



E NEWSLETTER October/November 2008

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THIS MONTH’S HIGHLIGHTS



Focus on Violence Against Women in Rural Communities

This eNewsletter features a variety of new materials exploring the unique dynamics of violence against women in rural communities. Definitions, characteristics, and statistical overviews of rural populations are provided in addition to specialized resources on developing policy and practice responses for rural victims of domestic and sexual violence. Related resources from VAWnet’s existing collection are also provided in this issue.



October 15, 2008 is World Rural Women’s Day.

The day provides rural women and their organizations with a focal point to:

- Raise the profile of rural women,
- Sensitize both government and public to their crucial, yet largely unrecognized roles, and
- Promote action in their support.

Initiatives on how to celebrate this day are left to individual organizations and communities, according to their own traditions and requirements.

More information: <http://www.woman.ch/women/2-introduction.php>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Coming Soon: Special Collection on Domestic Violence and Healthcare

Look for VAWnet’s new **Special Collection on Domestic Violence & Healthcare** to be released in early October. Drawing heavily from the work of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, this collection will include information on the health impact of domestic violence, public health approaches to domestic violence prevention, identification and intervention by health care providers, collaboration between health care providers and domestic violence advocates, and training manuals.



CDC-TV Video “Break the Silence: Stop the Violence”

“It may shock you to know that one out of every eleven teens reports being hit or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past twelve months. But why is that, and how can we change it? In ‘**Break The Silence: Stop the Violence,**’ parents talk with teens about developing healthy, respectful relationships before they start dating.”

<http://www.cdc.gov/CDCTV/BreakTheSilence/index.html>



CDC Publications on Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention

Preventing Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities: CDC's Demonstration Projects describes approaches and highlights challenges and lessons learned in the development, implementation, and evaluation of IPV/SV prevention programs for racial/ethnic minority populations. The **Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Programs Evaluation Guide** presents an overview of the importance of evaluation and provides evaluation approaches and strategies that can be applied to SV and IPV programs.

http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/CDCAnnouncement.pdf

FEATURED ADDITIONS



New Publication from NSVRC

Sexual Violence in Disasters: A planning guide for prevention and response by Alisa Klein, Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (June 2008)

This publication offers readers important information about sexual violence and disasters that will help communities to understand the connection and develop better disaster responses.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1463>

* See related materials on the **NSVRC Project webpage: Preventing Sexual Violence in Disasters** at <http://www.nsvrc.org/projects/template4.aspx?PageNum=1&ProjectID=45>.



When Men Murder Women Annual Report

When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2006 Homicide Data by the Violence Policy Center (September 2008)

This annual report details national and state-by-state information on female homicides involving one female murder victim and one male offender. This report ranks Nevada, with a rate of 3.27 per 100,000, first in the nation for women killed by men.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1547>



New Issue Brief from CDC

Electronic Media and Youth Violence: A CDC Issue Brief for Educators and Caregivers by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2008)

This brief focuses on the phenomena of electronic aggression. Electronic aggression is defined as any kind of harassment or bullying that occurs through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, blogs, or text messaging.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1490>

NEW MATERIALS: RURAL COMMUNITIES

What is Rural? by the Rural Assistance Center (Updated 2008)

This webpage defines what rural is according to the United States Census Bureau.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1519>

Am I Rural? by the Rural Assistance Center

This web site tool that helps determine whether a specific location is considered rural based on various definitions of rural.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1524>

Rural Life Today: Defining "Rural" by Mark Small for the Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life (December 2000)

This fact sheet defines and discusses what rural life today looks like.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1520>

Rural America at a Glance by the USDA Economic Research Service (2007)

Highlights the most recent indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas for use in developing policies and programs to assist rural communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1521>

Rural Children at a Glance by the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (2005)

This document includes the most current indicators of the demographic, social, and economic well being of rural children for use in developing rural policies and programs to assist children and their families in rural areas.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1522>

Rural Healthy People 2010: A Companion Document to Healthy People 2010. Volume 3 by Larry D. Gamm & Linnae L. Hutchison, eds. (Updated February 2005)

This report provides an overview of research and accompanying models for practice in five new focus areas and includes detailed literature reviews for each.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1538>

