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Training

■ JANUARY 11-14  
Lansing, MI

LBGT & Allies Task  
Force Meeting

■ JANUARY 28  
Okemos, MI

Focus on Survivors—  
Voice, Choice and  
Visibility

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Okemos, MI

Leadership Institute—  
Mental Health Issues  
Facing Child & Adult  
Sexual Assault Survivors

■ MARCH 9-10  
Okemos, MI

SAVE THE DATE!  
2005 Women of Color  
and Professional  
Development Institutes

■ JUNE 13-16, 2005  
Gaylord, MI

## Best Practices on Serving Immigrant Battered Women and Developing Model Limited English Proficiency Plans

MCADSV and Farmworker Legal Services presents *Best Practices on Serving Immigrant Battered Women and Developing Model Limited English Proficiency Plans*. This training is designed for executive directors, middle managers, and direct service staff and will explore providing services to immigrant survivors. This training is free of charge and is being offered regionally. Contact Cheryl Rogers at (517) 347-7000, ext. 16 for more information.

### This Far By Faith

The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute presents its seventh annual *This Far By Faith* training institute February 17-20, 2005 at the Renaissance Concourse - Atlanta Airport. "A Time To Build Up: Capacity Building in Faith Communities" is the conference theme. The goal of this four-day gathering is to increase the capacity of faith-based and secular communities to respond together in addressing issues related to domestic and sexual violence. For information on The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute or training registration, visit their website at [www.bcdvi.org](http://www.bcdvi.org), or call (770) 909-0715.

### The Color of Violence III: Stopping the War on Women of Color

The many forms of violence experienced on a daily basis by women of color around the world amount to nothing less than a global war on Women of Color. INCITE! Presents the Color of Violence III, March 11-13, 2005 in New Orleans, LA. This conference will provide an opportunity for women of color to develop and share organizing strategies to address this global assault on women of color. Visit [www.incite-national.org](http://www.incite-national.org) for registration information.

### Arte Sana Call for Proposals

Arte Sana is pleased to announce the call for proposals for the upcoming, "*Nuestras Voces/Our Voices; Empowerment and Healing in la Comunidad*," national training institute to be held November 3-4 in Austin, TX. This event will be a two-day capacity building training for improving outreach to marginalized Latina/o victims of sexual and intimate partner violence. **The deadline for proposal submissions is March 8, 2005.** Visit [www.arte-sana.com/nuestras\\_voces.htm](http://www.arte-sana.com/nuestras_voces.htm) for more information.

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

## January Proclaimed First Stalking Awareness Month in Michigan

Governor Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed January Stalking Awareness Month in Michigan. "Stalking Awareness Month is an excellent time for our citizens to learn more about stalking," said Granholm. "It provides a chance to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals that provide advocacy, services and assistance to stalking victims." Organizations across the country will be hosting events to raise awareness about the prevalence of stalking and the availability of services for survivors. Contact the service provider in your community for information about activities and ways that you can help.

## National Stalking Awareness Month

The National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC) will recognize the second annual National Stalking Awareness Month in January 2005, to focus attention on this serious and deadly crime, which victimizes more than one million women and nearly 400,000 men in this country each year.

Silver stalking awareness pins will commemorate the month this year. Advocates are encouraged to use the pins, and to publicize the Month by distributing materials, holding events, contacting media in their communities, and conducting other local activities that raise awareness about this crime.

The NCVC web site offers a wealth of information about stalking, including a quiz, a synopsis of state stalking laws around the country, and a training video geared to law enforcement officers to improve their response to stalking.

NCVC also offers downloadable support materials for National Stalking Awareness Month. They include: a victim brochure in PDF format; a one-page fact sheet (with general stalking information and statistics); a "ten things you need to know about stalking" handout; a sample proclamation to use at the municipal, county or state level; a stalking poster; and information about last year's activities.

To buy an awareness pin, get involved or share your community activities for the 2005 National Stalking Awareness Month, please contact Ilse Knecht, NCVC Deputy Director, Public Policy, at (703) 732-2446 or [iknecht@ncvc.org](mailto:iknecht@ncvc.org).

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## New Resource on Children of Immigrant Families

The newest issue of *The Future of Children* journal is now available for download. *Children of Immigrant Families* (Volume 14, No. 2) focuses on the growing number of immigrant families in this country, and the challenges faced by their children. This issue includes articles authored by leading experts on child development and immigration, as well as a synthesis of research, analysis, and policy recommendations. Visit [www.futureofchildren.org](http://www.futureofchildren.org) to view this and previous issues of the journal.

