



ENEWSLETTER

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VAWnet's eNewsletter provides regular 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 eNewsletters via email can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://new.vawnet.org/specialdocs/aboutus/contactus.html>.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



New Special Collection on Researching Violence Against Women Online

The Internet offers an abundance of information about violence against women, including millions of websites, blogs, and other online resources. However, sifting through web content and finding accurate and useful information can be challenging. This Special Collection offers guidance that is meant to enhance skills and confidence on the Web, teaching ways to efficiently produce meaningful, relevant results. Access this Special Collection through the "Research" area at:

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=748



16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Action Kit

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence are celebrated from November 25th through December 10th, 2007. See the 2007 Action Kit from the Center for Women's Global Leadership:

<http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu:80/16days/kit07/kit.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Upcoming Women of Color Network Conference Call

A Call to Action for Women of Color Advocates and Allies

December 3, 2007 – 1-3pm Eastern Time

This call will provide participants an opportunity to add to an ongoing dialogue to develop a concrete definition for "ally" and to establish a critical framework for ally behavior, with particular focus upon addressing the endangerment of the woman of color advocate. White/mainstream advocates, male advocates and women of color advocates and activists are invited to participate.

Registration form: <http://pubs.pcadv.net/wocn/12-3regform.pdf>



Upcoming Prevention Connection Web Conference

Toward a Community Solution: Advancing Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women

December 12, 2007 – 2pm Eastern Time (11am Pacific Time)

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



EconEmpowerment.org Launched

The Allstate Foundation launched a new website providing information and resources to support survivors of domestic violence. The site is just one component of The Allstate Foundation Domestic Violence Program, which provides comprehensive programming to energize, empower and equip domestic violence survivors with the resources, knowledge and skills they need to achieve safer and more financially secure lives. <http://www.EconEmpowerment.org>

FEATURED ADDITIONS



Newly-Revised Applied Research Document

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.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1134>



Funding Alert

Volume 3, Issue 3: November 13, 2007 by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1152>

NEW MATERIALS

Awareness and Attitudes About Domestic Violence by The Office on Violence Against Women (2007)

This brief report summarizes findings from 2 focus groups and a telephone poll of 600 women in June, 2006 regarding their views about domestic violence. Demonstrates understanding of domestic violence and attitudes towards accountability and intervention.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1162>

Benefits and Costs of Prevention and Early Intervention Programs for Youth by Steve Aos, Roxanne Lieb, Jim Mayfield, Marna Miller, and Annie Pennucci for the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (September 2004)

This report describes findings and analysis regarding the cost-effectiveness of research-based prevention and early intervention programs for youth with a demonstrated ability to achieve 7 outcomes including reduction in child abuse and domestic violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1161>

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

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

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

The Four R's of Prevention: Back to School Safety In & Out of the Classroom by Stop It Now! (2007)

This article offers a review for adults of the Four R's of preventing child sexual abuse - Rules, Reading, Respect, and Responsibility - and offers tips on each one.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1121>

Human Trafficking of Children in the United States: A Fact Sheet for Schools by the U.S. Department of Education (2007)

This fact sheet was developed for those working in school settings and provides an overview of human trafficking, how it affects schools, tips for identifying victims, and steps for reporting human trafficking.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1126>

Introducing Expert Testimony to Explain Victim Behavior in Sexual and Domestic Violence Prosecutions by Jennifer G. Long for the American Prosecutors Research Institute (2007)

This monograph sets forth recommended practices for addressing victims behavior in a sexual or domestic violence prosecution, and providing an accurate context in which a jury can evaluate a victim's behavior.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1159>

No Easy Answers: Sex Offender Laws in the US by Human Rights Watch (September 2007)

This report takes an in-depth look into the current sex offender laws in the US and offers a critique of such laws as well as recommendations and model programs.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1123>

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

This monograph discusses the prosecution of alcohol-facilitated sexual assault (AFSA) with a specific focus on AFSA when the victim is voluntarily intoxicated.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1160>

Sexual Violence Reported by Correctional Authorities, 2006 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (2007)

This resource is an annual report on the incidence and prevalence of sexual violence within correctional facilities.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1125>

Understanding the Transgendered Community: A Technical Assistance Bulletin for Sexual Assault Counselors and Advocates by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (September 2007)

This resource provides direct service and prevention advocates with information about violence against the transgendered community and possible responses.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1118>

Using the Internet by TechSoup

This page provides a list of useful articles and resources to help nonprofit organizations further their mission through more effective use of the Internet.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1127>

Victim Responses to Sexual Assault: Counterintuitive or Simply Adaptive? by Patricia L. Fanflik for the American Prosecutors Research Institute (2007)

This resource provides information on the different responses that individuals who are sexually assaulted display as well as the different coping strategies of victims.
<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1158>

When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2005 Homicide Data by The Violence Policy Center (September 2007)

This annual report details national and state-by-state information on female homicides involving one female murder victim and one male offender.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1117>

Women in the Wake of the Storm: Examining the Post-Katrina Realities of the Women of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast by Avis A. Jones-DeWeever, Ph.D. for the Institute for Women's Policy Research

This report offers information about the vulnerability women face during natural disasters and provides policy recommendations to address the needs of women in these situations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1157>