is a bicultural, bilingual outreach project that recruited and trained bilingual, bicultural advocates from several ethnic communities to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and initiate outreach and awareness activities within their communities. In addition, the project provided technical assistance to six other domestic violence shelters and service providers within the San Francisco area to create a citywide access plan.

Organizing College Campuses Against Dating Abuse by Marilyn Best and Debbie Nelson, University of Illinois Office of Women's Programs at Champaign-Urbana Campus (February 1999)

This document is designed to provide information and assistance to staff in higher education and/or domestic violence programs who are interested in developing a comprehensive response to dating abuse as it affects students on college campuses. It provides an in depth overview of the dynamics of dating violence, how to develop a sound foundation and how to develop and implement services and interventions. Sample protocols are included.

A Practical Guide to Evaluating Domestic Violence Coordinating Councils by Nicole E. Allen, Ph.D., and Leslie A. Hagen, J.D. (2003)

The goal of this manual is to provide some practical strategies for the evaluation of domestic violence coordinating councils, task forces and committees in order to make the process of evaluation easier. Four critical components to council effectiveness are identified and addressed: the quality of the internal working climate of the council, the quality of the council infrastructure, the breadth and nature of council activities, and the shorter-term outcomes associated with the council's collective work. The manual is organized in three sections: "Evaluating Domestic Violence Coordinating Council Effectiveness," "Focusing Your Evaluation," and "Collecting, Analyzing and Presenting Data."

Raising Public Awareness on Domestic Violence in Indian Country by Karen Artichoker of Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, and Verlaine Gullickson of the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (2003)

In collaboration with the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, its member organizations and Native American advocates throughout the state, Cangleska, Inc., the violence against women intervention and shelter program on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, developed domestic violence public awareness materials focusing specifically on rural and Native American communities. Materials included posters, public service announcements and an updated version of a domestic violence handbook for Lakota communities. A resource directory for advocates was developed that included contacts for media, courts and the criminal justice system. Project staff also coordinated a statewide exhibit of the Silent Witness National Initiative and organized statewide participation in the national March to End Silence.

Transforming Communities: Creating Safety and Justice for Women and Girls by Cathy Rath, Marin County Abused Women's Services (1999)

Transforming Communities Technical Assistance & Training Project is a grassroots community-organizing project that provided technical assistance to domestic violence programs to enhance their ability to organize their communities around the issue of domestic violence. The project developed and distributed training materials about community organizing, and produced new social marketing materials such as videos, public service announcements and action kits for public distribution. In addition, the project organized a three-day training institute for domestic violence advocates.

Brochures and Resource Lists

Brochure Templates

Available in multiple electronic formats to those interested in customizing them.

- *Finding Safety and Support/Encontrando Seguridad y Apoyo* is written in gender neutral language and is specifically designed for those experiencing domestic violence.
- *Help End Domestic Violence/Ayude a Poner Fin a la Violencia Doméstica* is designed for the general public.
- *There Is No Room for Abuse in Our Community* is designed to raise awareness of services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans communities.

Video Resource List

This topically organized list is designed to assist advocates and others working to end domestic violence in selecting videos to use in educational programming and service provision.

BUILDING COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence (BCSDV) is a national initiative to help domestic violence organizations collaborate more effectively in their communities and build visions, policies, and practices that respond to the current realities facing battered women and their children, especially those living in poverty. Initially funded by the Ford Foundation, the BCSDV is an ongoing project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, in collaboration with Greater Hartford Legal Aid, Inc. and the University of Iowa School of Social Work.

BCSDV Policy, Practice and Vision Paper Series

Publication #1: New Challenges for the Battered Women's Movement: Building Collaborations and Improving Public Policy for Poor Women by Susan Schechter (January 1999)

This paper offers a critique of the strengths and limitations of the work within the battered women's movement, and challenges domestic violence advocates to work more collaboratively. The author advocates the adoption of an agenda for policy and program work that recognizes the importance of safety, justice and economic resources for women and their families, and urges that advocates pay particular attention to the concerns and interests of poor women.

Publication #2: Innovative Strategies to Provide Housing for Battered Women by Amy Correia (January 1999)

This paper highlights how eight domestic violence organizations are responding to the housing needs of battered women in their communities. All of the initiatives described involved collaborative relationships with other agencies, including local and state public housing authorities, homeless coalitions, nonprofit housing developers and/or homeless service providers. Various aspects of creating housing programs are explored, including resource acquisition, building collaborations with other agencies and program development. Contact information is included.

Publication #3: Housing and Battered Women: A Case Study of Domestic Violence Programs in Iowa by Amy Correia (March 1999)

This paper describes the design, implementation and results of a case study conducted in 1997 of Iowa's domestic violence programs. The goals of the study were to describe the housing services provided to battered women by domestic violence programs, and identify barriers battered women face in securing affordable housing. The collaborative project received support from the University of Iowa School of Social Work, the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the NRCDDV. A copy of the survey instrument is included.

Publication #4: Housing and Battered Women: Using Housing Vouchers to Assist Battered Women Move from Welfare to Work, by Robin Hammeal-Urban (March 1999)

The purpose of this paper is to provide domestic violence advocates with information and strategies to promote the use of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) welfare-to-work housing vouchers as a resource to assist battered women receiving public assistance. The paper identifies barriers faced by many battered women as they attempt to move from welfare to work and identifies how the voucher program can help women overcome these obstacles. Also included are descriptions of HUD's application process and the role of housing authorities in the administration of the voucher program.

Publication #5: Housing and Battered Women: Increasing Battered Women's Access to Federal Housing Programs by Robin Hammeal-Urban (June 1999)

HUD, the federal agency responsible for designing and overseeing the operation of federal housing programs, issued proposed regulations in April and May 1999 that are of particular interest to battered women and their advocates. This paper encourages domestic violence advocates, housing advocates, and legal services staff to collaborate in an effort to support sections of these proposed federal regulations, especially those that address battered women's access to federal housing programs. Sample comments on the proposed regulations are included.

Publication #6: Building Bridges between Domestic Violence Advocates and Health Care Providers by Janet Nudelman with Helen Rodriguez Trias, M.D. (June 1999)

In response to the growing challenges facing domestic violence advocates in the health care arena, this paper sets out the opportunities presented by health care collaborations to strengthen advocacy and intervention on behalf of battered women, build desirable health care responses to domestic violence, and create practice and policy agendas for advocates within a variety of health care settings.

