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Violence Against
Women

■ JANUARY 25-26TH
Okemos, MI

New Service Provider
Training

■ FEBRUARY 6-9TH
Gaylord, MI

Women of Color Task
Force Meeting

■ MARCH 2ND
Okemos, MI

MCADSV Board
Meeting

■ MARCH 8TH
Okemos, MI

National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence

March 16-17, 2007

San Francisco, CA

The 4th Biennial National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence aims to advance the health care system's response to domestic violence. The conference attracts the nation's leading medical, public health and family violence experts from across the U.S. with increased international participation. Workshops and plenary sessions highlight the latest research and most innovative clinical responses to domestic violence, with a focus on the work being done by physicians, physician assistants, dentists, nurses, nurse midwives, mental and behavioral health providers, social workers, domestic violence experts, and others. For more information, please visit www.endabuse.org/health.

Beyond Awareness: Effecting Change, the Third International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community

March 18-20, 2007

Baltimore, MD

This conference, convened by Jewish Women International and partners, will be a powerful gathering of over 400 Jewish and secular domestic violence service providers, advocates, survivors of abuse, social justice activists, clergy and seminary students, educators, social workers, lawyers, researchers, policy-makers, donors, funders, community volunteers all united by their commitment to ending domestic abuse. Building on the success of our first two conferences, the 2007 event will capture the diversity of Jewish communities around the world and further the Jewish community's position as a global leader in ending abuse for all women and children. For more information, please visit www.jwi.org.

Free Immigration Law Seminar

March 30, 2007

Lansing, MI

The Governor's Advisory Council for Asian Pacific American Affairs will conduct this informative seminar on immigration law. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights and the Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Employers, immigration service providers, attorneys, community advocates, women's shelter staff and others who work with the immigrant community will all benefit from attending. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. For more information, please contact Lynn McNamara at mcnamaral@michigan.gov.

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National Stalking Awareness Month

January marks the fourth annual observance of National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM), started in 2004 by the National Center for Victims of Crime. Since its inception, NSAM has become a unifying force for victim service providers across the country to raise awareness about the serious and deadly crime that victimizes more than one million women and nearly 400,000 men in America each year.

NCVC offers downloadable support materials for National Stalking Awareness Month which includes: downloadable posters, fact sheets, state-by-state stalking laws, research studies, handouts, brochures and a sample proclamation to use at the municipal, county or state level.

To get involved and share what your community is working on for National Stalking Awareness Month, please

January is Stalking Awareness Month in Michigan

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed January 2007 Stalking Awareness Month in Michigan.

Michigan was among the first states in the nation to observe Stalking Awareness Month.

Creating a real and frightening threat to victims, stalkers often are unpredictable and dangerous. In fact, an estimated 76 percent of female homicide victims and 85 percent of attempted female homicide victims have been stalked in the year prior to the crime.

Michigan law defines stalking as "a willful course of conduct involving repeated or continuing harassment of another individual that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed or molested and that actually causes the victim to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed or molested."

Stalking became a crime in Michigan in 1993. According to the Michigan State Police, there were approximately 27,000 reported incidents of intimidation and/or stalking in Michigan during 2005. About 1.5 million people are victims of stalking in the United States every year.

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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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New Documentary on Hip-Hop Culture

HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes, a soon to be released documentary directed by Byron Hurt, takes an in-depth look at representations of manhood, sexism and homophobia in hip-hop culture. This groundbreaking documentary is a "loving critique" of certain disturbing developments in rap music culture from the point of view of a fan who challenges the art form's representations of masculinity.

Beyond Beats and Rhymes airs on PBS on Tuesday, February 20 nationally at 10 p.m. and on WGUV TV, Grand Rapids at 11 p.m. For more information, contact Emily Maurin, Marketing Coordinator, WGUV TV & Radio, (616) 331-6785 or maurinem@gvsu.edu or visit the website: <http://www.itvs.org/outreach/hiphop/>

Bulletin Describes Lessons Learned From Safe Kids/Safe Streets Program

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of *Lessons Learned From Safe Kids/Safe Streets*. This bulletin reports results from an evaluation of OJJDP's Safe Kids/Safe Streets Program, which applies a comprehensive, collaborative approach to child maltreatment.

The bulletin's portrayal of the experiences of participating program sites offers insights into collaboration, system reform, and service options, among other matters. *Lessons Learned From Safe Kids/Safe Streets* is available online at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=235184>.

The Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy

The Center's ten year report, *Inquiry and Impact: A Decade of Research on the Nonprofit World* is now available online. In the report is a brief summarization of the achievements of the center's first decade and their goals for the future. After a year of assessment and strategic planning the center is entering it's second decade with renewed purpose. Their focus will be on expanding the National Center for Charitable Statistics National Nonprofit Data System to better monitor nonprofit trends and facilitate research, developing a clearer picture and deeper understanding of nonprofit organizations and philanthropy through research, and conducting policy analyses and organizing seminars and roundtables to promote informed dialogue about emerging issues affecting this field. For more information, please visit www.urban.org.

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Organizations across the country will be hosting events to raise awareness about the prevalence of stalking and the availability of services for survivors. Victims of stalking or abuse can find help by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or 1-800-787-3224 TTY. To locate a service provider in your community, please visit <http://www.mcadsv.org/general/centers.html>

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Visit the Apple Blossom Boutique at www.mcadsv.org and purchase gifts and books to support our efforts on behalf of the state's domestic & sexual violence survivors

Free News Report on Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities

Recognizing the need for greater awareness and understanding of racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care, the Kaiser Family Foundation announced today the launch of a news summary report - the Kaiser Health Disparities Report: A Weekly Look at Race, Ethnicity and Health, which is available through a free weekly email with stories updated daily.

Following the model of three other popular Kaiser news summary reports on health policy, HIV/AIDS and women's health policy, this new report summarizes and synthesizes news coverage of minority health issues from hundreds of print and broadcast news sources, including outlets serving racial and ethnic communities. The report will also highlight studies, initiatives and journal articles that don't receive mainstream news coverage and provide a calendar of upcoming events on health disparities. Along with the new report, the Kaiser news summary report will expand its coverage to include webcasts of policy-oriented conferences and events on racial and ethnic health issues and provide related original broadcast programming, such as interviews and interactive panel discussions. For more information, please visit www.kaisernetwork.org.

IAFN Announces New Web Site for Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Technical Assistance (SAFE TA) Project

This interactive web site showcases the first National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations of Adults and Adolescents; a document library; a list of clinical programs, training opportunities and technical assistance. For more information, please visit www.safeta.org.

A Family Resource Guide on International Parental Kidnapping

When a child is abducted by a family member, the parent who has been left behind faces seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The emotional, legal, and financial difficulties precipitated by the abduction can be among the hardest challenges a parent will ever encounter. For parents whose children are taken to or retained in foreign countries, these hardships can be particularly overwhelming.

This guide provides practical, detailed advice about preventing international kidnapping and increasing the chances that children who have been kidnapped or otherwise wrongfully retained will be returned. The publication also offers descriptions and realistic assessments of the civil and criminal remedies available in international parental kidnapping cases, explains applicable laws and identifies both the public and private resources that may be called upon when an international abduction occurs or is threatened, and prepares parents for the legal and emotional difficulties they may experience. To access this document electronically, which is available in both English and Spanish, please visit www.missingkids.com.

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www.ndvh.org
Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN)
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
www.rainn.org