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Children's Task Force
Meeting
■ JULY 21
Flint, MI

Building on the Basics
■ SEPTEMBER 12
Flint, MI

MCADSV Annual
Meeting
■ SEPTEMBER 14
Lansing, MI

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MCADSV Professional
Development Institute,
Social Justice, Social
Change
■ NOVEMBER 8-9,
2006
Frankenmuth, MI

NCADV's 12th National Conference on Domestic Violence: "Organizing for Collective Power"

July 9 - 12, 2006

Atlanta, GA

Join NCADV, advocates, and allies as we discuss and explore ways our efforts to end domestic violence can be greater mobilized. The conference will take place in Atlanta, Georgia at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center from July 9-12th. For registration or other conference information, please visit www.ncadv.org.

Changing Lives, Changing Communities

August 1, 2006

Atlanta, GA

This conference is sponsored by the Battered Women's Justice Project, in partnership with the Women of Color Network. All training participants will: examine and define a unique framework for leadership for advocates who serve and represent battered women of color and their communities; explore strategies to addressing public policy, systems change, and community-based issues within their civil and criminal advocacy; and develop plans of action for the implementation of leadership in daily advocacy and service provision. It is a national leadership institute for advocates serving battered women of color. It is open to OVW grantees. Priority will be given to advocates of color seeking to enhance and develop their leadership skills. For more information, please visit www.bwjp.org.

Sexual Assault Advocacy Training: The Principles of Advocacy

August 14 - 16, 2006

Portland, OR

This training explores the advocate's role as the biased supporter of women who have experienced sexual violence. We will examine the ways advocates can establish a relationship with the victim/survivor that reestablishes her humanness; promoting her self-determination by ensuring her freedom to control decision making processes and determine her own future. Training topics include: The historical framework of sexual violence against Indian women; the continuum of sexual violence; promoting a social justice and social change response to sexual violence; woman safety & women's sovereignty; safety & confidentiality; integrating traditional teachings, values, and beliefs in sexual assault advocacy; organizing strategies to end sexual violence against Native women; Creating an image of hope. For more information, please visit <http://www.msh-ta.org/events.htm>.

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PSA's Urge Dads, Role Models To Teach Boys That Violence Is Wrong

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Men teach boys how to hit a baseball, hit the net, hit the receiver, and much more. But are men taking the time to teach boys that violence against women and girls is wrong?

The Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF), the Waitt Institute and the Advertising Council recently released a new 30-second public service advertisement (PSA) for television that invites men to do so. It is the newest component of the Coaching Boys Into Men campaign, launched in 2002.

"The Coaching Boys Into Men campaign has invited men to be part of the solution by teaching the next generation that violence is always wrong," said FVPF President Esta Soler. "We are enormously grateful to McCann Erickson San Francisco and the Ad Council for their support, and to the Waitt Institute for its generosity. This powerful new spot will do even more to keep women and children safe by helping stop domestic and sexual violence."

The campaign is changing men's behavior. A study by Millward Brown, Inc. and RMA, Inc. found a significant increase in the proportion of men who have taken the action promoted in the PSAs - speaking to boys about violence. Twenty-nine percent said they had done so in November of 2001, before Coaching Boys Into Men launched, and Forty-one percent had done so in February of last year.

The spots are especially meaningful to parents, Fifty-six percent of whom have spoken to their sons or other boys about the issue. Fifty-seven percent of fathers said they now speak to boys about violence, compared to Twenty-nine percent of men who are not fathers.

McCann Erickson San Francisco created the new English-language PSA pro bono; it is available for viewing at www.endabuse.org/cbim/. The PSAs direct audiences to visit www.endabuse.org for tips on how to talk to boys about violence against women and girls.

The Ad Council is distributing the PSAs to media outlets nationwide, to run in time and space donated by media. Since 2002, Coaching Boys Into Men has received tens of millions of dollars in donated media and four million unique visitors have come to the campaign website.

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PCAR and NSVRC Unveil National Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Campaign

Child sexual abuse happens at an alarming rate. Each year, it is estimated that more than 651,500 children (the equivalent of ten times the average Super Bowl attendance) will experience the hurt and devastation of sexual abuse.

