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& Immigrant Survivors

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Pro Bono Project for
Domestic Violence
Victims

■ AUGUST 25, 2005
Various Locations

Building on the Basics

■ SEPTEMBER 13-15,
2005
Okemos, MI

**Free Training Opportunity—Pro Bono Project
for Domestic Violence Victims**

Advocates Please Invite Your Favorite Attorneys!

The Pro Bono Project for Domestic Violence Victims, sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan Justices Initiatives and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, will take place on August 25, 2005. The six site locations include: Michigan State University, East Lansing, Oakland Community College, Troy, Wayne State University, Detroit, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, University Center, Gaylord, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw. This year's program includes:

Morning session—A live video presentation featuring a panel of distinguished Michigan family law attorneys, judges and domestic violence service providers discussing foundational issues and current state law.

Afternoon session—Area judges, attorneys and service providers discussing local practice and procedure.

Participants will receive free lunch, legal training materials and pleadings. For more information and online registration visit www.michbar.org/oj/register.html.

**Collaboration between Fatherhood and
Domestic Violence Programs in Communities
of Color: A Focus on Prevention**

October 11-13, 2005

San Antonio, Texas

Center for Family Policy and Practice (CFFPP), together with the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC) and the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPPF), is sponsoring an institute on the intersection of domestic violence and fatherhood in low-income communities and communities of color. The institute will focus on collaboration between fatherhood and domestic violence programs to address domestic violence prevention. For more information and to register for this conference, visit www.cffpp.org.

Nuestras Voces/Our Voices

November 3-4, 2005

Austin, Texas

Latina experts from around the country such as current members of the national online working group ALAS (Alianza Latina en contra la Agresión Sexual / Latina Alliance Against Sexual Aggression) will share the latest in Latina victim advocacy via traditional workshops, panels and regional showcases of grassroots and community-based efforts. To register and learn more about this national capacity-building institute visit www.arte-sana.com.

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issue of violence against women

**Violence Against Women Act
Introduced in Senate**

Reprinted from the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Senators Joseph Biden (D-DE), Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Arlen Specter (R-PA) introduced the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 in the United States Senate on June 8. The bill, which was first enacted in 1994 and re-authorized in 2000, will expire in September unless Congress acts.

"These three Senators did a great service to the nation by introducing a strong Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)," said Family Violence Prevention Fund President Esta Soler. "If it is fully funded, this bill can do a tremendous amount to prevent violence of all kinds, and to help victims of domestic and dating violence, sexual assault and stalking."

"The bill we are introducing today provides a comprehensive approach to combating domestic violence," Senator Biden said. "It stiffens penalties for repeat offenders, provides more money for vital services, and will help battered women get the assistance and support they need. It also focuses on breaking the cycle of violence through education and helping rural victims in under-served areas."

Co-sponsors of the new bill, S. 1197, are Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Mike DeWine (R-OH), Charles Grassley (R-IA), Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Herb Kohl (D-WI), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Charles Schumer (D-NY).

Details of Legislation

VAWA 2005 would continue essential programs and enhance the civil and criminal justice response to violence. It would increase funding to \$5 million per year to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and create a new dedicated grant program for sexual assault victims that will strengthen the 1,300 rape crisis centers across the country.

"VAWA has achieved so much over the past ten years to enhance justice and community responses to violence against women," said Marybeth Carter, President of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence. "We are especially pleased about the new Sexual Assault Services Act, which provides the first funding exclusively focused on support services for victims of sexual assault."

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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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The bill also includes measures to promote collaboration between domestic violence experts and child welfare agencies, and to strengthen the health care system's response to family violence with programs to train and educate health care professionals, foster family violence screening for patients, and study the health ramifications of family violence.

It would provide money for programs to support children exposed to violence, for training and curricula development for home visitation programs on domestic violence, and to engage men and youth in preventing violence.

VAWA 2005 includes provisions that would address the needs of victims of trafficking, victims from communities of color, and immigrant and tribal victims. It would support several housing and economic security programs to stop violence and help victims.