Publication #7: Building Bridges Between Domestic Violence Organizations and Child Protective Services by Linda Spears, (Revised February 2000)

This paper represents a new resource for advocates seeking to strengthen efforts to help battered women with abused and neglected children. The paper reviews what is known about the effects of domestic violence on children, and provides a comprehensive overview of the child protection system and how it works. Finally, it provides a framework for collaboration with child protection agencies that will support the work of domestic violence advocates as they try to improve safety for women and their children.

Publication #8: Federal Housing and Domestic Violence: Introduction to Programs, Policies and Advocacy Opportunities by Robin Hammeal-Urban and Jill Davies (October 1999)

The focus of this paper is federal rental housing programs. These programs provide affordable housing to low-income people, including battered women. However, some of these programs also may create unintended barriers to battered women who need housing. This paper provides a basic overview of the laws and policies governing the principal federal housing programs and discusses key policy issues these programs raise for battered women.

Publication #9: Strategies to Expand Battered Women's Economic Opportunities by Amy Correia (January 2000)

This paper provides an overview of specific strategies being implemented around the country to increase economic opportunities for low-income women and families. Four broad categories of strategies are described – organizing efforts, job training and job opportunity development, creating assets and governmental responses. Each section includes a definition and program examples.

Publication #10: Welfare, Poverty, and Abused Women: New Research and Its Implications by Eleanor Lyon, Ph.D. (October 2000)

This paper provides a summary of recent studies focusing on domestic violence in the lives of TANF recipients. The paper explores what we know and don't know about the impact of domestic violence on recipients' physical and mental health and work experiences. Most particularly, it focuses on their experiences of interference from their partners, and what we know about barriers to work, the Family Violence Option, and the Child Support Exemption. (An earlier research report which provides more

detail on the incidence and the physical and emotional impact of domestic abuse is available as NRC DV Research Paper #1: *Poverty, Welfare and Battered Women: What Does the Research Tell Us?*)

Publication #11: The Workforce Investment Act: The Law and its Implications for Battered Women and Their Advocates by Robin Hammeal-Urban (October 2000)

This paper provides basic information about the Workforce Investment Act. This new Act could provide battered women and others with job training and related services so they can get jobs that pay enough to live on. The paper discusses key implementation issues relevant to battered women and their advocates, including domestic violence assessment, confidentiality and flexibility in participation requirements needed by some battered women. The paper provides practical information regarding allies to work with and how to find out about local implementation of the Act.

Publication #12: The Battered Women's Movement – Transforming Our Vision To Meet Women's Needs: Reflections on Wisconsin's Experience by Kathleen Krenek (October 2000)

In this paper the author describes the process that Wisconsin domestic violence advocates went through to assess how well their programs and procedures were meeting the needs of battered women and their children. The author discusses how the needs and perspectives of communities of color were included, and how program self-assessment and planning changed the domestic violence services and funding in the state.

Publication #13: Expanding Solutions for Domestic Violence and Poverty: What Battered Women with Abused Children Need from Their Advocates by Susan Schechter (December 2000)

This paper uses examples from the child welfare system to raise questions about the limitations of current domestic violence advocacy strategies for low-income women. The paper challenges the U.S. traditional battered women's movement to expand its solutions beyond shelter, criminal justice interventions and support groups to embrace economic advocacy and collaborate to build new forms of outreach and services to men and women in low-income communities.

Publication #14: Supporting Battered Women's Economic Development: One Community's Effort by Trich Bonica (December 2000)

This paper discusses a process used to develop a regional coalition to support battered women's economic development. It explores ways that the safety and well-being of women who have or are experiencing abuse can be enhanced by advocacy that increases their access to income, financial resources and opportunities to save money.

Publication #15: Policy Blueprint on Domestic Violence and Poverty by Jill Davies (March 2002)

This paper offers a new and important tool for advocates working with domestic violence and poverty issues in single or multiple systems. By providing a straightforward framework for policy analysis and concrete policy strategies, the paper serves as a "blueprint" for building comprehensive solutions to domestic violence.

Publication #16: How Are Domestic Violence Programs Meeting the Economic Needs of Battered Women in Iowa? An Assessment and Recommendations by Katie M. Ciorba VonDeLinde (March 2002)

This paper explores the economic needs of battered women as identified by nine Iowa-based focus groups – five composed of battered women and four of domestic violence advocates. Recommendations are made for improving economic advocacy within local domestic violence

programs and state coalitions. These include: seeking women's input and prioritizing their economic concerns; strengthening collaborations with anti-poverty, housing and job training agencies; developing tools for carrying out economic advocacy; and establishing training programs and fundraising initiatives.

Publication #17: Integrating Anti-Poverty Work into Domestic Violence Advocacy: Iowa's Experience by Amy Correia and Katie M. Ciorba VonDeLinde (September 2002)

This paper describes how the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) approached integrating economic advocacy into its work in order to better respond to the financial concerns of battered women and their families. Domestic violence programs in Iowa incorporated this work into their services by training advocates, developing new collaborative partnerships, and providing economic advocacy to battered women at three pilot sites. In addition, the ICADV secured funding to support its commitment to the institutionalization of economic advocacy in 2001.

Publication #18: Economic Education Programs for Battered Women: Lessons Learned from Two Settings by Katie Ciorba VonDeLinde and Amy Correia (April 2005)

This paper discusses *economic education*, sometimes also called, "financial or economic literacy." The discussion describes well-established economic education programs based in domestic violence agencies in Iowa and St. Louis, Missouri and explores the effects of different settings on program development and evolution. The authors share the lessons learned from these programs' experiences and key issues to consider when developing economic education programs for battered women. The paper also includes an appendix by Laurie Holmes describing the Personal Economic Planning Curriculum (PEP) published by the Elizabeth Stone House in 1997.