In May 2006, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC), together with Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), unveiled Vision of Hope – a national campaign aimed at preventing child sexual abuse.

Nationally, Vision of Hope will promote critical research, effective prevention strategies, adult responsibility and accountability and crisis response to victimized children.

In addition, PCAR launched an educational media campaign focusing on children's "hopes and dreams." The campaign includes a case for support document, print advertisements, radio spots and a web site: www.theirhope.org, where individuals may visit for information about Vision of Hope and how to make a difference in the life of a child.

Child sexual abuse violates a child's right to normal, healthy and trusting relationships. Perpetrators are frequently known to the child as someone she/he loves and trusts. Without help, the impact can last a lifetime.

Together with the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, PCAR has been engaging partners in its efforts to prevent sexual violence and bring hope and healing to survivors. For more information visit www.pcar.org.

Legal Momentum Wins Important Immigration Reform Bill Victory

Legal Momentum's Immigrant Women Program (IWP) in concert with the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women won an important victory on May 25, 2006. The Senate passed a sweeping immigration reform bill that would legalize an estimated 8 to 8.5 million undocumented immigrants and their close family members. The Senate also passed the Biden amendment to preserve access to immigration relief for victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or human trafficking. Finally, the Senate passed the Feingold-Brownback amendment which preserves access to temporary judicial stays of removal so that immigrant women and children are not deported and delivered into the hands of human traffickers, batterers, and persecutors. In his speech on the Senate floor Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) quoted the National Network's letter and read verbatim several paragraphs describing real-life immigrant women and children who obtained temporary judicial stays of removal and were thus spared illegal deportation. For more information, please visit Legal Momentum's Web site at www.legalmomentum.org.

Civil Justice for Victims of Crime

This easy-to-read booklet, prepared by the National Center for Victims of Crime, is designed to give crime victims and those who work with victims a basic understanding of the civil justice system and to make them aware of the civil justice option. To access this booklet online, please visit <http://www.victimbar.org/vb/AGP.Net/Components/documentViewer/Download.aspx?DocumentID=33494>

RAINN Organizes Speakers Bureau

RAINN recently created a speakers bureau comprised of victims of sexual assault and their friends and family members, to help respond to requests from the media and organizations. Through interviews and speaking opportunities, speaker bureau members play a vital role in educating the public about sexual violence and its effects on victims.

While it can be difficult to talk about something so personal and painful, talking about the impact of sexual assault from a personal perspective can make a huge difference in public awareness and encourage others who have been affected by sexual assault. All too often, victims of sexual assault are afraid to talk about their experience, making it more difficult for them to seek the help they need.

By speaking out, survivors can be role models and show others that it is possible to survive and heal after sexual assault. Additionally, RAINN has received feedback from members of the speakers bureau that there is relief in helping to raise awareness about sexual assault and sharing their experience.

All speaker information is kept confidential. Each speaker is contacted about each individual opportunity to ensure that they remain in control and are comfortable. If the speaker is interested, they will then be given the contact information for the event organizer or interviewer. No personal

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information about the speaker will be shared, except what they choose to share directly with the interviewer or event organizer and attendees.

"The speaker's bureau is a powerful way for survivors to speak out about the importance of sexual assault awareness and add to their healing," says Darcey West, RAINN Communications Manager and coordinator of the speakers bureau. "There is no way to measure how much positive impact one speaker could have on the lives of others."

If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of the speakers bureau or if you would like to inquire about a speaker, please visit our website at www.rainn.org.

Family Violence Prevention Fund Health Conference

The Family Violence Prevention Fund's *2007 National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence* will be held on March 23 and 24th, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt in San Francisco. Pre-conference Institutes are set for March 22.

The biennial Health Conference attracts the nation's leading medical public health and family violence experts from across the U.S. and around the world to examine the long term health effects of domestic violence, the latest findings, innovative research, and prevention and intervention strategies.

The FVPF is now soliciting abstracts that address ways to advance the health care system's response to domestic violence for presentations at the conference. The deadline to submit abstracts is July 28. Registration will open on September 30. For more information, please visit www.endabuse.org.

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