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NETWORKING THROUGH
MCADSV

Leadership Institute—
Board Governance

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Roscommon, MI

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Building Effective
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Women of Color Task
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Mobilizing Our
Communities to
Prevent Domestic
Violence

■ MARCH 29

Okemos, MI

**Building Effective Media Relationships**

March 12, 2004 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Building and maintaining relationships with journalists is crucial to improving and increasing media coverage. This full day training will combine individual skill building with strategies and best practices for organizations working with the news media. Participants will learn strategies for both responding to media requests and proactively pitching story ideas. Our facilitator, Judy Benitez, is currently the Executive Director for the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault. As a former reporter, she has a unique insider perspective on the issue of making journalists our allies in the movement to end violence against women. Topics for the training include understanding and monitoring the media, media roles and social responsibility, and preparing staff, volunteers, and survivors for interviews.

For more information about the training, please contact Tammy Lemmer at (517) 347-7000 ext. 27, or tlemmer@mcadsv.org.

Mobilizing Our Communities to Prevent Domestic Violence

March 29, 2004 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Service providers, coordinated community response team members and their community partners are encouraged to attend this one-day training together. Participants will:

- Develop a new awareness about prevailing knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that support domestic violence as a social norm.
- Learn about community engagement techniques and Community Action Teams as a model for mobilizing and organizing community members to prevent domestic violence.
- Explore the application of new ideas and concepts as they relate to the work of Coordinated Community Response (CCR) efforts underway in local communities.
- Develop next steps to support prevention action within participants' local CCRs.

The training will be facilitated by Donna Garske, Director and Founder of Transforming Communities Technical Assistance, Training and Resource Center, (TC-TAT) San Rafael, California.

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Your [link](#) to cutting edge information on the issue of violence against women

SEMARN Creative Expressions Exhibit

SEMARN is actively working on the 2004 Creative Expressions Exhibit and currently requesting and collecting artwork from the community for the upcoming event.

SEMARN organized the first annual exhibit of artwork and writings by survivors of sexual assault and their significant others in 1994. SEMARN holds an exhibit each April to celebrate Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Michigan. The exhibit's purpose is to provide a safe forum for survivors and significant others to find and speak their voice through various forms of art and writing; and educate the community about the impact of sexual assault and the healing process.

SEMARN is a six county coalition of individuals and rape crisis centers that has been organizing to support survivors, raise awareness and end sexual violence since 1976. SEMARN also maintains the anniversary fund which helps assist survivors of sexual assault in meeting some of the financial costs of the victimization for which no other assistance is available.

This year's event will be held at the Wayne State Undergraduate Library during the month of April. *A Long Walk Home: A Story of A Rape Survivor* is the opening night presentation on April 8, 2004. This is a multimedia performance that documents one woman's journey from trauma victim to survivor. The show features poetry, music, photography, West African dance and modern dance to help educate people about sexual trauma and healing.

For more information contact Lynn Carlyle at Turning Point (586) 463-4430 ext. 245.

Decide to End Sexual Violence!**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Gear up for SAAM with materials and resources from the NSVRC and around the United States. Make your events special with posters, talking points and a host of other resources. Visit www.mcadsv.org for information!

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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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April 20th, 2004: A Day to End Sexual Violence



The SAAM 2004 Campaign encourages all programs to plan an event for April 20th 2004, as "A Day to End Sexual Violence!" The intent is to increase national impact on that day. The NSVRC also produced a dramatic poster highlighting the photographs of Nobuko Oyabu, "Faces of Rape and Sexual Abuse." The poster includes a variation on the slogan, "Decide to End Sexual Violence," as well as a teal ribbon. These posters are available for purchase as are three styles of post cards (including one in Spanish) featuring Oyabu's work. Visit www.nsvrc.org for information on organizing an event for April 20th or to view posters and other campaign materials.

New Online Health Journal

The Family Violence Prevention Fund's National Health Resource Center is pleased to announce the 2004 debut of a new online journal. The new journal will focus on the public health approach to domestic violence, childhood exposure to domestic violence, and the health impact of lifetime exposure to violence. Visit www.endabuse.org/ health to sign up.

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)

The Civil Justice Project: Improving Capacity of Attorneys to Meet the Civil Justice Needs of Survivors

MCADSV is proud to offer the Civil Justice Project (CJP) as a training and technical assistance program for civil attorneys. The CJP provides training, technical assistance and consultation to attorneys who are providing direct legal representation or assistance to survivors. In addition, the CJP provides training and technical assistance to advocates and other professionals working with survivors. The CJP does not work directly with survivors, and discourages attorneys and advocates from making direct referrals to the CJP.

In order to reduce the possibility of survivors meeting yet another dead-end in their pursuit of justice, please do not refer them directly to MCADSV and the CJP. The CJP provides non-emergency legal advice, information and technical assistance to **attorneys, advocates and other professionals** that are either assisting or representing survivors of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in civil matters. The staff attorney may also make referrals to other agencies or direct service providers. Although calls from survivors are never refused, it is important that survivors, advocates, attorneys, service providers and other professionals understand that the CJP is not a replacement for or an alternative to the assistance of direct service providers or legal representation.

Please call Katy Conklin for further information about training opportunities at (517) 347-7000 x 26.

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New Resources for Survivors of Sexual Violence

While the Spanish speaking Latino population continues to grow, many limited English proficiency (LEP) survivors fall through the cracks as victim service agencies attempt to balance budget reductions with increased demands. The resulting lack of accessible sexual assault victim services in Spanish has condemned countless families and individuals to ongoing trauma and re-victimization, and many bilingual victim service advocates to a constant state of over-extension.

Due to the many requests for service information from Latina survivors, Arte Sana decided to compile a list of sexual assault victim services available in Spanish across the nation. The aim was to create a simple information access route for Latina/o victims of sexual assault who prefer or require services in Spanish. Visit www.arte-sana.com to view the sexual assault resource page for survivors.

National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life Web Site

The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), a project of the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV), is proud to announce the availability of its new website at www.ncall.us. NCALL has been the nationally recognized leader on program development, policy and technical assistance and training that addresses the nexus between domestic violence, sexual assault and elder abuse/neglect.

The Website provides a variety of resources about abuse in later life. The documents are downloadable and several are in Spanish. There are also links to Web sites of interest to people working in the elder abuse field. Visit www.ncall.us or call (608) 255-0539 with a research request.

Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Joins eBay Giving Works!

Whether you shop on eBay or have your own eBay storefront, you can help to support the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) from your home computer! Visit www.ebay.com/givingworks/ to establish an account.

MissionFish coordinates participants and manages every aspect of Giving Works, providing eBay community members with innovative and convenient ways to support MCADSV while buying and selling on eBay. There are two options for those interested in fundraising for MCADSV!

1. Sellers interested in raising money for charities from their eBay listings will be able to select MCADSV as a recipient and determine the percentage of proceeds they would like to donate.
2. Buyers can search the listings and purchase items that will specifically benefit MCADSV. Visit www.mcadsv.org for a link to the MCADSV eBay homepage to view all the listings that will benefit MCADSV. Just look for the eBay Giving Works icon on listed items when you are shopping and make sure you designate MCADSV as your nonprofit of choice when selling.

Your support will enhance our urgent public policy efforts to ensure that the voices of survivors and the programs that serve them are heard by policy makers at the state and national level.