

## the calendar

### TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE, TRAINING &  
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Leadership Institute:  
Powering for Financial  
Stability

■ MARCH 24-25  
Roscommon, MI

MCADSV Board  
Meeting

■ MARCH 30  
Okemos, MI

LBGT & Allies Task  
Force Meeting

■ MARCH 31  
Ferndale, MI

Understanding Mental  
Health Issues of  
Survivors

■ APRIL 6-7  
Lansing, MI

Sexual Assault Expert  
Witness Training

■ APRIL 20-21  
Lansing, MI

### SAVE THE DATE!

10th Anniversary: 2006  
Women of Color  
Institute

■ JUNE 8-9, 2006  
Kalamazoo, MI

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

April 2-5, 2006

San Diego, CA

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is at the core of protecting our children. It empowers tribes to run their own programs and lays out tribal roles and rights in decision-making. However, people cannot achieve successful compliance on their own. Tribal leaders, ICW workers, and other stakeholders have an important role in carrying out this work. This conference will focus on strategies for strengthening ICWA compliance and improving outcomes for Indian children and families. Workshops and presentations will feature innovative strategies for obtaining ICWA compliance, showcase collaborative efforts, and highlight advocacy initiatives. This conference is for all individuals who are committed to serving Indian children and their families. For registration information, please visit [www.nicwa.org](http://www.nicwa.org).

## Doing Our Own Work: A Seminar for Anti-Racist White People

April 6-9 and May 11-14, 2006

Lyons, MI

Doing Our Own Work is an intensive seminar for white people who seek to deepen their commitment to confronting and challenging white racism where they live and work. It is our experience and conviction that those of us who are white need to "do our own work"- educating ourselves, confronting white supremacy, holding each other accountable, and demonstrating good faith as we seek to build genuine and lasting coalitions with people of color. For registration information, please visit [www.leaven.org](http://www.leaven.org).

## Advanced Clinical Training: Clinical Intervention with Young Children Affected by Trauma and Domestic Violence

April 28, 2006

Boston, MA

This seminar will give participants advanced clinical knowledge and skills in working with young children who are exposed to trauma. Specific evidence-based intervention, including child parent psychotherapy and cognitive behavioral treatment will be introduced. Strategies for addressing difficult clinical dilemmas will be discussed. This training is for social workers, mental health clinicians, school psychologists and therapists. For registration information, please visit [www.childwitnessstoviolence.org](http://www.childwitnessstoviolence.org).

# the Coalition Connection

Your [link](#) to cutting edge information on the issue of violence against women

## Interstate Custody Case Assistance for Attorneys, Advocates, and Survivors

The Legal Resource Center on Violence Against Women (LRC), a new nonprofit based in Takoma Park, Maryland, is working to assist survivors and their attorneys with interstate custody cases involving domestic violence. Many survivors of domestic violence flee across state or tribal lines to escape abuse. Unfortunately, many of these survivors are later punished in interstate custody cases for having left the original state or tribe with their children. Attorneys and advocates who understand new federal and state laws can help survivors relocate safely without sacrificing custody of their children. Fleeing survivors, however, often cannot find attorneys to represent them who understand these laws and the impact of domestic violence on them. The LRC is working to change this.

The LRC operates a national toll-free telephone number through which attorneys, advocates and others can request assistance with custody cases involving more than one state. LRC staff help attorneys develop legal strategies, prepare pleadings, conduct legal research, and provide advocates with referrals for resources in other jurisdictions. The LRC teaches attorneys and others about interstate custody and domestic violence cases throughout the country, both in-person and via telephone. The organization also maintains a free publicly accessible electronic database of the relevant state and federal laws. The laws, available through the LRC's website at [www.lrcvaw.org](http://www.lrcvaw.org), include child custody, relocation and personal jurisdiction (long-arm) statutes. The website also provides links to websites containing protection order and custody laws.

The LRC also maintains a database of contact information for attorneys and programs that handle complex interstate

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## It's Time to Prevent Sexual Violence: Speak Out

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

Access SAAM materials and resources from our Web site at [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org).

March  
2006



**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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**Women's Fundraising Handbook**

All over the world, women are coming together to address complicated and difficult issues that affect their own lives and the fabric of their communities. They are empowering themselves to speak out about issues that in the past were invisible or unspeakable. As empowered as some women are about raising difficult issues in their societies, we find that when it comes to raising money women feel disempowered. This handbook, by the Global Fund for Women, explores key ideas about raising money to fund women's rights work. It is especially designed for first-time fundraisers and for women's groups in developing countries. To access this handbook electronically, please visit <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/resources/fundraising-handbook/1-intro.html>.

