

## the calendar

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING & NETWORKING THROUGH MCADSV

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### LBGT & Allies Task Force Meeting

■ MAY 24  
Okemos, MI

### Women of Color Institute

■ JUNE 12-13  
Midland, MI

### Professional Development Institute

■ JUNE 14-15  
Midland, MI

### Civil Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in Indian Country

■ JUNE 25  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI

### New Service Provider Training

■ JULY 20-23  
Okemos, MI

### Best Practices on Employee Screening

■ JULY 30  
Okemos, MI



### Networking Opportunity for Women of Color

The Women of Color Task Force Steering Committee will have an early bird registration and host a networking opportunity at the Valley Plaza Hotel on June 12, 2004 from 8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for women of color who plan to arrive the night before the Women of Color Institute. Light refreshments will be served.

### Advanced Michigan Victim Assistance Academy: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)/Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART)

This May, the Crime Victim Services Commission (CVSC) is supporting three one-day Advanced Michigan Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) training workshops entitled, "Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) / Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART)." The trainings will be offered in three locations throughout Michigan and will be led by experienced SANE/SART program staff. The training is designed for multidisciplinary teams from local communities interested in establishing and/or strengthening SANE/SART community programs. For more information visit <http://www.cj.msu.edu/~outreach/mvaa/advtrain.html> or call Bridget Scott at (800) 892-9051.

### Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training— Adolescent/Adult

This 40 hour training is designed to provide practicing Michigan RN's with basic SANE training for adult and adolescent patients. The training will be held at Center for Women in Transition in Holland, MI, June 21-25. Training topics include documentation, Michigan law, working with special populations, role of SANE/SART and courtroom testimony. A panel discussion on beginning a new SANE program will also be held. For more information, please contact Sue Shattuck at (616) 392-2829, ext. 1054 or [sues@aplaceforwomen.org](mailto:sues@aplaceforwomen.org).

### National Coalition Against Domestic Violence 11th National Conference: Radical Organizing for Change

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence will host its 11<sup>th</sup> annual national conference July 11-14 in Denver, CO. The conference will feature more than 100 workshops. Topics include: anti-racism, batterer's treatment, community-based participatory research, domestic and sexual violence in the military, global organizing, organizing with men, VAWA III updates, and more. For additional information, visit [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org), call (303) 839-1852, ext. 107 or email [conference@ncadv.org](mailto:conference@ncadv.org).

# the Coalition Connection

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

## Report on the Tenth Anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues leaders recently released a new report assessing the impact of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Members of Congress, advocates, celebrity activists and survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence discussed its achievements and shortcomings. Advocates and survivors told powerful personal stories highlighting the progress made in the ten years since VAWA was enacted, and many noted that much more needs to be done. All urged Congress to broaden the scope of and increase funding for VAWA.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS), which conducted the report, concluded that the first major legislation ever to address violence against women has helped the nation begin to consider domestic violence a serious crime rather than a private family or personal problem. The CRS report indicates, however, that many victims fail to report violence because they believe it is a "private or personal matter," or because they fear retaliation.

Other findings include:

- From 1993 and 2001, the National Crime Victimization Survey finds that violence against women has been cut in half—from 1.1 million non-fatal violent crimes in 1993 to 588,490 female victims in 2001.
- The percentage of women who experienced violence from an intimate partner and reported it increased from 48 percent in 1993 to 59 percent in 1998. The report attributes this increase to stronger arrest policies.
- From 1998 to 2000, states have passed more than 660 laws to combat domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.
- Young women age 20 to 24 experience the highest rate of violence, yet only 46 colleges in the nation have applied for grants to implement the campus security provisions of VAWA.
- From 1993 to 1998, violence against African American women was 35 percent higher than violence against white women, and more than double the rates of violence against women of other ethnicities.

The report is available online at [www.louise.house.gov](http://www.louise.house.gov).

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MICHIGAN COALITION  
AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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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### Women of Color/LBGT & Allies Collaborative Workshop

Join MCADSV Task Force members during the 2004 Professional Development Institute, Monday, June 14 from 2:00-3:30 pm for a workshop about how our differences impact the work we do and how we relate to survivors. Participants will have the opportunity to use poetry, music, free verse, humor, dance and other creative expressions to move us closer to celebrating our differences and improve our work with survivors. Members of the MCADSV Women of Color and LBGT & Allies Task Forces will lead the workshop. *The Edge of Each Other's Battles: The Vision of Audre Lorde* will be shown. Contact Jessica Coloma or Paula Callen for more information at (517) 347-7000.

