



E-NEWSLETTER

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VAWnet's E-Newsletter provides monthly updates on new resources available online, and is intended for wide distribution. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues, advocates, community members and others with an interest in issues related to violence against women. Those interested in signing up to receive VAWnet E-Newsletters via email can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://www.vawnet.org/AboutVawnet/Contactus.html>. Our new additions are listed below.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Focus on Research

This E-Newsletter features a variety of new materials relevant to research on domestic and sexual violence including tools for interpreting and conducting research and fact sheets, research reports, and other publications that provide an analysis, critique and/or review of current related issues. New topic-specific research materials are included on animal abuse, drug-facilitated violence, abuse in later life/elder abuse, teen dating violence, violence in communities of color, homicide/femicide, stalking, and community attitudes towards violence.

Special Announcement: Newly-Enhanced Research Area

VAWnet has significantly enhanced the content, structure, and utility of the Research materials on the website. Previously organized under Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence, these areas have been combined into one main area that is easily accessible through the homepage. The content has been enhanced and reorganized to reflect an intuitive structure for ease of navigation.

* See the "Special Announcement" at: <http://www.vawnet.org/ENewsletters/ResearchAnnouncement.pdf>

FEATURED ADDITIONS

New Applied Research Documents

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. <http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=585>

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. <http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=578>

New Funding Alert

Funding Alert Volume 2, Issue 3: December 11, 2006 from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

This issue contains grants from the Office on Violence Against Women, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Administration for Children and Families. <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=684>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOCN National Survey for Advocates and Activists of Color

The Women of Color Network is conducting a national survey (December - January 21) to enhance their understanding of the experiences, treatment, and overall status of advocates, activists, and specialists of color working and serving to end violence against women and families. To participate in this survey and receive further information, please contact Angela Sutton, Project Coordinator, at as@pcadv.org or call 800-537-2238, ext. 137. For more information, see the flyer at: <http://www.vawnet.org/WOCNSurvey.pdf>
* Visit womenofcolornetwork.org to keep track of WOCN's progress with this survey.

Employment And Housing Rights For Victims Of Domestic Violence

Legal Momentum has a project focusing on helping victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking maintain their jobs and their housing while taking steps to address the violence. They have reorganized and added many new materials to their website at: <http://www.legalmomentum.org/ehrvdv/>

NEW MATERIALS: RESEARCH & EVALUATION TOOLS

Interpreting Research Studies by the Guttmacher Institute (2006)

This document is intended to help demystify social science research for those who could make use of the findings but lack specialized training in research methods.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=683>

Putting Women First: Ethical and Safety Recommendations for Research on Domestic Violence Against Women by the World Health Organization (WHO) (2001)

These recommendations regarding the ethical conduct of domestic violence research were developed from those prepared for the Multi-Country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=682>

NEW MATERIALS: RESEARCH REPORTS, FACT SHEETS, & BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The 2004 Survey of State Adult Protective Services: Abuse of Adults 60 Years of Age and Older by Pamela B. Teaster, Tyler A. Dugar, Marta S. Mendiondo, Erin L. Abner, Kara A. Cecil, & Joanne M. Otto for the National Center on Elder Abuse (February 2006)

This report provides an overview of the results from a national survey on elder abuse that was conducted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam. The data was collected by Adult Protective Services in 2003.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=636>

Animal Cruelty/Human Violence by the First Strike Campaign of the Humane Society of the United States (1999)

This fact sheet offers statistics from several research studies investigating the connection between animal cruelty and human violence, domestic violence, and child abuse.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=671>

The Availability and Utility of Interdisciplinary Data on Elder Abuse: A White Paper by Erica F. Wood for the National Center on Elder Abuse (May 2006)

This report seeks to create a clearer picture of the incidence and prevalence of elder abuse by looking at the data collected by health care and long-term care facilities, criminal justice, fiduciary, and legal service networks.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=635>

Battered Women's Reports of Their Partner's and Children's Cruelty to Animals by Frank R. Ascione for the Journal of Emotional Abuse, 1(1), Haworth Press (1998)

This research study describes how abuse of pets is a method employed by batterers to control their partners, contributes to the impact on children exposed to violence, and may also be related to batterers' lethality.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=673>

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>

Domestic Violence and Birth Control Sabotage: A Report from the Teen Parent Project by the Center for Impact Research (February 2000)

Report on research conducted explore the prevalence of domestic violence in the lives of young mothers on welfare, and to determine how domestic violence interfered with teens' use of birth control and efforts to obtain education, job training, and work.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=680>

Domestic Violence in Communities of Color by the Women of Color Network (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.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=677>

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>

Final Report on the project entitled: Animal Welfare and Domestic Violence by Frank R. Ascione, Claudia V. Weber, and David S. Wood (1997)

This study assesses animal maltreatment in samples of women seeking safety at shelters and community samples of women. Women in shelter were much more likely (54%) to report partners' hurting or killing of their pets than women not in shelter (3.5%).

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=672>

Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim, 1993-99 by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (October 2001)

Provides estimates of violence by intimates (current or former spouses, girlfriends, and boyfriends) against females with an emphasis on victim's age, 1993-99. The data for this report are drawn from the NCVS and the FBI's Supplementary Homicide Reports.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=679>

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Domestic Violence: 2003 Supplement by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (2004)

Summarizes information about incidents of domestic violence reported in 2003 by members and affiliates of NCAVP, a network of 24 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community-based anti-violence organizations and programs in US & Canada.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=625>

Sexual Violence in Communities of Color by the Women of Color Network (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.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=678>

Special Femicide Report: Strangulation and Women and Children Murdered in Minnesota, 1989-2005 by the Minnesota Coalition For Battered Women (March 2005)

Incidents compiled from news account where women were strangled to death in cases where the suspected, alleged, or convicted perpetrator was a current or former husband, boyfriend, intimate partner, household member, or family of the deceased woman.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=620>

Stalking Fact Sheet by the Stalking Resource Center (2005)

This fact sheet cites statistics about stalking in America, the impact of stalking on victims, behavior of stalkers, stalking and intimate partner femicide, state laws, and stalking on campus.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=675>

Two steps forward, one step back: Community attitudes to violence against women by Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) (2006)

Summarizes key findings of the Violence Against Women Community Attitudes Project, undertaken to inform future work to prevent violence against women by improving understanding of how community attitudes contribute to this problem.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=630>