



## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

### **Researching Violence Against Women Online Special Collection**

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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 on Researching Violence Against Women Online 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://www.VAWnet.org>

#### **Features Include:**

- ✓ **Background** – Learn how this topic was first addressed by members of the Violence Prevention Resource Collaborative, and see the training upon which this collection is based.
- ✓ **How To: Tips and Tools for Finding Information Online** – This section provides materials to enhance online searching skills and strategies, assists with choosing and using particular search engines, and offers helpful tips for finding specific file formats, managing information, and utilizing online survey tools.
- ✓ **Starting Points: Where to Look** – This section contains lists of reliable starting points for finding information about violence against women online including websites, listservs/email lists, weblogs (blogs), RSS feeds, online libraries, and wikis. Not sure what a “wiki” or an “RSS feed” is? This section also provides easy-to-read descriptions that help establish these tools’ potential usefulness.
- ✓ **Evaluating Resources: Credibility, Validity, and Quality** – This section provides resources that teach critical skills for evaluating both web-based and print resources in addition to research reports and citations to determine their credibility, validity, and quality.
- ✓ **Related Special Collections & Resource Pages** – Related materials are included here that focus more specifically on 1) critical analysis regarding the use of data and statistics, 2) finding and using data sets online, and 3) technology safety and advocacy.

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