Publication #19: HarborCOV: One Community's Effort to Build Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence by Laurie Holmes and Jill Davies (April 2006)

This paper describes how one local domestic violence program, located in Chelsea, MA, built an innovative organization that transformed services, improving options for women's safety and their families' well-being. The paper begins with an explanation of the process, principles, and approach used by HarborCOV to develop a comprehensive response to domestic violence. Subsequent sections cover the scope of advocacy and services provided and the organizational structure put in place to support the work. The paper concludes with an exploration of the role HarborCOV plays in the community as a partner and leader to end violence and improve the health and development of the community. Appendices offer information about the community, an organizational profile, and a list of HarborCOV's services and external collaborations.

Publication #20: When Battered Women Stay... Advocacy Beyond Leaving by Jill Davies (June 2008)

This paper raises key issues, questions, and dilemmas regarding advocacy with battered women who stay in their relationships. It discusses the limitations of safety strategies for leaving, and frames the issues central to the expansion of advocacy beyond leaving, including: 1) safety planning and advocacy with victims who stay; 2) ending violent and controlling behavior; and 3) knowing what children need to be OK.

BCSDV Newsletter: Increasing Economic Opportunity for Battered Women

The *Increasing Economic Opportunity for Battered Women* newsletter was originally published from November 2000 through March 2002 as a forum for sharing ways that domestic violence programs are responding to the economic issues facing battered women, particularly those living in poverty. The newsletter resumed publication in June 2004.

Newsletter #1: Building A Network Of Advocates Committed To Improving Battered Women's Economic Security (November 2000, Volume 1)

The November 2000 introductory issue features articles about the Family Violence Option advocacy efforts of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence; the anti-poverty public policy initiatives underway at the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and an economic literacy curriculum for adult women, designed by the Elizabeth Stone House in Boston, called *Personal Economic Planning*.

Newsletter #2: Collaboration a Key Factor in Fostering Economic Opportunity (April 2001, Volume 2, Number 1)

The second issue features articles on collaborations. In St. Louis, MO, a consortium of community-based domestic violence and homeless shelters – led by the not-for-profit Redevelopment Opportunities for Women, Inc. – organized itself to provide comprehensive economic services to battered women. One article describes the range of this economic work. Another article illustrates how two state domestic violence coalitions – Pennsylvania and Alabama – are working with welfare departments to create more options for abused women receiving welfare benefits.

Newsletter #3: Welfare-to-Work Programs Create Options for Battered Women (July 2001, Volume 2, Number 2)

This issue explores how welfare-to-work programs can help battered women. It highlights welfare-to-work programs that provide specialized services to battered women, including a statewide pilot project in Kentucky, a community college funded initiative in Texas, and an experiential learning course developed by a transitional housing program in Maine. Also included is a list of Internet resources designed to increase understanding of this complex system.

Newsletter #4: Safe and Affordable Housing (September 2001, Volume 2, Number 3)

This fourth issue reviews the options and barriers for battered women seeking safe and affordable housing. Highlights include descriptions of the efforts of a state welfare agency, a community-based domestic violence program, and two state domestic violence coalitions toward improving housing opportunities for battered women.

Newsletter #5: New Visions, New Allies: Creating Domestic Violence and Poverty State Teams (March 2002, Volume 3, Number 1)

This issue of the newsletter features articles about the Domestic Violence and Poverty State Team Leadership Institute held in July 2001 in Hartford, CT. The Institute was designed to develop teams in six states that will build and carry out a policy and practice agenda on domestic violence and poverty. Also included are articles about state team activities conducted since the Institute, including information about the planning that teams have completed and the work they have initiated.

Newsletter #6: Economic Advocacy Capacity Building: Iowa's Experience and Lessons Learned (June 2004, Volume 5, Number 1)

This issue of the BCS newsletter features the dynamic economic advocacy work of the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The main article outlines the steps and stages of ICADV's housing and financial advocacy work from 1997 until the present. Main activities are covered and lessons learned are highlighted. Also included is a listing of relevant BCS papers on housing and building economic advocacy capacity.

Newsletter #7: Economic Resource Connections for Battered Women: A Collaborative Community Approach (September 2004, Volume 5, Number 2)

This issue of the BCS newsletter features the economic advocacy and collaborative community approach of Her Will, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois. The main article describes Her Will's core activities and approach to establishing and maintaining resource connections for battered women and their families. Lessons learned are highlighted. The newsletter also includes a listing of relevant BCS papers on job opportunities and job training for battered women.

Newsletter #8: Generating Resources for Battered Women via Community Empowerment (November 2004, Volume 5, Number 3)

This issue of the BCS newsletter profiles the community organizing and community-based organization (CBO) capacity building approach of the Community Empowerment Program (CEP) of CONNECT, Inc. of New York City. The main article describes CEP's method of community research, organizational relationship building, and linking and network facilitation of neighborhood organizations. Lessons learned are highlighted. The newsletter also includes a listing for how to get more information about CONNECT, Inc. and related policy and practice guidance offered in the "Early Childhood, Domestic Violence, and Poverty: Helping Young Children and Their Families" paper series, Susan Schechter, Project Director and Series Editor.

Newsletter #9: BCS Connecting Institute Seminar Overview (April 2005, Volume 6, Number 1)

This issue of the BCS newsletter reviews the initial event of the Building Comprehensive Solutions to Domestic Violence *Connecting to Build Comprehensive Solutions Institute*. The *Connecting Institute* Tampa Seminar, held November 2004, is the featured story. This main article summarizes activities, philosophy, and highlights of the *Connecting Institute's* kick-off gathering of 15 (fifteen) state teams. Lessons learned are highlighted. The newsletter also includes a listing of relevant written materials including BCS Publication #15: Policy Blueprint on Domestic Violence and Poverty by Jill Davies and BCSDV Training Curricula on Introduction to Policy Advocacy and Analysis by Jill Davies; Outreach to Underserved Communities by Sujata Warriar; and Skills for Successful Collaborations by Day Piercy.

Newsletter #10: Expanding Economic Advocacy Beyond Welfare: Highlights and Lessons Learned from the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (September 2005, Volume 6, Number 2)

This issue of the BCS newsletter profiles the vanguard efforts of the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence as they respond to the economic-related needs faced by battered women and their children. The main article summarizes selected activities of *The Economic Justice Project* including the development of current work that has grown out of welfare advocacy. Lessons learned

are highlighted. The newsletter also describes relevant written materials and products available from the Coalition.