### PromoteTruth.org Provides Sexual Violence Information to Teens

The mission of *PromoteTruth.org* is to provide support and information about sexual violence issues for teens and their communities. *PromoteTruth.org* was created by the Rape Recovery Team at the Women's Center of Jacksonville, Florida to provide up-to-date and accurate information about sexual violence issues to teens. Teens can view information online or leave an anonymous message that will be responded to by a trained and compassionate advocate. Visit [www.promotetruth.org](http://www.promotetruth.org) for more information.

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
**Linea Nacional sobre la**  
**Violencia Domestica**  
 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
 TTY 1-800-787-3224  
[www.nhdv.org](http://www.nhdv.org)

**Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)**  
 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)  
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

### Online Fundraising Handbook

Groundspring.org is a nonprofit organization created by Tides Foundation in 1999 to help nonprofit groups use the Internet to effectively increase resources for positive social change and environmental sustainability. Groundspring provides online fundraising and e-mail messaging services for nonprofits, and has helped nonprofits raise more than \$6 million through the Internet. To learn more about affordable Internet fundraising, e-mail and advocacy for nonprofits, download a free copy of the *Online Fundraising Handbook* or sign up for their free e-newsletter at [www.groundspring.org](http://www.groundspring.org).

### Safe Return Initiative Addresses Domestic Violence by Prisoners Reentering Society

The Safe Return Initiative is a joint project of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community and the Vera Institute, with support from the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. Safe Return confronts the obstacles that keep newly released prisoners from successfully reuniting with their families and seeks to decrease the vulnerability of such families to domestic violence. Through the Initiative, criminal justice professionals and community- and faith-based organizations in the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative can receive community education, training, and on-site help to develop effective responses to common problems, such as ex-prisoners finding employment, complying with parole conditions and coping with changed family dynamics, community violence, illness, and many other stressors. To learn more about this initiative and the organizations involved, visit [www.vera.org](http://www.vera.org) or [www.dvinstitute.org](http://www.dvinstitute.org).

### VAWnet Opens Public List Serve Discussions

VAWnet hosts several list serve discussions to facilitate exchange of ideas, sharing of resources and discussion of emerging and priority issues to support the work of violence against women advocates working at local, state, national and tribal levels. List serve participants have access to timely and relevant discussions, peer technical assistance and information dissemination led by a knowledgeable group of individuals and organizations. Visit VAWnet at [www.vawnet.org/AboutVAWnet/PoliciesAndProcedures/listserve.php](http://www.vawnet.org/AboutVAWnet/PoliciesAndProcedures/listserve.php) to subscribe to any of the domestic violence or sexual assault specific lists.

### National Violence Against Women Statute Database

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges website contains newly updated statutes for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam for many civil and criminal laws affecting violence against women, including domestic violence, stalking, rape, firearm prohibitions, address confidentiality programs, crime victims' bill of rights, victim/counselor privilege, and much more. Visit them at [www.ncjfcj.org](http://www.ncjfcj.org).

### Making the Link: Promoting the Safety of Battered Women and Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

The Making the Link Web site provides current information on research and intervention with families experiencing both child maltreatment and woman battering. The intent is to link both research and practice to develop collaborative multidisciplinary models for working with families experiencing both forms of abuse. Visit Making the Link at [www.mincava.umn.edu/link](http://www.mincava.umn.edu/link).

### Sexual Assault and College Athletics

National Collegiate Athletics Association Vice President David Berst told a House of Representatives subcommittee with oversight over college athletics that new standards will be in place before the next recruiting season begins, reports the *New York Times*. The hearing focused on allegations of sexual misconduct by football players and recruits at the University of Colorado during a 2001 recruiting party. "It's very important that, when we talk about the laws of the land versus the laws that govern collegiate athletics or recruiting, that the laws of the land take precedence," former Syracuse University quarterback Don McPherson told the committee.

The National Coalition Against Violent Athletes has been monitoring the story, closely examining sexual assault in college athletic recruiting and reporting on their Web site at [www.ncava.org](http://www.ncava.org).

### Interviews Underway for MCADSV Oral History Research Project

The first of approximately a dozen interviews have been conducted as part of MCADSV's research on the anti-violence against women movement in Michigan. Supported by funding from the Center for Education of Women at the University of Michigan, MCADSV is conducting oral history interviews and gathering information on grassroots activities in an effort to preserve that history and learn from the life experiences of female leaders early in the movement.

If you have any questions about the oral history project, or if you have documents or artifacts that might be useful, please contact Allison Spencer at (517) 347-7000, ext. 14 or Tammy Lemmer at (517) 347-7000, ext. 27.