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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING & NETWORKING THROUGH MCADSV

New Service Provider Training

■ JANUARY 20-23
OKEMOS, MI

LBGT & Allies Task Force Meeting

■ JANUARY 26
OKEMOS, MI

Leadership Institute—Board Governance

■ FEBRUARY 26-27
Roscommon, MI

MCADSV Board Meeting

■ MARCH 4
Okemos, MI

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Forensic Nurse Examiner Conference

January 19-23, 2004
Warren, Michigan

The Forensic Nurse Examiner Conference is sponsored by Turning Point and Macomb Community College Criminal Justice Training Center. Presenters include Jamie Ferrell, Forensic Nurse Examiner Training, and Mark Wynn, Sexual Assault Training & Investigation. Please contact Renae Diegel for more information at (596) 792-0051.

4th International Conference on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking

April 7-9, 2004
San Diego, California

Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, medical personnel, faith community leaders, educators and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in domestic violence sexual assault and stalking. Presented by STOP DV, Inc. and SATI, Inc. this conference includes speakers such as Anne O'Dell, Joanne Archambault, Alan Berkowitz, Wendy Murphy, Lydia Walker and more. Visit www.stopdv.com/upconf.htm for more information.

Doing Our Own Work: A Seminar for Anti-Racist White Women

February 27-29, April 2-4, and May 7-9
Lyons, Michigan

Doing Our Own Work is a three-weekend seminar at The Leaven Center for white women who seek to deepen their commitment to confronting and challenging white racism where they live and work. It is our experience and conviction that those of us who are white need to “do our own work”—educating ourselves, confronting white supremacy, holding each other accountable, and demonstrating good faith as we seek to build genuine and lasting coalitions with people of color. Leaders of this seminar are Melanie Morrison, Eleanor S. Morrison and Ann Flescher. Cost is \$475 (\$75 deposit + \$400 balance due) The balance may be paid in installments over the course of the seminar. The cost of the seminar includes program, lodging and meals for three weekends. Partial scholarships are available. To learn more about The Leaven Center or download registration forms, please visit www.leaven.org.

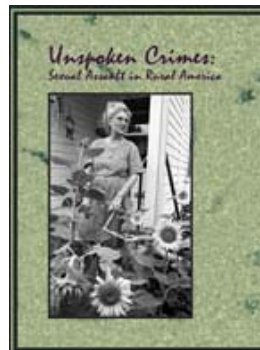
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Your link to cutting edge information on the issue of violence against women

‘Unspoken Crimes: Sexual Assault in Rural America’

NSVRC Produces Groundbreaking Study

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The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has produced a new publication that examines sexual assault from a rural perspective. The goal of *Unspoken Crimes: Sexual Assault in Rural America* is to promote a better understanding of the unique characteristics of sexual assault in rural areas by considering how rural culture affects sexual assault victims, examining the issue of

prevalence from a distinctly rural perspective and listening to the voices of rural advocates.

“One goal of the NSVRC is to examine underserved populations who may be marginalized from services by ethnic, economic or cultural circumstances,” explains Susan Lewis, Ph.D., communications director at the NSVRC and author of *Unspoken Crimes*. “We are committed to promoting health and safety in underserved populations, and the cultural characteristics of rural America may keep many victims from getting the help they need.”

While the Bureau of Justice Statistics (2000) reports that more than 70 percent of sexual assaults in the nation are never reported to law enforcement, many rural advocates believe the rates of underreporting may be even higher in rural areas. While Lewis cautions against generalizations, rural advocates cite a lack of anonymity, greater physical isolation, informal social controls, and distrust of outside assistance as being among the factors contributing to underreporting by rural residents.

Unspoken Crimes considers victims’ issues from a rural perspective, examines state and national data, discusses challenges faced by rural advocates, and offers “best practices” in use in rural America. Copies are available at www.nsvrc.org.

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The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is dedicated to the empowerment of all the state’s survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Our mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan.

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Governor Granholm Appoints Five to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced the appointments of five individuals to the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB). The Board is responsible for administering funding for domestic violence shelters services; developing and recommending policy; and providing technical assistance and training.

The new Board members are:

Gwendolyn Brown, of Detroit, a commanding officer in the Detroit Police Department domestic violence unit. She succeeds Ferne Farber and is appointed to a term ending September 30, 2006.