Executive Summary of the Behavioral Health Care Needs of Rural Women by the American Psychological Association

This executive summary provides a general statistical overview of women's lives in rural regions of the U.S.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1523>

The Behavioral Health Care Needs of Rural Women by American Psychological Association

This report documents the impact of rural life on the behavioral health of women, providing a comprehensive review of the current literature covering a broad array of interrelated behavioral health care needs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1527>

NEW MATERIALS: RURAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Domestic Violence: A Primary Care Issue for Rural Women by Linda Chamberlain, MPH, PhD for Rural Womyn Zone, originally published in "The Network News," National Women's Health Network, Washington, DC. (January/February 2002)

This article discusses the unique experiences of rural women who survive domestic violence. Noting that primary health care providers can be a lifeline, the author urges advocates and community members to help influence health care practices.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1485>

Rural Health Response to Domestic Violence: Policy and Practice Issues by Rhonda M. Johnson, MPH, CFNP for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (August 2000)

This paper provides a brief overview and synthesis of recent efforts to improve the health care response to domestic violence in rural communities. Includes literature review and model practices and/or programs for identified key policy issues.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1486>

Preventing Child and Youth Sexual Harassment, Abuse, and Assault: A Resource for Iowa Families by the Iowa Department of Education with the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development (August 2006)

This document has been formatted so that families, community groups, and schools can use each section as a separate handout or use them all together as one complete document.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1536>

Partnerships Against Domestic Violence Summary Findings from Phase 1: For Service Providers - Working in Rural and Remote Communities by Partnerships Against Domestic Violence (2001)

This fact sheet developed for service providers working in rural and remote communities in Australia is based on knowledge and findings gained through the first phase the PADV approach. Identifies key priorities and practice recommendations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1517>

Rural Communities and Domestic Violence Bibliography by the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence (February 2006)

This bibliography includes resource guides, articles, websites, and books related to domestic violence in rural communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1518>

Rural Victim Assistance: A Victim/Witness Guide for Rural Prosecutors by the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) (Updated June 2008)

The guide is designed to help prosecutors, victim advocates, and policymakers understand the state of victim/witness assistance in rural communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1535>

Rural Victims of Violence by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

This fact sheet includes statistics on the prevalence of domestic violence in rural communities, unique barriers to services, and characteristics of rural abusers. Also describes legislation to fund programs to protect rural victims.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1516>

Separation/Divorce Sexual Assault in Rural Communities by Rus Ervin Funk (2003)

This synopsis of research done by Walter DeKeseredy and his colleagues in Ohio examines the incidents of and issues surrounding the sexual assault of women in rural areas during separation and/or divorce.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1525>

Violence against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and the Criminal Justice Response:

What is Known by Ronet Bachman, Heather Zaykowski, Rachel Kallmyer, Margarita Poteyeva, & Christina Lanier for the National Institute of Justice (August 2008)

Based on a synthesis of the empirical literature and original data analyses, this report presents an overview of the epidemiology of violence against American Indian and Alaska-Native women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1526>

Violence against Rural Women by Rural Womyn Zone

This article talks about violence against women in rural communities and the difficulties and challenges that abused rural women face.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1528>

Violence and Rural Teens: Teen Violence, Drug Use, and School-Based Prevention Services in Rural America by Michael D. Mink, Charity G. Moore, Andrew O. Johnson, Janice C. Probst, & Amy Brock Martin for the South Carolina Rural Health Research Center (March 2005)

This study explores the prevalence of violence-related exposures and drug use among rural teens, investigates the effects of race and gender on the risk of exposure, and compares the policies and mental health care services of rural and urban schools.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1511>

We Don't Have the Luxury of Saying its Not Us: Domestic Violence on the Farm by Roger Littlefield for AgriWellness, Inc. (October 2007)

This issue of AgriWellness Partners focuses on domestic violence and how it affects farm families. Includes a survivor story that illustrates some of the unique challenges faced by farm women who are enduring abuse.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1507>

FROM THE COLLECTION: RELATED MATERIALS ON RURAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Building Bridges, Creating Partnerships: Sexual Violence Prevention in Rural Communities by Gayle M Stringer, Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (2003)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=749>