Next Steps

"Congress has no higher priority than to ensure that VAWA is re-authorized," Soler added, "and that the new bill funds supports for children who have been exposed to violence, public education to teach the next generation that violence is wrong, and programs to improve the health system's response to violence. We urge every advocate and every person who wants to stop violence to let their Senators know that they want to see VAWA 2005 passed quickly."

A bipartisan group of House Members will introduce their version of VAWA in the coming days.

More information on VAWA, including tools for advocates, is available at www.endabuse.org/vawa and <http://www.vawa2005.org/>.

MCADSV Releases 2004 Annual Report

The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) 2004 Annual Report is now available for you to view at www.mcadsv.org/AnnualReport04.pdf.

Ending domestic and sexual violence against all survivors requires social change that promotes equality through individual, institutional and cultural changes. To achieve this goal MCADSV has:

- Provided statewide leadership on public policy issues affecting survivors and the programs that serve them.
- Ensured the availability and accessibility of high quality, culturally competent services by strengthening service provider programs; and
- Participated in community awareness and educational activities.

The 2004 Annual Report—*Advancing Our Mission, Meeting Our Goals*—highlights our accomplishments in these areas and beyond.

Gonzales Ruling a "Serious Blow" to Victims of Violence Who Need Police Protection

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 27, 2005 that Jessica Gonzales cannot sue the town of Castle Rock for failing to enforce a restraining order against her violent ex-husband. At issue in *Town of Castle Rock, Colorado v. Jessica Gonzales* was whether victims of domestic violence can sue if their local governments fail to protect them and their children from batterers. Family Violence Prevention Fund President Esta Soler called it, "a sad day for a nation that had been making progress in stopping domestic violence and helping victims."

The ruling is available at www.supremecourtus.gov.

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United States Department of State Releases 2005 Trafficking in Persons Report

Download a copy of the report at www.humantrafficking.org.

Teen Dating Abuse Survey 2005

In February 2005, Liz Claiborne Inc. commissioned a survey to investigate the level of and attitudes towards dating abuse among American teenagers aged 13 to 18. The research was conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU).

The reports of abuse extend across suburbs, cities and regions and all ethnic groups. The findings convey a compelling call for help from an overwhelming majority of teens who state that physical and verbal abuse is a serious issue for them.

Key findings include:

- 1 in 3 teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner.
- Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend had threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a break-up.
- 13% of teenage girls who said they have been in a relationship report being physically hurt or hit.
- 1 in 4 teenage girls who have been in relationships reveal they have been pressured to perform oral sex or engage in intercourse.
- More than 1 in 4 teenage girls in a relationship (26%) report enduring repeated verbal abuse.
- 80% of teens regard verbal abuse as a "serious issue" for their age group.
- If trapped in an abusive relationship, 73% said they would turn to a friend for help; but only 33% who have been in or known about an abusive relationship said they have told anyone about it.

For a copy of the complete survey visit www.loveisnotabuse.com.

A National Resource Directory & Handbook Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

This directory brings together many of the currently available resources and initiatives related to child sexual abuse prevention, providing descriptions of organizations, programs, projects and a wide range of resources. This 264-page manual also features category indices, resource bibliographies, and highlights related research and key stakeholders.



To download a copy of this handbook or view other child sexual abuse prevention materials, visit the National Sexual Violence Resource Center at www.nsvrc.org.

Call for Women Artists

The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame is developing an exhibit featuring the artwork of domestic and sexual assault survivors. Survivors who have expressed themselves through art of any medium and who are interested in being considered for this exhibit should contact Shari Murgittroyd at sharim@cc.msu.edu or (517) 355-9320. For more information visit the Michigan Women's Historical Center on the Web at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org.

National Domestic Violence Hotline

**Linea Nacional sobre la
Violencia Domestica**

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www.ndvh.org

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
www.rainn.org