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Building on the Basics
■ SEPTEMBER 13-15,
2005
Okemos, MI

MCADSV Board
Meeting
■ SEPTEMBER 14, 2005
Okemos, MI

MCADSV Annual
Meeting
■ SEPTEMBER 15, 2005
Okemos, MI

Civil & Criminal Justice
Institute—Attorneys
■ SEPTEMBER 28, 2005
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Civil & Criminal Justice
Institute—Advocates
■ SEPTEMBER 29, 2005
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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, together with the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community and the Family Violence Prevention Fund, 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. The goal of this institute is to foster new alliances and explore new tools to enhance the safety of women and the well-being and success of communities. For more information, visit www.cffpp.org.

From Roots to Wings: The Future of Batterer Intervention

November 2-4, 2005
Dearborn, MI

In conjunction with its 10th anniversary, the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan presents a groundbreaking three-day international conference focusing on the future of batterer intervention services. Presenters include national and local experts including Barbara Hart, J.D., Ellen Pence, Michael Paymar, Oliver Williams, Richard Tolman and Dan Saunders. The conference also includes an anniversary celebration featuring Motown recording artists The Funk Brothers. Registration information and a complete agenda are available at www.biscmi.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.

the Coalition Connection

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

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—Communities Encouraged to Organize

The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) is pleased to announce the upcoming broadcast of *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories* on October 20, 2005 on local Public Broadcasting Service stations (PBS) during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories*, a follow-up to *Breaking the Silence: Journeys of Hope*, will

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House Judiciary Committee Passes VAWA

Reprinted from *Family Violence Prevention Fund*.

The House Judiciary Committee passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) on July 27, an important step toward reauthorizing this bill which is set to expire on September 30.

"This time, instead of focusing on adult victims of violence only, we try to address the problem of violence against children and youth by including programs for college campuses and assistance to youth who are themselves victims of violence," Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) said in hailing "dramatic improvements" in the bill.

"We also try to broaden our scope by not only focusing on services for victims, but also by focusing on effective prevention programs targeting children who have been exposed to violence and young families at risk for violence," he added. ". . . We have tried to recognize the obstacles that some racial and ethnic minorities face in the mainstream system and have included language that allows programs to target communities of color."

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) stressed the importance of including health and housing provisions, which were omitted from the House version of the bill but are in the Senate version.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to take up the bill in early September, when Congress returns from its August recess.

For more information on VAWA reauthorization, visit www.vawa2005.org.

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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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Anti-Trafficking Toolkit Available Online

Vital Voices has developed an Anti-Trafficking Awareness Toolkit to help raise awareness about human trafficking in the United States. The toolkit is designed for professionals, such as law enforcement, health care workers, service providers, or faith-based organizations, who may encounter trafficking victims in the course of their work. The Anti-Trafficking Toolkit is available in English, Arabic, Japanese, and Chinese.

Visit www.HumanTrafficking.org to download this and other toolkits to build the capacity of local organizations to assist victims of trafficking in the community.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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feature accounts of child custody battles in domestic violence situations and chronicle the impact custody rulings have on children.

MCADSV, with funding from the Mary Kay Ash Foundation, is encouraging domestic violence service providers to host a local event in conjunction with the airing of the documentary. MCADSV has developed a list of experts in the area of domestic violence and custody to speak at your event. Contact Jessica Coloma at (517) 347-7000, ext. 33 to schedule a speaker.

Information and resources on hosting a local event, talking points, a sample press release, and resources on the issue of domestic violence and child custody are also available. The 2005 DVAM Organizing packet and information on the *Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories* documentary are available at www.mcadsv.org.

For more information on DVAM and raising awareness, please visit the national Domestic Violence Awareness Project at <http://dvam.vawnet.org>.

Teens who Experience Dating Violence at Greater Risk for STDs

Reprinted from the *Family Violence Prevention Fund*.

Nearly one in three sexually active adolescent girls (31.5 percent) report experiencing physical or sexual violence from a dating partner, and there is a "significant" association between being a victim of dating violence and being diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease (STD) or HIV.

Those are among the findings from a study published in the August 2005 issue of *Pediatrics*. "Dating Violence and Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV Testing and Diagnosis Among Adolescent Females" looks at more than 1,600 sexually active 9th to 12th grade female students.

Dating violence victims are more likely to be tested for and diagnosed with an STD or HIV than girls who do not experience dating violence, even after accounting for other sexual risk behaviors. In fact, one in 12 dating violence victims reports a sexually transmitted disease, compared to one in 30 girls who do not experience dating violence.

"Dating Violence and Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV Testing and Diagnosis Among Adolescent Females" is available online at <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/> or by calling the Michigan Resource Center at (517) 381-4663, ext. 17.

Broken Vows, Battered Faith

Safe Haven Ministries is proud to announce *Broken Vows, Battered Faith* featuring Rev. Marie Fortune on Monday, October 31, 2005. The program will include information for faith leaders and advocates. Please call (616) 452-6664 for more information and to register. Visit Safe Haven Ministries online at www.safehavenministries.org.

Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day

Join health care professionals and domestic violence advocates by taking part in the Family Violence Prevention Fund's Seventh Annual Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day on October 12, 2005. An organizing packet is available online at www.endabuse.org/hcadvd. The guide provides participants with national guidelines on how to institute routine assessment for domestic violence, simple steps health care providers can take to improve their response to domestic violence, patient and provider educational materials and organizing ideas activities.

To learn more about this event, please visit the Web site or call the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence at (800) 595-4889 to request a copy of the organizing packet.

Nonprofit Day 2005

Join the Michigan Nonprofit Association September 21 in Lansing, MI at Nonprofit Day 2005. Participants in this event will gain knowledge necessary to navigating the state and federal policy changes that will impact how Michigan nonprofits and foundations are governed, operated and overseen. Participants will learn to effectively mobilize boards to take action. For more information contact the Michigan Nonprofit Association at (517) 492-2400.

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

Artist Teams with NSVRC to Create *Voices Against Sexual Violence* Mural

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center is excited to announce a new project with internationally known muralist and anti-violence activist, Xavier Cortada. Mr. Cortada's mural, *Voices Against Sexual Violence*, will incorporate the voices of people outraged about sexual violence into a work of art. The mural will be unveiled at the National Sexual Assault Conference in September.

Messages for *Voices Against Sexual Violence* are currently being collected from the public. Artist Xavier Cortada, currently based in Miami, is creating a mural solely from input from the field received via the Internet. The mural project gives voice to each participant individually and collectively. This is an opportunity for survivors and advocates to transform thoughts into a piece of art that can heighten awareness of sexual assault.

To make a statement about sexual violence, visit <http://pcar.org/mural>. To view the artwork of Xavier Cortada, visit www.cortada.com.

Criminal and Civil Justice Institute—Interstate Custody, Child Abduction & Relocation

MCADSV Civil Justice Project presents an exciting training opportunity September 29, 2005 at the MCADSV conference center in Okemos, Michigan. The training faculty includes legal experts on domestic violence and sexual assault, who will provide the most current and useful information on interstate jurisdiction laws, advocacy strategies to prevent child abduction, and legal options available to families. Registration forms and an agenda are available by visiting www.mcadsv.org.