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

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=363>

Getting the Word Out...Domestic Violence in Rural Communities by the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (July 1999)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=963>

Helping Rural Battered Women and Their Children: A Guide for Faith Leaders and Religious Communities by Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2002)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=786>

Reshape Issue 21: Rural Advocacy by the Sexual Assault Coalition Resource Sharing Project (Spring 2007) <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=872>

Responding to Sexual Assault in Rural Communities by Alexandra Neame and Melanie Heenan for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (June 2004)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1195>

Rural Housing Challenges: Meeting The Housing Needs Of People With Disabilities In Rural Communities. Opening Doors by E. Cooper, A. O'Hara, & M. Collins-Versluys (2002)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=141>

Sexual Assault in Rural Communities by Susan H. Lewis for VAWnet: The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (September 2003)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=419>

Unspoken Crimes: Sexual Assault in Rural America by Susan Lewis for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (April 2003)

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=664>

NEW MATERIALS: OTHER ADDITIONS

Alcohol-Related Sexual Assault: A Common Problem Among College Students by Antonia Abbey for the Department of Community Medicine, Wayne State University (2002)

This article reviews the literature on college students' sexual assault experiences. Information is provided about the prevalence of sexual assault and alcohol-involved sexual assault among college students.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1455>

Because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls 2008 by Plan International (2008)

This report is published for the purpose of bringing global attention to the fact that progress towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is being hampered by a continued lack of investment in girls and young women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1461>

Before She's Ready: 15 Places Where Girls Marry Before 15 by World Vision (2008)

This briefing paper illustrates the causes and human costs of early marriage in countries and regions where it is most common.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1488>

Caught in the Storm: The Impact of Natural Disasters by Lin Chew & Kavita N. Ramdas for The Global Fund for Women (December 2005)

This report explores the disproportionate vulnerability of women in disaster situations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1466>

Claiming Rights, Claiming Justice: A Guidebook on Women Human Rights Defenders by Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) (2007)

This guidebook is designed to support the ongoing process of enhancing the understanding of, and sensitivity to, the specific issues and situations confronted by women human rights defenders.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1474>

Connections: Advocacy & Sex Offender Management by The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (Summer 2008)

In this issue of Connections, the focus is on sex offender management, which moves advocacy beyond the time of sentencing to the point where an offender is returning to the community.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1465>

Connections: Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV) by Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs - Connections Volume X, Number 1 (Spring/Summer 2008)

The articles within this issue illustrate the complexities of IPSV, while painting a picture of a systematic response.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1471>

Creating Schoolwide Prevention and Intervention Strategies by Jeffrey Sprague, Ph.D., Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior, University of Oregon for The Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence & Northwest Regional Educational Lab (Revised September 2007)

This guide is intended to put the issue of schoolwide violence prevention in context for educators and outline an approach for choosing and creating effective prevention programs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1458>

Critical Issues in Sexual Assault, A Wilder Research report sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (July 2007)

This report describes what is being done in Minnesota to assist victims of sexual assault, combining local and national trends, published research literature, and insights gained through interviews with 25 expert observers from diverse perspectives.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1537>

'Don't Forget Us': The Education and Gender-Based Violence Protection Needs of Adolescent Girls from Darfur in Chad by Lori Heninger & Megan McKenna, The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children (July 2005)

This is a report of findings from a three-week mission to examine the protection of adolescent girls, with a particular focus on education and reproductive health in refugee camps.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1460>

Eliminating Female genital mutilation: An interagency statement by OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNECA, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIFEM, & WHO (2008)

This joint Statement is a call to all States, international and national organizations, civil society and communities to uphold the rights of girls and women.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1475>

Employment Rights for Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence by Legal Momentum (Updated May 2008)

The first section of this guide outlines existing laws that provide domestic violence victims (and in some states, victims of sexual assault and stalking) time off from work to address the violence in their lives.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1450>

Engaging Men and Boys in Changing Gender-Based Inequity in Health: Evidence from Programme Interventions by Gary Barker, Christine Ricardo, & Marcos Nascimento for the World Health Organization (2007)

This review assesses the effectiveness of programmes seeking to engage men and boys in achieving gender equality and equity in health.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1459>

