

## the calendar

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AGENDA INFORMATION

Children's Task Force  
Meeting

■ MARCH 18  
Flint, MI

LEP & Immigrant  
Survivors Subcommittee  
Meeting

■ MARCH 23  
Okemos, MI

LBGT & Allies Task  
Force Meeting

■ MARCH 25  
TBA

New Service Provider  
Training

■ APRIL 19-22  
Thompsonville, MI

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
2005 Women of Color  
and Professional

Development Institutes  
■ JUNE 13-16, 2005  
Gaylord, MI

### Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Treatment April 6-8, 2005

Arlington, Virginia

The University of Wisconsin - Madison is proud to announce the 4th Annual Eastern Conference on Child Sexual Abuse Treatment. The goal of the conference is to provide a wide range of information on the latest developments and treatment methods as well as to suggest improved ways of dealing with day-to-day challenges that occur in work to end child sexual abuse. For more information visit [www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/hhi/eastern](http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/hhi/eastern).

### Rally Against Rape: Shatter the Silence of Sexual Violence!

April 16, 2005 Washington, DC

This rally against rape is sponsored by PAVE (Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment). It will feature music, speakers, art and spoken word to shatter the silence of sexual violence. It will feature individuals facing multiple oppressions in recognition of the additional challenges that some groups may face in dealing with sex crimes. The rally begins at 2:00 pm at the U.S. Capitol Building. For more information visit [www.pavingtheway.net](http://www.pavingtheway.net).

### Partnering for Success: Accomplishments, Challenges and the Road Ahead Sexual Assault Response Team Training Conference

June 1-3, 2005 San Francisco, California

Partnering for Success is a 3-day conference featuring 35 workshops presented by experts from five SART disciplines: SART Development, Evidence Collection, Defining SART Success, Emerging Issues and Capacity Building. Scholarships are available for teams and law enforcement. For additional information visit [www.sane-sart.com](http://www.sane-sart.com) or e-mail [SARTconf@aol.com](mailto:SARTconf@aol.com).

### International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking

October 3-5, 2005 Baltimore, Maryland

End Violence Against Women (EVAW) International is hosting a multidisciplinary 3-day conference covering a wide range of topics including probation response to domestic violence, trafficking, stalking technology, and more! Invited speakers include Michigan's own Leslie A. Hagen, U.S. Attorney's Office. For more registration information and a complete list of training topics and presenters, visit [www.evawinc.com](http://www.evawinc.com).

# the Coalition Connection

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

## Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership Launched

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) announces the launch of **Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership** to build the capacity of local, state, national and tribal agencies and organizations to develop, implement and evaluate effective violence against women prevention initiatives. Through funding from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Prevention Connection* began in January 2005.

*Prevention Connection* features a publicly accessible list serve and an online discussion forum to discuss the newest violence against women prevention efforts. Advocates from around the country can discuss and receive expert information on emerging issues and approaches to preventing domestic and sexual violence.

*Prevention Connection* Web Forums are a series of online conferences that will explore the efforts to end violence against women before it happens. Prevention experts will present on a range of topics. The Web Forums will happen bimonthly and are free of charge.

Online discussions will focus on the latest trends and research including:

- Public health and population-based approaches to prevent violence against women.
- Ecological models to prevent violence against women.
- Comprehensive solutions to violence against women.
- Underlying risk factors for violence against women.
- Changing community norms and engaging men and entire

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### 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](http://www.mcadsv.org) for information!



March  
2005



**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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## Nominations Now Being Accepted

**M**CADSV Women of Color Task Force is looking to honor phenomenal women of color for their leadership and commitment in working to end violence against women. Deadline for Harmony Award nominations is May 20, 2005. Please visit [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org) or contact Paula Callen at [pcallen@mcadsv.org](mailto:pcallen@mcadsv.org) for more information about the Harmony Award and how to submit a nomination.

MCADSV is now accepting nominations for the 2005 Apple Blossom Award. The Apple Blossom Award honors domestic violence and sexual assault service providers who have demonstrated outstanding efforts to end violence against women in Michigan, particularly advocates whose efforts have had a state-wide impact. To honor someone you know with a nomination, please visit [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org) or contact Jessica Coloma at [jcoloma@mcadsv.org](mailto:jcoloma@mcadsv.org).