Newsletter #11: Casa de Esperanza: Mobilizing Latinas and Latino Communities to End Domestic Violence (February 2006, Volume 7, Number 1)

This issue of the BCS newsletter features the strengths-based, community engagement approach of Casa de Esperanza, of St. Paul, MN. The main article describes their work of mobilizing Latinas and Latino communities to end domestic violence.

Newsletter #12: The Allstate Foundation's Domestic Violence Program: A National Partnership with NNEDV to Reduce the Economic Barriers to Safety and Security of Women and their Families (April 2006, Volume 7, Number 2)

This BCS newsletter features the *Allstate Foundation's Domestic Violence Program*. The main article covers the primary programmatic components and highlights the work of the FY05 state domestic violence coalition grantees (GA, MI, NY, WA, and LA). Readers may also be interested in the Direct Assistance and Education Fund, the development of a Financial Curriculum, the Thought Leadership and Advocacy conferences, and the Public Awareness aspects of the work.

BCSDV National Training Initiative to Enhance Collaboration

As a means of enabling domestic violence organizations to play a broader collaborative effort in the community, the BCSDV initiative of the NRCDV developed three training curricula for the staff of grassroots domestic violence organizations. The three curricula are interrelated and build on each other, although each can stand alone as a teaching unit. Each curriculum contains an introductory discussion of the material, a suggested schedule, material to be copied as transparencies for overhead projectors, handouts to be duplicated for participants, and substantive discussion of each section for the trainer.

Curriculum #1: Introduction to Policy Advocacy and Analysis by Jill Davies (February 2000)

This curriculum is designed to enhance the public policy skill and knowledge of domestic violence advocates. It provides both a theoretical approach to systemic advocacy and basic hands-on tools to help advocates better prepare for their work with systems.

Curriculum #2: Outreach to Underserved Communities by Sujata Warriar (February 2000)

This curriculum is designed to help domestic violence programs reach out to underserved communities in order to address the issues of diversity and the limited access to quality services for battered women from those communities.

Curriculum #3: Skills for Successful Collaborations by Day Piercy (February 2000)

This is a skill-building curriculum in negotiation, collaborative mindset, strategic thinking and meeting facilitation.

Welfare and Domestic Violence Technical Assistance Initiative Papers

Initiated in 1996, the purpose of this NRCDV paper series is to provide practical information that will help states implement welfare and child support enforcement reforms that promote both the safety and self-sufficiency of battered women and other domestic violence victims.

Practice Paper #1: Building Opportunities for Battered Women’s Safety and Self-Sufficiency by Jill Davies (1998)

This first of two welfare practice papers provides background information about domestic violence and the options battered women need to be safe and self-sufficient, as well as concise discussions of implementation issues facing TANF and child support enforcement agencies and domestic violence advocates under new federal and state welfare laws. Key practice issues addressed include universal notification and screening/assessment strategies, staffing approaches, confidentiality, services referral and child support enforcement.

Practice Paper #2: Family Violence Protocol Development (for TANF and Child Support Enforcement agencies and domestic violence advocates) by Jill Davies (1998)

This paper provides detailed guidance on the development of family violence protocols for the disclosure of domestic violence information; TANF/Child Support Enforcement program response to such disclosures; and safe and effective enforcement of child support when family violence may be a risk.

Practice Paper #3: Recommendations for Training TANF and Child Support Enforcement Staff about Domestic Violence by Jill Davies (2000)

This paper provides an overview of legal and policy context for domestic violence training, presents suggestions for effective teaching, and defines the concept of a “basic response to domestic violence” – one approach to determining the core content of domestic violence training.

Policy Paper #1: The New Welfare Law: Implications for Battered Women – Introduction to the Law by Jill Davies (1996)

This paper began a welfare/domestic violence series in 1996 and provides basic information about the federal welfare law, its possible effects on battered women and the role for domestic violence advocates. Included is a summary of welfare law provisions prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and a copy of a Presidential Directive providing guidelines to states for implementing the family violence provisions of welfare reform.

Policy Paper #2: The New Welfare Law: State Implementation and Use of the Family Violence Option by Jill Davies (1997)

The second policy paper focuses on implementation of the federal welfare law, with a particular focus on questions related to initial implementation of the family violence provisions of that law. The paper analyzes the effects of the federal welfare law changes on battered women and their children, identifies policy and program responses, explains the domestic violence references included in the law, and provides recommendations related to implementation of the Family Violence Option.

Policy Paper #3: The New Welfare Law: Child Support Enforcement by Jill Davies (1997)

This third welfare policy paper provides a brief overview of family violence issues in the context of child support enforcement and the establishment of paternity, including the identification of key issues for states and Indian Tribes. Of particular importance is the identification of the effects of new

paternity establishment and child support enforcement cooperation requirements on the safety of some battered women and their children.

**Research Paper #1: Poverty, Welfare and Battered Women: What Does the Research Tell Us?
by Eleanor Lyon, Ph.D. (December 1997)**

This paper provides a summary of studies focusing on the combined experience of poverty and domestic violence on women's lives. The paper explores what we know and don't know about the prevalence of domestic violence among poor women and women receiving welfare; the connections that can be drawn between welfare and domestic violence; and the effects of domestic violence on women receiving welfare benefits. (An updated version of this paper is available as publication #10 in the BCSDV series: *Welfare, Poverty and Abused Women: New Research and Its Implications.*)

WOMEN OF COLOR NETWORK MATERIALS

Created in 1997, the national Women of Color Network (WOCN) promotes and supports networking and leadership development for women of color advocates and activists working in fields of domestic violence, sexual assault and other fields related to violence against women and their families. The Network seeks to enhance the capacity of these advocates and activists to define and develop culturally specific approaches to strengthen the response to various and interconnected modes of violence within their communities. (For more in-depth information, visit the Women of Color Network Website at <http://womenofcolornetwork.org> or contact the WOCN at 800-537-2238/717-545-6400 or TTY at 800-553-2508.)

