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AGENDA INFORMATION

New Service Provider
Training
■ FEBRUARY 21-24
Lansing, MI

Children's Task Force
Meeting
■ MARCH 17
TBA

MCADSV Board
Meeting
■ MARCH 30
Okemos, MI

SAVE THE DATE!
10th Anniversary: 2006
Women of Color
Institute
■ JUNE 8-9, 2006
Kalamazoo, MI

4th Annual Freedom Network (USA) Conference: Shaping the Future: New Voices and Strategies on Human Trafficking

March 14-16, 2006

Chicago, IL

This interactive conference will provide a forum for advocates, service providers, and law enforcement to discuss new and innovative ways to combat human trafficking and modern day slavery. Please visit <http://www.freedomnetworkusa.org/activities.htm> for registration information.

Building Partnership Between Domestic Violence Advocates and Faith Leaders to Prevent Domestic Violence

March 16, 2006

Okemos, MI

Domestic violence advocates are encouraged to attend the training as part of a team with at least one faith leader. The purpose of this workshop is to: promote productive relationships between faith leaders and domestic violence advocates, increase the awareness of primary prevention work and why it is important to involve faith leaders in these efforts, learn what faith leaders can do to prevent domestic violence, and learn the elements of a prevention-oriented action plan. For registration information, please visit www.mcadsv.org or contact Lynn Lucas at (517) 347-7000, ext.21

6th Annual Southern States Knowledge Conference: Youth Violence Prevention

March 30-April 1, 2006

San Antonio, TX

This 2 ½ day conference is planned to bring together a multidisciplinary group of experts to share their research and interventions on youth violence in relationship to family, peer/school, and neighborhood/community elements. Presenters will address behavioral, socioeconomic, ethnic/racial, and medical risk factors. Visit http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/CE_Events/ce.shtml for more information.

Understanding Mental Health Issues of Survivors

April 6-7, 2006

Lansing, MI

The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) presents *Understanding Mental Health Issues of Survivors*. This extraordinary event will provide in-depth training on how to serve domestic violence and sexual assault survivors with mental health issues. This training has previously been hosted by MCADSV for a limited audience. For the first time, this training is being opened to all interested parties. For registration information, please visit www.mcadsv.org or contact Lynn Lucas at (517) 347-7000, ext.21.

the Coalition Connection

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

Bush Signs *Violence Against Women Act* Into Law

Reprinted from the Family Violence Prevention Fund Newsflash

At a private ceremony in the Oval Office on Thursday, January 5 that included congressional champions, President Bush signed the *Violence Against Women Act of 2005* into law. "Our homes and communities will be safer and healthier as a result," Family Violence Prevention Fund President Esta Soler said. "We commend Congress for passing this critical legislation, and the President for signing it so promptly," she added. "It can significantly improve the nation's response to domestic, sexual and dating violence, and stalking."

The *Violence Against Women Act of 2005* contains groundbreaking initiatives to help children exposed to violence, train health care providers to support victims of abuse, encourage men to teach the next generation that violence is wrong, and provide crisis services for victims of rape and sexual assault. H.R. 3402 is part of the Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005. It also continues efforts to improve the law enforcement response to violence against women and provide supportive services, such as transitional housing, to women and children forced to leave their homes because of violence.

"We urgently need Congress to fully fund all the programs this law contains," Soler concluded. "Only if we do that will we be able to say that our nation is doing all it can to stop domestic and sexual violence, and help victims."

First passed in 1994, the *Violence Against Women Act* was the first federal law to comprehensively address violence against women. It was re-authorized in 2000, continuing the essential work begun earlier and adding important services for immigrant, rural, disabled and older women.