Marie Donigan, of Royal Oak, a Royal Oak city commissioner and landscape architect for the City of Farmington Hills Department of Planning and Community Development. She succeeds Catherine Lucas and is appointed to a term ending September 30, 2006.

Mary Beth Kur, of Charlevoix, a Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney. She succeeds the Honorable Darnell Jackson and is appointed to a term ending September 30, 2006.

The Honorable Amy Krause, of Lansing, Judge of the 54-A District Court of Ingham County. She succeeds James Fink and is appointed to a term ending September 30, 2006. Krause also has been designated as chairperson of the MDVPTB. She will serve as chairperson.

Lore Rogers, former Legal Director of DVP Safehouse in Ann Arbor, has been appointed by the Governor to serve on the board as a representative of the Michigan service providers.

MCADSV congratulates all the new appointees!

New Domestic Violence Media Campaign with Missy Elliot

Break the Cycle, a national nonprofit organization that works with young people to end domestic violence, recently joined forces with hip-hop star Missy Elliot. Elliot will serve as the organization's national spokesperson and will lead a \$5 million campaign to raise awareness of abuse. She also will include information about Break the Cycle on the inserts of her new album. Proceeds from Elliot's upcoming *Where My Girls At?* Tour also will benefit the organization. "I know how domestic violence can affect a family and I want to do everything I can to stop it from happening to others," Elliot said. "The most important thing we can do is teach kids that they can break the cycle." Visit Break the Cycle on the Web at www.break-the-cycle.org/.

Operation Freefall 2004

Operation Freefall 2004, an annual skydiving event to raise awareness about sexual assault, is April 24, 2004. Local Freefall partnership opportunities still exist. Becoming a local partner helps promote your local center and provides a unique fundraising opportunity.

For more information on the event and partnerships, contact Monica Taylor at monicat@rainn.org. To check out the latest Freefall news, visit www.operationfreefall.com/.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Linea Nacional sobre la
Violencia Domestica
 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
 TTY 1-800-787-3224

Rape, Abuse & Incest National
Network (RAINN)
 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Local Nonprofits Win Award for Prevention Efforts

The Wayne County Council Against Family Violence hosted its 5th Annual Spirit Awards Reception in November 2003.

The Spirit Award honors individuals and agencies for their commitment and efforts towards preventing family violence in Wayne County.

This year's five honorees were:

- **Judith Barr, First Step**, for her advocacy and service to domestic violence survivors and their children, and for being an outstanding leader.
- **Nancy Degroote, St. John Hospital & Health Center**, for her dedication to increasing awareness about domestic violence throughout the health system's hospitals, and her involvement with community councils and committees.
- **Dolores Gonzalez-Ramirez, LA VIDA**, the Southwest Detroit Partnership to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence Against Latina Women, for directing LA VIDA and the development and implementation of culturally competent activities aimed at serving Latino families and building community capacity to address the problem of domestic violence.
- **Brenda Miliken, YWCA Interim House**, for her dedication to helping survivors of domestic violence, her professional excellence as Director of Interim House, and her commitment to being a part of a coordinated community response.
- **Thomas Wenzel, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor** for his efforts as a member of the Child & Family Abuse Bureau, specifically handling domestic violence cases, working with community advocates, and developing new methods, procedures, and policy to allow the criminal justice system to respond more successfully to these cases.

New Nonprofit To Support Sexual Assault Training and Research

Sexual Assault Training Institute's Training Director, Joanne Archambault, founded Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW), Inc. to educate the general public and public safety workers about the crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence. EVAW's mission is to provide training, with an emphasis on the law enforcement investigation and proper criminal justice responses to sexual assault and domestic violence.

The primary activity of EVAW is conducting international conferences and regional training seminars. Each conference will focus on educating the public, especially law enforcement, other first responders and community stakeholders, about sexual assault and domestic violence and the effective investigation and response to these crimes.

To learn more about training opportunities offered by EVAW visit www.evawinc.org.

National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women (VAWnet) Updated



VAWNet is the online resource for advocates working to end domestic

violence, sexual assault, and other violence in the lives of women and their children. The Web site has a great new look with the same great information available! The content includes sexual and domestic violence resources, resources on the impact and implications of intersecting oppressions, SAAM and DVAM materials. Visit VAWNet at www.vawnet.org.