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cases. The database enables staff to identify potential attorneys when an advocate, attorney, or survivor calls and needs an attorney referral in a particular location. State and local bar associations and law firms remain an untapped resource for finding attorneys to represent survivors in interstate cases on a pro bono or reduced fee basis. The LRC is conducting a pilot program with law firms to recruit and train attorneys for such cases.

To become part of the LRC's network of attorney's, request technical assistance, or to find out more about upcoming trainings, please contact the LRC at [www.lrcvaw.org](http://www.lrcvaw.org)

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)

**FVPF Now Soliciting Papers on Decreasing Disparities and Violence Prevention**

The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) and Health Practice e-journal invite you to submit brief reports and articles that address Decreasing Disparities and Violence Prevention. They are soliciting articles that explore the intersection between efforts to reduce disparities in health outcomes for poor, underserved communities and violence prevention initiatives. The FVPF would like to highlight model programs that are integrating violence prevention into health disparities initiatives (such as those addressing HIV, perinatal disparities, asthma, depression, substance abuse, etc.) and research that explores the differential burden of violence and chronic health problems among adults and children, what contributes to these disparities and what strategies can be used to identify, manage and prevent violence and co-occurring chronic health issues in culturally accessible ways. The deadline for submission is May 1, 2006. For further information about submitting manuscripts, contact Julie at the Family Violence Prevention Fund at [Julie@endabuse.org](mailto:Julie@endabuse.org).

**MCADSV Leadership Institute: Powering for Financial Stability**

This Leadership Institute will provide essential skills needed to immediately recognize opportunities for growth and disaster embedded within financial reports and strategies for planning ahead and weathering financial storms. This training is for Executive Directors, Finance/Fiscal Managers, Fund Development Managers, and anyone involved in the organizations financial planning. For registration information, please contact Lynn Lucas at (517) 347-7000, ext. 21.

**National Quality Measures Clearinghouse to Feature Domestic Violence Guidelines**

In a significant advance for efforts to encourage health care providers to assess patients for domestic violence, the Family Violence Prevention Fund's (FVPF) National Consensus Guidelines on Identifying and Responding to Domestic Violence Victimization in Health Care Settings have been accepted for inclusion in the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC).

The NQMC web site is sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; it provides a database with information on a limited number of evidence-based health care quality measures and measure sets. The site is designed to give the health care community access to key quality measures.

The FVPF's Consensus Guidelines offer practical tools and resources, including reference guides, assessment tools, victim safety plan and discharge instructions, indicators of abuse, bibliographies, and a listing of resources and referrals. They also help health care providers assess the impact of their assessment programs.

To view the guidelines, go to the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse web site at [http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/whatsnew/whatsnew\\_archive.aspx](http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/whatsnew/whatsnew_archive.aspx)

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Boutique at [www.mcadsv.org](http://www.mcadsv.org)  
and purchase gifts and books to support our  
efforts on behalf of the state's domestic &  
sexual violence survivors

**New NCADV Domestic Violence Fact Sheets**

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) has updated and expanded their domestic violence fact sheets. These valuable resources provide the most current statistics surrounding a broad range of topics related to domestic violence.

Additionally, the Public Policy Office has collected domestic violence data from all 50 states and compiled State-Specific fact sheets. These State-Specific fact sheets contain domestic violence statistics from each state, explain obstacles particular to individual states, and cite resources available in each state. To access these fact sheets, please visit [http://www.ncadv.org/resources/Statistics\\_170.html](http://www.ncadv.org/resources/Statistics_170.html).

**Operation Freefall 2006: The Two-Mile High Stand Against Sexual Assault**

Join RAINN and Speaking Out About Rape (SOAR) for the sixth annual Operation Freefall. On April 29, 2006 thousands of skydivers will take to the air in order to show their support and raise money for the fight against sexual assault. This year's event, which culminates National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month, is expected to be the largest ever.

Funds raised from Operation Freefall will help maintain and expand the National Sexual Assault Hotline (operated by RAINN), expand SOAR's programs to educate lawmakers, police officers, students and the media about sexual assault and extend efforts to provide prevention, recovery, and prosecution information to tens of millions of people. Visit [www.operationfreefall.com](http://www.operationfreefall.com) for more information on how you can participate.