



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

New Material Potpourri

This E-Newsletter features a variety of new materials on a range of topics including restorative justice, homicide statistics, violence prevention, DNA evidence, forensic examination, indigenous issues, prison rape, and intimate partner violence in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans communities. These important materials have been collected over the past year and are now provided to you as this month's "potpourri."

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The National Domestic Violence Awareness Project website features materials, local events, a calendar of national awareness initiatives, and more information about the history and campaigns of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM).

<http://dvam.vawnet.org/>

FEATURED ADDITIONS

New Sexual Violence Applied Research Document

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.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=558>

New York School-Based Prevention Program

Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP) by Center Against Domestic Violence, Office of Domestic Violence and Emergency Intervention Services, Department of Social Services of the Human Resources Administration, City of New York (2005)

This school-based domestic violence prevention curriculum teaches students to recognize and prevent teen relationship abuse. Lesson plans include a variety of exercises. Parent workshop information and school staff development materials are also included.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=562>

New Special Collection on Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)

VAWnet has added a new special collection focusing on Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) for victims/survivors of domestic violence. This collection is a categorized and selected listing of articles, fact sheets, papers, reports and surveys that is offered as an additional tool to assist advocates working on and interested in IDAs and how they relate to ending violence against women.

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=455

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inventory of National Injury Data Systems

New from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is this listing of 43 different federal data systems operated by 16 different agencies and 3 private injury registry systems that provide nationwide injury-related data. Each data system is listed along with the agency or organization and associated web sites.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/osp/InventoryInjuryDataSys.htm>

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Featured Event

Women are Sacred, Conference Hosted by Sacred Circle

November 7-9, 2006, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Registration Fee: \$250

Sacred Circle, in partnership with Mending The Sacred Hoop-TA Project, Tribal Law and Policy Institute, and Clan Star, Inc. invites you to attend this year's unique and exciting Women Are Sacred conference in Albuquerque, NM. This conference, since its inception in 1998, strives to reflect and to reclaim the integrity of the traditional understanding that women are sacred by addressing key issues surrounding all aspects of ending violence against Native women.

<http://www.sacred-circle.com>

NEW MATERIALS: SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Blueprints for Violence Prevention (182 p.) by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice (July 2004)

This report describes 11 model programs and 21 promising programs that demonstrated evidence of effectiveness in delinquency, violence, and substance abuse prevention and reduction.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=553>

Children's Advocacy Centers in Indian Country (16 p.) by The Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (March 2000)

This booklet illustrates the important role of Children's Advocacy Centers in Indian country in dealing with child abuse cases.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=556>

The Crushing Burden of Rape: Sexual Violence in Darfur (8 p.) by Doctors Without Borders (March 2005)

This report offers a glimpse into the ongoing violence against women in Darfur and includes stats and short stories from survivors. It concludes by giving recommendations for stopping the rapes in Darfur and in the conflicts throughout the world.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=565>

Harassment-Free Hallways: How to Stop Sexual Harassment in School (50 p.) by American Association of University Women Educational Foundation (2004)

This publication provides students, parents and schools with a guide on how to stop sexual harassment in school.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=552>

Meeting the Needs of Prison Rape Victims (24 p.) by Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (2006)
This guide is intended to support rape crisis counselors and advocates in providing services to victims of prison rape.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=555>

A National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations (141 p.) by U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (September 2004)

This protocol was developed with the input of national, local, and tribal experts throughout the country as a guide for criminal justice and health care practitioners who respond to victims of sexual assault.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=564>

Sovereignty of the Soul: Exploring the Intersection of Rape Law Reform and Federal Indian Law (12 p.) by Sarah Deer (2005)

This article focuses on the legal challenge of addressing sexual violence in the tribal justice system. The author discusses statistical information, the historical context, and the challenges facing the tribal governments in addressing the problem.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=557>

Understanding DNA Evidence: A Guide for Victim Service Providers (12 p.) by National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, the National Institute of Justice and the Office

This brief guide provides victim service providers, educators, advocates, and practitioners with an understanding on the importance of DNA evidence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=541>

NEW MATERIALS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Relationship Violence in Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer [LGBTQ] Communities: Moving Beyond a Gender-Based Framework (19 p.) by Janice Ristock in consultation with Norma Timbang, Violence Against Women Online Resources (July 2005)

Provides a critical overview of current research conducted to better understand the contexts, dynamics and impact of intimate partner violence within LGBTQ communities and identifies several barriers that still exist within support services.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=560>

The Role of Restorative Justice in the Battered Women's Movement (41 p.) by Loretta Frederick and Kristine C. Lizdas, Battered Women's Justice Project (September 2003)

Provides a comparison of the principles and practices of the restorative justice and battered women's movements - includes analysis and critique, and proposes an interpretation of what is effective, redemptive and liberating about both practices.

<http://new.vawnet.org/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=559>

When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2004 Homicide Data (36 p.) by The Violence Policy Center (September 2006)

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/SpecialDocs/Documents.php?docid=561>

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