Frequently Asked Questions: Anonymous Reporting and Forensic Examinations by the Office on Violence Against Women (May 2008)

This fact sheet offers questions and answers regarding anonymous reporting and forensic examinations.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1473>

GHB Abuse Trends and Use in Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault: Implications for Prevention by Laura Hensley, NASPA Journal, Vol. 40, no. 2 (Winter 2003)

In this paper, the characteristics of GHB and the effects of both voluntary and involuntary abuse are described. Further, implications for prevention efforts related to involuntary GHB ingestion and GHB-facilitated rape are reviewed.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1457>

Guidelines for medico-legal care for victims of sexual violence by the World Health Organization (2003)

The aim of these guidelines is to improve professional health services for all individuals (women, men and children) who have been victims of sexual violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1480>

A Handbook on Planning Projects to Prevent Child Trafficking by Mike Dottridge for Terre des hommes (2007)

This handbook reviews techniques for success in preventing trafficking from occurring through a review of lessons learned from existing programming.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1470>

Interpersonal Violence and Alcohol by the World Health Organization (2006)

This report summarizes research on the relation between alcohol and violence - noting important consequences for child maltreatment and intimate partner violence specifically.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1479>

My Perspective: The Subtle Differences Between...a Stand-Alone Domestic Violence (DV) Program, a Stand-Alone Sexual Assault (SA) Program, and a Dual (DV & SA) Program by Melissa A.

DeDomenico-Payne for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, Revolution, Volume 1, Issue 1 (Winter 2006)

In this part of the journal Revolution, the author shares her own perspective and experiences within working at sexual assault programs, domestic violence programs and dual programs.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1500>

National Guidelines for Sex Offender Registration and Notification by U.S. Department of Justice (June 2008)

These guidelines provide a new comprehensive set of minimum standards for sex offender registration and notification in the United States.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1462>

No One to Turn To: The under-reporting of child sexual exploitation and abuse by aid workers and peacekeepers by SAVE the Children UK (2008)

This report focuses on ways to improve the international community's response to the sexual exploitation and abuse of children by aid workers, peacekeepers and others acting on their behalf in emergencies.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1476>

Preventing violence and reducing its impact: how development agencies can help by the World Health Organization (July 2007)

Targeted towards development assistance agencies, United Nations organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations, the document highlights how the health, psycho-social, and economic consequences of violence impede development.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1468>

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect: A Resource Guide for Mandated Reporters by Child Safety and Permanency Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services (August 2006)

This guide, specific to Minnesota, is designed to help practitioners better understand the mandated reporter statute and to outline appropriate actions to take when child abuse or neglect is known or suspected.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1478>

Screening Patients for Sexual Violence: An Accredited Curriculum for Nurses in Pennsylvania by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (May 2007)

The purpose of this guide is to help nurses implement screening practices and provide a menu of options to most effectively use it within local communities.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1481>

Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment for the State of Minnesota by The Advocates for Human Rights (September 2008)

The report reveals that often the response of law enforcement is ineffective and the needs of trafficked persons remain unmet. Includes recommendations to address the barriers to an effective, coordinated response.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1487>

Sexual Violence: Facts at a Glance by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Spring 2008)

This fact sheet includes the following categories: adults, health disparities, college age, children and youth (17 years or younger), non-fatal injuries and medical treatment and perpetrators.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1477>

Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence by the American College Health Association (August 2008)

The purpose of this toolkit is to provide facts, ideas, strategies, conversation starters, and resources to everyone on campus who cares about the prevention of sexual violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1483>

Trafficking in Persons by U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (June 2008)

The report is a valuable tool to raise global awareness and take effective actions against human trafficking. This year's report covers 170 countries.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1469>

Where is the money to address gender-based violence? by D. Budlender & J. Kuhn for The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV) (2007)

This report discusses the trends and patterns of funding for organizations in South Africa that address gender-based violence.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1449>

Working to end sexual violence & working to end domestic violence: intersections and differences by Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, Revolution Volume 1, Issue 1 (Winter 2006)

This issue of the Alliance journal, Revolution, invites its readers to ponder the differences and similarities between the work to end sexual violence in America and the work to end domestic violence in that same culture.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1498>