The new re-authorization will expand and extend the law for five years, with funding appropriated at approximately \$3.9 billion. Congress must determine actual authorization levels each year, however, and does not always fund programs at the levels in the appropriation. For more information, please visit www.endabuse.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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10th Anniversary of the MCADSV Women of Color Institute- "One Journey, Many Roads: Acknowledging and Affirming our Accomplishments"

Women of color have made important contributions in the movement to end violence against women and often in the face of adversity and intolerance. But in spite of the challenges presented, women of color still forged their leadership, strength and inspired many others to follow. This Institute is a tribute to the phenomenal work led by women of color that continues to be the foundation that shapes our work, raises the bar of expectations, and leads the journey that is making a difference in communities of color and in the lives of survivors. While culture greatly influences the road we choose, and in which to do the work, it is also culture that brings us together on this single journey.

This year will mark the 10th Anniversary of the Women of Color Institute, a significant milestone that has demonstrated hard work, support, and leadership. The MCADSV Women of Color Task Force invites you to join us on June 8 & 9 to celebrate, share experiences and take part in some enriching workshops. This anniversary will mark the beginning of some new and exciting traditions for future Women of Color Institutes. For more information, please contact Paula Callen at (517) 347-7000.

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

New Resource on Helping Teen Victims

The purpose of this handbook is to help victim service providers overcome barriers to reporting crimes and to more effectively reach out to teen victims and provide assistance that meets their unique needs. *Reaching and Serving Teen Victims: A Practical Handbook* discusses adolescent development; the unique impact of victimization on teens; and strategies for assessing local teen victimization, creating effective outreach activities, making service environments teen-friendly, and interacting with teens in helpful and productive ways. To access this handbook electronically, please visit http://www.ncvc.org/tvp/main.aspx?dbID=dash_Home

New Funding Announcements

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRC DV) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) have collaborated to provide a redesigned FUNDING ALERT. Issued twice monthly, or whenever warranted, this new FUNDING ALERT will provide a synopsis of the available funding that can be used by individuals and/or agencies working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. Each announcement contains the grant's title, name and contact information for sponsoring organization, deadline for submission, a brief abstract describing the focus and intent of the funding, and eligibility requirements. Please contact the sponsoring organization or click on the link to their web site for additional information. The current FUNDING ALERT can be accessed at: <http://www.vawnet.org/Funding/FundingAlert-V1N9.pdf>

Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Survivor List Serve

MCADSV now has a list serve for service providers working with Limited English Proficient (LEP) and Immigrant Survivors. This list will allow subcommittee members to network and share resources related to working with LEP & Immigrant survivors of domestic and sexual violence. To join this group, please contact the list manager, Jessica Coloma, at Jessica.Coloma@mcadsv.org or (517) 347-7000, ext. 33.

The Centers for Disease Control Releases a Multimedia Tool for Anti-violence Campaign

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has developed a multimedia CD-ROM to assist communities in planning, managing, and evaluating a public health communication program on violence prevention. CDCynergy: Violence Prevention Edition includes a step-by-step tutorial, with case examples involving child sexual abuse, sexual violence, dating violence, and youth violence. It also includes resources and a media library featuring posters, radio and television spots, and other sample materials. The CDCynergy series is designed to be used by public health professionals and communities on a national, state, and/or local level. For more information and to order a copy, visit www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/CDCynergy/CDCynergy.htm.

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2006 NSVRC National Award for Outstanding Response to and Prevention of Sexual Violence

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) presents national awards to individuals or organizations whose work has had a significant national impact. The NSVRC recognizes those with particularly stellar accomplishments in raising awareness or promoting prevention of sexual violence, especially when it represents work or dedication above and beyond the normal scope of their daily work or mission.

This year, the NSVRC has developed award categories to broaden the scope of recognition. The new NSVRC National Award for Outstanding Response to and Prevention of Sexual Violence is designed to recognize outstanding individuals, groups, or organizational projects designed to prevent or reduce sexual violence on a large scale, highlight promising practices, and illustrate a wide range of strategies that, together, make our world a safer place.

Volunteer Opportunities Available at the Michigan Resource Center!

The Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, a project of the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, is seeking individuals passionate about social justice and ending violence against women to assist with a statewide domestic violence and sexual assault resource collection. Please forward any inquiries to Melissa Limon at (517) 381-4663, ext.17.