## Polaris Project—Combating Sex Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery

The Polaris Project is committed to combating sex trafficking and modern-day slavery, and to strengthening the anti-trafficking movement through direct intervention and grassroots advocacy. They work every day with women in the sex industry who have endured violence from their traffickers, including psychological abuse, beatings, death threats, and sexual assault.

Based in the United States and Japan, their multicultural staff work closely with survivors and community members to identify victims, provide services, conduct advocacy and technical trainings, and raise awareness. Visit [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org) for more information. Visit [www.humantrafficking.com](http://www.humantrafficking.com) for more information on trafficking.

### National Domestic Violence Hotline

Linea Nacional sobre la  
Violencia Domestica  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
TTY 1-800-787-3224  
[www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)

### Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)  
[www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2005

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) will continue to use the slogan “Decide to End Sexual Violence” for the 2005 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign. The focus and tagline will be “Build Healthy and Respectful Relationships.” Local communities are encouraged to use this slogan while organizing for this year’s events.

SAAM 2005 involves a complementary campaign that focuses on the healthcare community. This healthcare initiative/campaign, Practicing Prevention: Healthcare and Sexual Violence, is a joint effort of the CDC and the NSVRC. Its goal is to increase the awareness and involvement of healthcare professionals in recognizing and preventing sexual violence. It is premised on the fact that healthcare professionals have a vital and ongoing relationship to the community and especially victims of sexual violence.

The NSVRC 2005 SAAM packet will include a review of the development of this campaign and a fact sheet of particular relevant facts about sexual violence for healthcare professionals that will be useful in the community. The packet will also include ideas for planning events to promote awareness and prevention with a focus on building healthy relationships. The NSVRC will also distribute poster art for local organizations to customize.

For more information on the National SAAM Campaign, visit [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org).

## Building Community for Learning and Sharing

Women of Color Leadership Institute to explore history, enhance skills and build community will take place June 28 - July 1, 2005 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Look for registration information later this month!

## LBGT & Allies Task Force Seeks New Members

The MCADSV LBGT (Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender) & Allies Task Force is looking for new members. We welcome anyone who is concerned with issues facing LBGT survivors. The mission of the Task Force is to improve domestic violence and sexual assault services for LBGT survivors in Michigan. This mission is currently being accomplished through the LBGT training offered through the Task Force. A revision of the manual will be completed early next year. We are also looking forward to a new initiative which will enable us to reach agencies in rural counties. Goals for the upcoming year include planning a workshop for the MCADSV Professional Development Institute and raising awareness of LBGT domestic violence homicide victims. If you are interested in joining the Task Force, please contact Jessica Coloma at (517) 347-7000 or [jcoloma@mcadsv.org](mailto:jcoloma@mcadsv.org) to get a current schedule of upcoming meetings.

## Focus on Survivors Workshop

The MCADSV Women of Color Task Force presents Focus on Survivors—Voice, Choice & Visibility on February 25, 2005 in Okemos, MI. This interactive workshop will provide an experiential learning space for service providers interested in implementing and maintaining strength-based survivor-centered services. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Lynn Lucas at (517) 347-7000 or visit [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org).

## Children’s Task Force List Serve

MCADSV now has a Children’s Task Force list serve! This list will allow task force members to network and share resources related to working with children and youth survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. To join this group, please contact the list manager, Jessica Coloma, at [jcoloma@mcadsv.org](mailto:jcoloma@mcadsv.org) or (517) 347-7000, ext. 33.

## La Vida Advocate Recognized

Dolores Gonzales Ramirez, Program Manager for La Vida in Southwest Detroit, was honored by the RARE Foundation (Recognizing Achievement Rewarding Excellence). Each year, RARE recognizes several exceptional individuals who make significant contributions in their field of work. Since August 2000, Dolores has been instrumental in guiding the development of services for Intimate Partner Violence Against Latina Women in Southwest Detroit. Dolores’s selflessness, passion, courage and integrity indeed make her a rare individual and so deserving of this recognition. If you would like more information about RARE, visit the website at [www.rarefoundation.com](http://www.rarefoundation.com).

## New SANE Research Available

The Effectiveness of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs by Rebecca Campbell (November 2004) provides a brief summary of the structure and functions of SANE programs as they currently exist in the United States. This paper presents current research on the effectiveness of SANE programs in providing care in an empowering setting that addresses survivors’ emotional and medical needs, improving the quality of forensic evidence collection relative to the methods traditionally used in hospital emergency departments and increasing prosecution rates in their community, due to the meticulous documenting of injuries and physical evidence. This paper also provides recommendations for future research. The Effectiveness of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs is available at [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org).

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