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AGENDA INFORMATION

Children's Task Force
■ SEPTEMBER 17
Traverse City, MI

Building on the Basics
Training
■ SEPTEMBER 21-23
Okemos, MI

LBGT & Allies
Task Force Meeting
■ SEPTEMBER 27
Okemos, MI

Confidentiality and
Documentation Issues
■ SEPTEMBER 30
Okemos, MI

WOC Task Force
Planning Meeting
■ SEPTEMBER 30-
OCTOBER 1
Lyons, MI



Craft Your Trial Strategy—Domestic Violence Civil Justice Training

MCADSV is pleased to announce an exciting training opportunity for family law attorneys who represent survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the civil justice arena. The training is October 20-22, 2004 at the MCADSV conference center in Okemos, Michigan. The cost of the training will be \$90.00 per participant for MCADSV members and \$115.00 per participant for non-members. This intermediate level training is intended for attorneys and paralegals representing or assisting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in family law matters. State and national experts in civil legal assistance will provide the most current and useful information to trainees. For questions or additional information, please contact Katy Conklin at (517) 347-7000 ext. 26 or at kconklin@mcadsv.org. Training agenda and registration are available at www.mcadsv.org.

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day Activities in Detroit

The Detroit Medical Center is recognizing their third annual "Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day," spearheaded by the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The 2004 forum will be held Wednesday, October 13th, 10:00 am to 12 noon in the main auditorium of Children's Hospital of Michigan, located at 3901 Beaubien Boulevard in Detroit. The theme for 2004 is "The Workplace Response to Domestic Violence." The panel will include Lt. Gwen Brown, Domestic Violence Unit, Detroit Police Department/Michigan Domestic Violence Treatment Board; Charlie Dickson, Director of DMC Security; and Barbara Smith, Manager of the DMC Employee Assistance Program. For further information call (313) 745-0187.

Sexual Violence and the College Campus

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) is pleased to announce its upcoming Conference on Sexual Violence and the College Campus to be held Wednesday, September 29 and Thursday, September 30, 2004 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Steven's Point, Wisconsin. Join WCASA in this exciting opportunity to explore the impact of sexual violence on college campuses. For more information, visit www.wcasa.org/trainings/index.html.

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

Governor Granholm Proclaims October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Governor Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Michigan. Domestic violence programs across the state will be hosting events to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence and the availability of services for survivors. Contact the domestic violence program in your community for information about activities and ways that you can help. Visit www.mcadsv.org for a list of domestic violence and sexual assault service providers and for links to domestic violence awareness materials and national programs.

Helping Health Care Professionals Respond to and Prevent Sexual Violence: Developing a 5-year Strategic Plan for SAAM

Reprinted from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center newsletter, *The Resource*, Spring/Summer, 2004.

Since the late 1980s, April has been recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. SAAM is an opportunity for advocates to engage their communities and raise awareness about the devastating effects of sexual violence. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) are collaborating to incorporate a health care focus into future SAAM activities, beginning in 2005. This focus will be on the impact of sexual violence on public health, potential roles of health care providers, resources for responding to sexual assault, and the importance of prevention. Audiences for these activities include physicians, physician's assistants, nurses, forensic nurse examiners, midwives, pharmacists, medical social workers, lay health advisors, and others. All health care-related SAAM activities will be planned around NSVRC's theme, "Decide to End Sexual Violence." These activities will complement those already developed by NSVRC for advocates and the general public.

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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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National Resource Center Releases Teen Dating Violence Information Packet

Teen Dating Violence: Information and Resources is an information packet developed by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV). An introduction to the dynamics, prevalence and consequences of teen dating violence, the packet explores issues specific to teen dating violence, examines current provision of support services for teens and presents information about a variety of promising prevention and intervention strategies. While some awareness materials such as booklets, checklists and posters are included, the intent of the packet contents is to examine some of the key dating violence issues currently facing teens and their advocates. *Teen Dating Violence* is available for download at <http://www.vawnet.org/>.