Women of Color Network Resource Guide

The *Women of Color Network Resource Guide* is designed to support the work of women of color activists by providing a mechanism for networking, exchanging ideas and sharing resources. Every few years WOCN publishes an updated edition of the Resource Guide. The previous two editions are listed below:

- *1999 Resource Guide*: This first edition of the WOCN Resource Guide is comprised of three sections offering valuable information: Our Leaders, Our Resources and Creating Safer Communities for the Next Millennium. Copies may be purchased for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling at (800) 537-2238 or TTY (800) 553-2508.
- *2003 Resource Guide Update*: This second edition was designed as an addendum to the 1999 *Guide*. Together the *Update* and the *Guide* provide information on over 350 women of color activists and 100 culturally specific programs addressing domestic violence or sexual assault. Copies may be purchased for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling at (800) 537-2238 or TTY (800) 553-2508.

Women of Color Network Newsletter: *Women of Color Voices*

Women of Color Voices features articles written by women of color advocates and activists on a broad range of topics. The newsletter also features local women of color initiatives and includes updates on WOCN activities and national initiatives.

Women of Color Voices: Volume 1, Issue 1 (Summer/Fall 2006)

This issue features articles about the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute's conference on Gender & Culture, the Spirits of Hope Coalition, survivor advocacy in the digital age, domestic violence and animal abuse, and poems from survivors.

Women of Color Voices: Volume 1, Issue 2 (Spring/Summer 2007)

This issue features information about WOCN national survey for advocates and activists of color, national response with reference to the "Endangered Woman of Color Advocate," A Call to Men 3rd Annual Conference, and more.

Women of Color Voices: Volume 2, Issue 1 (Fall 2008)

This issue features an excerpt from the Call to Action teleconference for women of color and allies, held on October 24, 2007. These calls along with calls for women of color only are a part of the WOCN "Training Without Walls" Teleconference Series. Other announcements and updates as well as articles by women of color advocates and activists are also included.

WOCN Facts and Stats Collection

WOCN Facts & Stats Collection is intended to present a series of data relevant to communities of color in an easy-to-read, concise document. The information and statistics published are not meant to be exhaustive. Statistical data may change and are not fully representative of all communities of color. Therefore, WOCN strongly encourages individuals to conduct additional research and/or contact WOCN and the resources [listed] for further information.

Domestic Violence in Communities of Color (2006)

This "Facts & Stats Collection" paper highlights specific issues and distinguishing dynamics that confront different women of color, including African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American/Alaskan Indian women.

Sexual Violence in Communities of Color (2006)

This "Facts & Stats Collection" paper highlights specific issues and distinguishing dynamics that confront different women of color, including African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American/Alaskan Indian women.

Dating Violence in Communities of Color (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. Resources for additional information are provided.

Elder Abuse in Communities of Color (2008)

This "Facts & Stats Collection" paper describes specific issues and distinguishing dynamics that confront older women of color, highlighting types of abuse and warning signs. Resources for additional information are provided.

WOCN Publications

Forging New Collaborations Between Domestic Violence Programs, Child Welfare Services and Communities of Color by Nita Carter (2003)

This report summarizes the dialogues from the WOCN focus groups on domestic violence and child welfare, conducted through collaboration with the Family Violence Prevention Fund. Over 100 domestic violence and sexual assault activists of color participated in these focus groups. The report includes highlights from their conversations regarding issues and barriers for battered women with children from communities of color and a set of recommendations from focus group participants.

Young Women of Color Advocates & Leadership: A Mentoring Tool for Advocates in the Anti-Violence Against Women Movement (July 2009)

This tool was created to be a sound guide for young women of color (YWOC) advocates in the anti-violence against women (VAW) movement who are interested in building a mentor relationship.

Young women of color, in particular, are less likely to have access to mentors or mentoring relationships, despite the important role mentoring may play in workplace success and professional growth. Although this tool is intended to encourage mentoring of YWOC advocates, it also has applicable uses for anyone trying to establish effective mentorship.

NATIONAL ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAWNET) APPLIED RESEARCH DOCUMENTS

VAWnet commissions researchers and advocates to create brief summaries and interpretations of current research on violence against women. These documents are intended for broad dissemination with appropriate citation to NRC DV/VAWnet and the author(s). Documents are available for free download through <http://www.VAWnet.org> under the “Applied Research” tab, or through both Sexual Violence & Domestic Violence Research Areas. For more information, please call the NRC DV at (800) 537-2238, TTY (800) 553-2508, or email VAWnet@pcadv.org.

Abuse and Women with Disabilities by Margaret Nosek, Ph.D., and Carol Howland, M.P.H. (February 1998)

This document highlights the prevalence of violence against women with disabilities, examines abuse interventions for women with disabilities, and offers a critique of studies on abuse and disability. The authors also provide recommendations for research and program development.

Alcohol and Sexual Violence Perpetration by Antonia Abbey with contributions from Lydia Guy Ortiz (December 2008)

This Applied Research paper examines the frequent co-occurrence of alcohol and sexual violence perpetration. Identifying the different ways alcohol relates to perpetration can aid in the development of effective sexual violence prevention strategies.

Are Heterosexual Men Also Victims of Intimate Partner Abuse? By Joanne Belknap and Heather Melton (March 2005)

This document provides a summary of the research on the rates of intimate partner abuse (IPA) committed by women against men. The document discusses the arguments that have been made to explain the huge discrepancies in scholars’ interpretations of findings regarding women’s use of violence against intimate partners, explains the findings of the research review, and provides recommendations for research and practice.

Assessment for Lifetime Exposure to Violence as a Pathway to Prevention by Linda Chamberlain (February 2006)

This document provides a brief overview of the research on lifetime exposure to violence and the long-term health consequences of violence. It also examines how assessment for lifetime exposure to violence can create a pathway to prevention.

Battered Women's Protective Strategies by Sherry Hamby with contributions from Andrea Bible (July 2009)

This Applied Research paper adopts a holistic approach to understand battered women's protective strategies, reviewing a wide range of strategies used by women to cope with numerous threats posed by battering, not just the threat of bodily harm.

Child Custody and Visitation Decisions in Domestic Violence Cases: Legal Trends, Risk Factors, and Safety Concerns by Daniel G. Saunders in consultation with Karen Oehme (Revised 2007)

Describes major legal and social trends surrounding custody and visitation decisions and the social science evidence supporting the need to consider domestic violence. Recommendations for custody and visitation decisions are explored.