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communities in prevention initiatives.

The next Web Forum, *Toward a Community Solution: A Public Health Approach to Advance Primary Prevention*, will take place March 17, 2005 from 2-3:30 pm. This free forum features presenters Larry Cohen and Lisa Fujie Parks of the Prevention Institute. Register for the Prevention Connection Web Conference at [www.calcasa.org](http://www.calcasa.org).

For more information, contact David Lee, M.P.H., at CALCASA at (916) 446-2520 ext. 309; (916) 446-8802 (TTY); or [david@calcasa.org](mailto:david@calcasa.org).

April 5, 2005

### Day to End Sexual Violence

Visit [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org) for event ideas that promote healthy and respectful relationships!

## Supreme Court to Hear Case on Protection Orders

**T**own of Castle Rock, Colorado v. Gonzalez was brought before the U.S. Supreme Court by Jessica Gonzalez, whose husband's protection order required that he stay at least 100 yards away from her, their three minor daughters, and their family home. Mr. Gonzalez violated the restraining order and Jessica Gonzalez called the police department approximately six times asking them to enforce the order. Officers failed to respond to the pleas for help resulting in the murder of Jessica's three children.

National domestic violence organizations including the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Center for Victims of Crime, have filed friend of the court briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Jessica Gonzalez who claims her constitutional rights were violated when police neglected to enforce the protection order.

## New Initiative Targets Youth at Risk for Sexual Harassment

**T**he increasing number of sexual harassment lawsuits by teens against their employers has prompted a national initiative to educate teens about their rights in the workplace. According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission there has been an increase in lawsuits related to teen sexual harassment involving young women in teen-heavy industries such as restaurants, retail, hotels, and movie theaters. The most frequent complaints are lewd comments and inappropriate touching. A key element of the initiative is the Web site created by teens for teens explaining their rights and responsibilities as employees. Visit Youth @ Work's Web site at <http://youth.eeoc.gov/>.

## Help support MCADSV!

Visit the Apple Blossom Boutique at [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org)

## Focus on Survivors—Voice, Choice & Visibility a Success!

**T**he MCADSV Women of Color Task Force held an interactive workshop for service providers interested in implementing and maintaining strength-based survivor-centered services. Participants explored the roles survivors have historically had in the movement, the practical application of empowerment and visions of how survivors influence our day-to-day work.

MCADSV would like to thank co-facilitators Kalimah Johnson and Nicole Hall for this wonderful training opportunity! Contact Paula Callen for information on the Women of Color Task Force and its initiatives at [pcallen@mcadsv.org](mailto:pcallen@mcadsv.org).

## Men Stopping Violence Internship Program

**M**en Stopping Violence is looking for young men to participate in an Internship Program, working to end men's violence against women and children. Interns are mentored and guided through an education and advocacy training by staff who have experience in developing a culturally competent prospective and community centered response to creating safety and justice for all. After completing the program, men return to their community where they will have built a network of advocates and allies to become agents of social change.

For more information, please visit [www.menstoppingviolence.org](http://www.menstoppingviolence.org) or contact Khaatim S. El, Internship Program Coordinator, at (404) 270-9894.

## New Research on Sexual Abuse of Women with Disabilities

**C**onfronting the Sexual Abuse of Women with Disabilities by R. Amy Elman (January, 2005) provides a brief summary of the research on sexual abuse of women with disabilities. The document covers the origins of our knowledge concerning the sexual abuse of women with disabilities, the methodological quandaries related to sexual abuse research in general and the data on women with disabilities and the men who abuse them, and concludes with an exploration of the efforts of women with disabilities and their allies to counter sexual abuse. This study is available at [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org).

## Web Site Addresses Workplace and Domestic Violence

**D**omestic violence affects the workplace when an abuser harasses an employee who is on the job, when a victim is absent because of injuries or less productive due to stress – or when violence occurs at the worksite. The new FVPPF Web site includes facts on the workplace and violence against women; innovative model programs; solutions for small and large employers; and solutions for unions. Visit <http://endabuse.org/workplace> for information on addressing domestic violence in the workplace.

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)