Sexual Violence Materials in Spanish

The NSVRC recently updated its listing of *Materials on Sexual Violence in Spanish*. This compilation of materials includes brochures, factsheets, posters, videos, Sexual Assault Awareness Month resources, and other prevention materials. Call (877) 739-3895 for a copy, or access the document online at <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/directories/Spanish materials.pdf>.

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Linea Nacional sobre la
Violencia Domestica
 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
 TTY 1-800-787-3224
www.ndvh.org
Rape, Abuse & Incest National
Network (RAINN)
 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
www.rainn.org

Join ALAS, a National Latina Resource Sharing Group

The *Alianza Latina en Contra la Agressión Sexual* or ALAS, (Latina Alliance Against Sexual Aggression) is a national Latina professional resource-sharing group that focuses on cultural competency, bilingual material development, training and policy issues related to underserved Latina survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence. The members of ALAS are united in a major goal: to help make risk-reduction and victim service information more accessible to Spanish-speaking Latinas. As part of this goal, ALAS has developed a position statement which defines the challenges faced by Latina survivors and advocates and presents recommendations for eliminating barriers. This statement has received national support from national and state coalitions as well as local organizations committed to the same goal. To sign on in support of this statement or to join ALAS, please contact Arte Sana at artesanando@yahoo.com.

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In order to accomplish this goal, a planning committee will be assembled during late 2004. This committee will include representatives from federal agencies, professional associations, coalitions, and public health departments. The committee will be charged with creating a 5-year strategic plan for incorporating a health care focus into SAAM activities, developing educational materials, and evaluating all efforts.

For additional information on this initiative, contact: Jennifer Middlebrooks, MSW, MPH at the Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at (770) 488-4223.

Immigrant Women Program

Legal Momentum (formerly the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund) recently launched the Immigrant Women Program (IWP) that strives to protect and expand the rights of immigrant women and their children. The overarching goal of the program is to enhance the legal rights and basic economic security of this traditionally underserved group. The program pursues policies on a broad scale to protect immigrant women who, as victims of domestic violence, “fall between the cracks” of both our legal safeguards and our welfare support systems. The initial focus of IWP is the creation of a legal, institutional, and policy framework that allows battered immigrant women to end the destructive role that domestic violence plays in their lives and allows all immigrant women to achieve economic self-sufficiency. The ultimate agenda of the program is to address the larger complex of social and legal challenges faced by women who emigrate to the United States from a women's rights perspective. Contact Legal Momentum about the Immigrant Women Program at iwp@legalmomentum.org.

Confidentiality and Documentation Issues Training

MCADSV is sponsoring a one-day advanced training on September 30, 2004 on the implications for program policies on confidentiality issues including documentation, release of information, subpoenas, and warrants. Leslie Hagen, Assistant to the Attorney General of the Western District and Kathy Hagenian, Director, Public Policy & Program Services will be the featured presenters. Deadline for registration is September 22. Please call Lynn Lucas at (517) 347-7000 x 21 for more information or to register.

MCADSV Releases VotePower Action Kit and Resources

Each year, more than half a million women seek emergency shelter services for herself and her children. Unfortunately more than half of those families are turned away from shelters due to lack of resources. Because of their unique circumstances, battered women are not reached by traditional voter mobilization campaigns, and even worse, are prevented from exercising their right to vote.

To address this problem, the National Network to End Domestic Violence Fund (NNEDV Fund) has partnered with the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) to introduce the VotePower project which seeks to register Michigan domestic violence survivors to vote, and get them to the polls on Election Day. VotePower is the only program registering and mobilizing battered women in the 2004 election and beyond.

VotePower is working directly with domestic violence shelters and outreach programs in Michigan to address confidentiality and other obstacles that disenfranchise domestic violence survivors. In addition, VotePower strives to increase battered women's voter participation by providing safe ways for women to vote on Election Day. MCADSV will offer domestic violence programs in Michigan tools needed to engage voter registration and mobilization efforts.

For more information on VotePower contact the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence at (517) 347-7000. For information on the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the VotePower Project, visit www.nnedv.org.