Civil Tort Actions Filed by Victims of Sexual Assault: Promise and Perils by Ellen Bublick with contributions from Jessica Mindlin (September 2009)

This Applied Research paper examines tort actions for sexual assault - law suits that seek financial compensation for wrongs that cause injury to the victim. The paper also discusses benefits and drawbacks of tort litigation for sexual assault survivors.

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

This document provides a brief summary of the research on sexual abuse of women with disabilities. The document covers the origins of our knowledge concerning the sexual abuse of women with disabilities, the methodological quandaries related to sexual abuse research in general and the data on women with disabilities and the men who abuse them, and concludes with an exploration of the efforts of women with disabilities and their allies to counter sexual abuse.

Controversies and Recent Studies of Batterer Intervention Program Effectiveness by Larry Bennett, Ph.D., and Oliver Williams, Ph.D. (August 2001)

This document examines the effectiveness of batterer intervention programs in holding batterers accountable, increasing victim safety, and changing batterer behavior and attitudes. The authors address the inherent complications in evaluating these outcomes. An overview and comparison of four experimental studies is provided.

Critique of the “Battered Woman Syndrome” Model by Mary Ann Dutton, Ph.D. (September 1996)

This document provides an overview of the concept “battered woman syndrome” and examines the inadequacy of the model for describing battered women's experiences, whether it is used in expert testimony, counseling or advocacy.

Culturally Competent Service Provision to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Survivors of Sexual Violence by Sabrina Gentlewarrior with contributions from Kim Fountain (September 2009)

This Applied Research paper provides a review of the research focusing on LGBT survivors of sexual trauma and offers recommendations for culturally competent service provision to LGBT clients.

Current Trends in Psychological Assessment and Treatment Approaches for Survivors of Sexual Trauma by Nicole P. Yuan, Mary P. Koss, and Mirto Stone (April 2006)

This document provides a review and critique of current trends in mental health assessment and treatment for sexual trauma survivors with an emphasis on early intervention. Treatment approaches are restricted to psychotherapy.

Domestic Abuse in Later Life by Bonnie Brandl and Loree Cook-Daniels (December 2002)

Nearly 77 million people, more than a quarter of the total U.S. population, are age 50 or older. Unfortunately, for the most part, older victims of family abuse fall through the cracks of existing services and research. This document explores the responsibilities of service providers and researchers to do more quality work in the area of abuse in later life.

Economic Stress and Domestic Violence by Claire M. Renzetti with contributions from Vivian M. Larkin (September 2009)

This Applied Research paper provides data on domestic violence rates across social classes, highlights the relationship between economic stress and domestic violence, and explores employment, social support networks, and weaknesses in social services.

The Effectiveness of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs by Rebecca Campbell (November 2004)

This document provides a brief summary of the structure and functions of SANE programs, as they currently exist in the United States. This paper presents the current research on the effectiveness of SANE programs in three areas: 1) providing care in an empowering setting that addresses survivors' emotional and medical needs 2) improving the quality of forensic evidence collection relative to the methods traditionally used in hospital emergency departments 3) increasing prosecution rates in their community, due to the meticulous documenting of injuries and physical evidence. This paper also provides recommendations for future research.

The Effectiveness of Sexual Assault Services in Multi-Service Agencies by Debra Patterson with contributions from Sally Laskey (September 2009)

This Applied Research paper examines whether organizational affiliation and structure affect the quantity and quality of sexual assault services. The paper offers recommendations for future research evaluating the effectiveness of rape crisis centers.

Emerging Responses to Children Exposed to Domestic Violence by Jeffrey Edleson in consultation with Barbara Nissley (October 2006)

This document reviews the new research, policies, and programs focused on children who have witnessed adult domestic violence. It argues that the diversity of children's experiences requires equally diverse responses from those who serve them.

Evaluating Coordinated Community Responses to Domestic Violence by Melanie Shepard, Ph.D. (April 1999)

This document explores different mechanisms for coordination of community responses to domestic violence, examines research regarding various components of community responses, and highlights studies that evaluate the effectiveness of coordinated community responses.

Evaluating the Outcomes of Domestic Violence Service Programs: Some Practical Considerations and Strategies by Cris Sullivan, Ph.D., and Carole Alexy (2001)

This document provides an overview of how to conceptualize and carry out program evaluation in domestic violence organizations. The authors include a discussion on how to design appropriate outcomes as well as provide information on how to collect data. Finally, the document offers additional resources to assist with outcome evaluations.

Evaluating Violence Against Women Research Reports by Sandra K. Beeman, Ph.D. (March 2002)

This document is a helpful guideline for the use and evaluation of research reports. It is intended to help advocates become more skilled and confident about reading and understanding research reports.

Evaluations of Advocacy Efforts to End Intimate Male Violence Against Women by Cris M. Sullivan, Ph.D., and Mary Keefe (April 1999)

This document discusses four evaluations of community advocacy efforts, including Community Intervention Projects and the Community Advocacy Project. The authors identify the need for both individual and systems-focused advocacy in order to create an effective and comprehensive community response to battered women.

Girls and Violence: Is the Gender Gap Closing? by Meda Chesney-Lind (August 2004)

This document summarizes the current research on girls' use of violence. As the public's concern about girls' aggression and violence is rising, this document reviews the objective evidence regarding youthful female violence, makes suggestions about what is occurring, and then briefly suggests ways that those who work with and care about girls can address the issue positively.

Housing and Battered Women by Amy Correia and Jen Rubin (November 2001)

This document looks at the trends in housing policy that have created significant barriers for battered women and others in obtaining permanent housing.

Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence: Cultural Challenges and Available Legal Protections by Sudha Shetty and Janice Kaguyutan (February 2002)

This document explores the unique experiences and challenges facing immigrant battered women in the U.S. and also outlines legal protections available to immigrant women who experience domestic violence, including an overview of options available through VAWA.

Incidence Rates of Violence Against Women: A Comparison of the Redesigned National Crime Victimization Survey and the 1985 National Family Violence Survey by Ronet Bachman, Ph.D. (January 1998)

This document highlights the differences between two of the largest U.S. surveys that attempt to measure violence against women, and explores the factors that attribute to the differences in incidence rates of violence in each study. The surveys examined are the National Crime Victimization Survey and the National Family Violence Survey. It also includes a discussion about what each survey tells us about men's and women's use of violence.

Incorporating Evaluation into Media Campaign Design by Sharyn J. Potter with contributions from Brad Perry (April 2008)

This Applied Research paper provides information on core concepts relevant to media campaign evaluation strategies and showcases several sexual violence prevention campaigns that have completed evaluations at various stages of the implementation process.

Interpersonal Violence and Women With Disabilities: A Research Update by Laurie E. Powers, Rosemary B. Hughes, and Emily M. Lund with contributions from Mary Wambach (September 2009)

This article provides an update on what researchers have learned during the past ten years about abuse and women with disabilities and offers some perspectives on the state of current research and its implications for future studies and advocacy efforts.

Lethality Assessment Tools: A Critical Analysis by Neil Websdale, Ph.D. (2000)

This document critiques several lethality assessment tools and examines the link between these instruments and research on domestic violence homicide. It includes a discussion on the antecedents of lethal violence and the utility of dangerousness assessment tools in promoting the safety of battered women.

Marital Rape: New Research and Directions by Raquel Kennedy Bergen (February 2006)

This document provides an overview of the research on marital rape including a brief legal history of marital rape; discussion of its occurrence; summary of the effects; and an analysis of practitioners' intervention with marital rape survivors.

Measuring the Extent of Woman Abuse in Intimate Heterosexual Relationships: A Critique of the Conflict Tactics Scales by Walter DeKeseredy, Ph.D., and Martin Schwartz, Ph.D. (February 1998)

This document offers a critique of the Conflict Tactics Scale (CTS), a commonly-used measurement instrument designed to estimate the extent of violence against women, and the revised version of the instrument (CTS2). The authors examine several limitations to the CTS and CTS2 and describe the need for multiple measures of woman abuse to supplement these measurement instruments.

Mobilizing Communities to Prevent Domestic Violence by Melanie Shepard with contributions from Deborah Zelli (November 2008)

This Applied Research document provides an overview of the research on community mobilization to prevent domestic violence, explores guiding concepts and frameworks, and discusses the challenges of implementing community mobilization strategies.

No Safe Place: Sexual Assault in the Lives of Homeless Women by Lisa A. Goodman, Katya Fels, & Catherine Glenn with contributions from Judy Benitez (September 2006)

This paper consolidates knowledge about the damaging interplay between homelessness and sexual violence. It clarifies steps researchers, policy-makers, and service providers can take to intervene with victims and prevent future sexual assaults.

The Overlap Between Child Maltreatment and Woman Abuse by Jeffrey L. Edleson, Ph.D. (Revised April 1999)

This document offers an examination of the research on the overlap between child abuse and woman battering. The author explores the dynamics of overlapping violence and discusses the limitations of the research on this topic.

Parental Alienation Syndrome & Parental Alienation: Research Reviews by Joan S. Meier (January 2009)

This VAWnet document provides a historical and research overview of Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation, identifies strategic issues for advocates working with victims, and offers guidelines to improve courts' treatment of these issues.

Pornography and Sexual Violence by Robert Jensen (July 2004)

This document summarizes the current research on the connection between pornography and sexual violence. The author asserts that from both laboratory research and personal narratives one can argue that pornography can: (1) be an important factor in shaping a male-dominant view of sexuality; (2) be used to initiate victims and break down their resistance to unwanted sexual activity; (3) contribute to a

user's difficulty in separating sexual fantasy and reality; and (4) provide a training manual for abusers. This document also looks at how we define pornography, the consumption and effects of pornography, and the implications this has on policies and practices.

Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault by David A. Wolfe and Peter G. Jaffe (January 2003)

As public recognition of domestic violence and sexual assault has reached increasing heights, there has been an outcry for more effective prevention programs. This paper looks at these prevention programs.

A Prevention Primer for Domestic Violence: Terminology, Tools, and the Public Health Approach by Linda Chamberlain (March 2008)

This document provides an introduction to basic prevention concepts by exploring the public health approach, two classification systems, a planning tool used to develop more comprehensive initiatives, and the importance of understanding terminology.

Problems Associated with Children's Witnessing of Domestic Violence by Jeffrey L. Edleson, Ph.D. (Revised April 1999)

This document discusses children's problems associated with witnessing violence and the factors that influence the degree of those problems. The author also offers a critique of the research methods used to study child witnessing of violence and explores the policy implications of the data on this issue.

The Psychological Consequences of Sexual Trauma by Nicole P. Yuan, Mary P. Koss, and Mirto Stone (March 2006)

This document describes current research findings on the effects of childhood and adulthood sexual victimization on women's mental health. Existing data on understudied communities and risk factors for mental health problems are discussed.

Rape Prevention and Risk Reduction: Review of the Research Literature for Practitioners by Kimberly A. Lonsway with contributions from Dorothy Edwards (January 2009)

This Applied Research paper examines both single- and mixed-gender rape prevention and risk reduction programs, and provides suggestions for practitioners to design, implement, and evaluate programs.

The Relationship Between Alcohol Consumption and Sexual Victimization by Jeanette Norris, Ph.D. (December 2008)

This Applied Research paper examines the relationship between alcohol and sexual victimization. The paper focuses on victims' experiences, including resistance during and psychological effects subsequent to alcohol-involved sexual assault incidents.

Restorative Justice and Intimate Partner Violence by James Ptacek and Loretta Frederick (January 2009)

This Applied Research document discusses the role of victims within restorative justice, reviews the research on restorative justice, and discusses the potential harms and benefits of using restorative justice in cases of intimate partner violence.

Restorative Justice Responses to Sexual Assault by Mary Koss and Mary Achilles (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.

A Review of Standards for Batterer Intervention Programs by Juliet Austin, M.A., and Juergen Dankwort, Ph.D. (September 1997)

This document reports on the current status of standards for batterer intervention programs in each U.S. state, describes the common elements of standards, and explores the positive and negative aspects of standards. It includes a chart outlining the status of standards in each state.

Screening for Sexual Violence: Gaps in Research and Recommendations for Change by Lynne Stevens with contributions from Barbara Sheaffer (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.

Sexual Assault in Rural Communities by Susan Lewis (September 2003)

This document addresses our current level of understanding of sexual assault in rural areas as it affects both victims and rural service providers. The article recognizes the need for additional research regarding the question of prevalence, and the need to focus attention and perspective on a wide variety of rural configurations and cultural characteristics.

Sexual Victimization in Indian Country: Barriers and Resources for Native Women Seeking Help by Sherry Hamby (May 2004)

This document summarizes the barriers facing and resources available to American Indian victims of sexual victimization, with a focus on systemic barriers found in the organizations and communities most likely to serve native women.

Sexual Violence Against Women: Impact on High-Risk Health Behaviors and Reproductive Health by Sandra L. Martin and Rebecca J. Macy with contributions from Janice A. Mirabassi (June 2009)

This Applied Research paper provides a brief overview of research on the impact of sexual violence on females' high-risk health behaviors and reproductive health, focusing on studies of sexual assault or rape experienced primarily during adulthood.

Sexual Violence and Adolescents by Holly Harner (April 2003)

This document reviews the current state of science regarding sexual violence occurring in adolescent dating and acquaintance relationships. The author reviews the data on adolescent sexual violence, looks at the factors associated with sexual victimization of adolescents, writes about the consequences of sexual violence to adolescents, and reviews adolescent sexual violence prevention programs. The author also makes specific research, practice, policy and advocacy recommendations.

Sexual Violence in the Lives of African American Women: Risk, Response, and Resilience by Carolyn M. West with contributions from Jacqueline Johnson (October 2006)

This paper synthesizes information on African American female victim/survivors. It addresses historical context, survivor traits, risk factors, health consequences, culturally sensitive responses, and resilience of survivors.

Spouse Assault Replication Program: Studies of Effects of Arrest on Domestic Violence by Arlene Weisz, Ph.D. (Revised November 2001)

A summary of studies sponsored by the National Institute of Justice on arrest policies for misdemeanor domestic assault. The studies attempt to replicate the Minneapolis Domestic Violence Experiment conducted in 1984 which found that arrest was almost twice as effective as other police actions in preventing re-arrest. The document reviews the methodologies used in the studies, summarizes the findings, and offers major criticisms of the studies.

Substance Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence by Larry Bennett and Patricia Bland (May 2008)

This document provides an overview of the research on the relationship between substance abuse and woman battering, covering the victim's use of substances and the specific needs for domestic violence services for those with substance abuse problems.

Teen Dating Violence: A Review of Risk Factors and Prevention Efforts by Maura O'Keefe (April 2005)

This document provides a critical review of the dating violence literature with respect to potential risk factors for both perpetrators and victims and examines the empirical research regarding the effectiveness of prevention and intervention programs targeting teen dating violence. The document also provides recommendations for future research and potential policy implications.

Towards an Understanding of Women's Use of Non-Lethal Violence in Intimate Heterosexual Relationships by Shamita Das Dasgupta, Ph.D., DVS (February 2001)

This document provides an opportunity to begin to think about and increase our understanding of the complex issue of women's use of non-lethal violence against their male partners. The paper includes a review of existing research, an examination of the motivations and context of women's use of violence, and a critical analysis to inform policy and practice.

Treatment of Adult Sex Offenders by Robert Prentky and Barbara Schwartz with contributions from Gail Burns-Smith (December 2006)

This Applied Research paper provides an overview of the current state of treatment of adult male sex offenders, with a focus on the effectiveness of treatment.

Understanding National Rape Statistics by Dean Kilpatrick and Jenna McCauley with contributions from Grace Mattern (September 2009)

This Applied Research paper provides an overview of how estimates of sexual violence in the United States are produced, with particular emphasis on major sources of rape statistics at the national level.

Update of the 'Battered Woman Syndrome' Critique by Mary Ann Dutton with contributions from Melissa Dichter and Sue Osthoff (August 2009)

This Applied Research paper reviews the definition, evolution, and utilization of "battered woman syndrome" in the courts and offers a critique of its framework and its use.

The Use of Expert Testimony on Intimate Partner Violence by Kathleen J. Ferraro and Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz (August 2009)

This Applied Research paper presents an overview of the uses of expert testimony, the qualifications and roles of experts, the literature on the use of testimony on the effects of battering, and considerations for future research.

Using Rapist Risk Factors to Set an Agenda for Rape Prevention by Raymond A. Knight and Judith Sims-Knight with contributions from Suzanne Brown-McBride (September 2009)

This Applied Research paper reviews the empirical research on the behaviors, traits, developmental experiences, and biological antecedents that have been found to be associated with an increased probability that a male will become sexually aggressive.

Violence Against Women and the Role of Religion by Rev. Dr. Marie Fortune and Rabbi Cindy Enger (March 2005)

This document provides an overview of some of the basic issues and questions that confront religiously identified women who have experienced abuse. The document focuses on three of the major religions in the U.S.: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. It outlines strategies for clergy and secular domestic violence advocates to reach out to one another in order to find and develop the resources needed to help domestic violence victims.

Welfare and Domestic Violence Against Women: Lessons from Research by Eleanor Lyon, Ph.D. (August 2002)

This paper provides a summary of the research on the connections between poverty, public assistance, employment and violence against women. Implications for advocates and others who work with women who receive TANF are discussed in detail.

Women's Experiences of Abuse as a Risk Factor for Incarceration by Mary E. Gilfus (December 2002)

Violence perpetrated against women and girls increases their risk of arrest and incarceration. This paper examines the intersections of interpersonal and structural violence that increasingly forces abused girls and women into the criminal justice system, not only as victims, but also as offenders.

Working with Men to Prevent Violence Against Women: An Overview (Part One) by Alan Berkowitz (October 2004)

This document provides an overview of current efforts involving men in the prevention of violence against women. The paper discusses men's role in prevention, what is effective, and cultural issues and considerations in working with men.

Working with Men to Prevent Violence Against Women: An Overview (Part Two) by Alan Berkowitz (October 2004)

This document discusses best practices in prevention, provides an overview of different program modalities and formats, and reviews program philosophies that can be used in working with men to prevent violence against women.

Working with Young Men Who Batter by Dean Peacock and Emily Rothman, M.S. (November 2001)

This document offers an overview of the current juvenile batterer intervention programs. It identifies risk factors for teen dating violence perpetration, describes efforts to prevent re-offenses, discusses several shortcomings inherent in post-crisis intervention, and outlines current challenges within the field. In addition, the authors draw upon research from related fields to posit possible future directions for research and intervention efforts.