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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,
TRAINING & NETWORKING
THROUGH MCADSV

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Health and Safety in
Community Living
Settings WEBINAR
■ MARCH 23RD
Online

Hip Hop and You
Don't Stop Workshop
■ APRIL 6TH
Okemos, MI

Beyond Taking a Stand
■ APRIL 19TH
Lansing, MI

Domestic Violence
and Child Custody:
Implications for
Our Work
■ MAY 3RD
Gaylord, MI

Women of Color
Institute
■ JUNE 21-22
Dearborn, MI

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights Upcoming Trainings

Building Cultural Competence, a four-hour workshop to help victim service providers, prosecutors, law enforcement and allied professionals to work better with diverse populations.

Hate Crime 101, two-hour workshop is designed to assist hate crime victim service providers to better understand how to define and respond to incidents of hate crime. Participants will specifically learn the definition of hate crime, and how to use available resources, including hate crime laws, to respond effectively when hate crime occur.

Sessions are being scheduled in several counties statewide. For further information, please visit: http://www.michiganadvocate.org/CVSC_events.aspx or contact Florine Davis (517) 241-4319.

The 23rd National Symposium on Child Abuse

March 20-23, 2007 Huntsville, AL

The 23rd National Symposium on Child Abuse, hosted by The National Children's Advocacy Center, offers more than 150 state-of-the-art workshops presented by nationally renowned experts. Workshop tracks specifically designed for law enforcement officers, protective service workers, program administrators, prosecuting attorneys, victim advocates and others working with child maltreatment. The theme of this Symposium is "It's All About the Children." Please visit www.nationalcac.org/symposium/index.php

National Center for Victims of Crime's 2nd National Conference: Advancing Practice, Policy, and Research

June 18-20, 2007 Washington, DC

Early-bird registration is now open for the National Center for Victims of Crime's 2nd National Conference. This conference highlights progress and innovations that benefit crime victims' rights and services and features more than 130 leading experts and 80 skill-building workshops and provides information and tools to better serve victims of all crimes.

This year the conference track focuses on Victims with Disabilities. Workshops included in this track are "Serving Disabled and Deaf Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault," "Ensuring Accessible Services to Crime Victims with Mental Illnesses," "Interviewing Crime Victims with Disabilities" and many more! Download a full conference brochure/agenda/workshops/ hotel/plenary sessions by visiting: www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571

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

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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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National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline Launched

The National Domestic Violence Hotline and Liz Claiborne, Inc. launched the Teen Dating Violence Hotline on February 8, 2007. This new 24-hour resource utilizes telephone and web-based interactive technology to reach teens and young adults experiencing dating abuse.

Loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline is now providing support and information to young adults ages 13-19 across the country. Through the web site www.loveisrespect.org offers information to those experiencing teen dating abuse and to their friends and family members. Additionally they are excited to start offering confidential, anonymous chats on a one on one basis to teens. The helpline operates 24 hours a day by utilizing the tenured advocates of the National Domestic Violence Hotline while offering peer to peer specific advocacy through the phone and the chat function during the hours of 4 pm to 12 am CST. The hours for the helpline will continue to expand as the peer volunteer pool grows.

Peer advocates go through a 40 hour training prior to being on the phone or chats. The training covers crisis intervention, dating abuse theories, healthy relationship information, safety planning, safe technology training, and youth related issues such as GLBT teens, runaways, sexual assault, immigrant teens, and youth related legal advocacy information. The peer advocates are trained on mandatory reporting and working with domestic violence service providers.

LoveisRespect National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline

1-866-331-9474
1-866-331-8453 (TTY)
www.loveisrespect.org

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Free Online Training from The National Children's Advocacy Center

Interested in convenient advocacy training available right at your desk?

The National CAC has added nine new training sessions to its Online Training Courses. Their faculty consists of national experts presenting on a variety of topics of interest to multidisciplinary child abuse professionals. According to the website, "the NCAC is one of the leading providers of quality training for professionals working with abused children and their families. These trainings are both multidisciplinary and discipline-specific." There are 22 online training courses to choose from ranging in length from 1 hour to 3 1/2 hours.

Online training sessions are designed to be viewed by either individuals or groups of child abuse professionals, at any time or day, and features some of the most respected names in the field as its faculty. **All Online Training Courses are offered at no charge to participants!** Sessions include:

Child Abuse Investigations in Meth Lab Cases

Victim Assistance: Preparation and Support for Children in Criminal Proceedings

When it is In the Family: How to Handle Sibling Sex Abuse

Children's Advocacy Center: A Model for Improving the System's Response to Child Abuse

Opening Statements and Closing Arguments in Child Sexual Abuse Cases

Visit www.nationalcac.org for additional information and registration instructions. You will need to create a new username and password to access the Online Training courses.

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New Federal Trade Commission Report to Congress

The FTC has issued a report on the Child Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

Advocates who deal with teen dating violence issues will find the report of interest. A section (starting on page 25) addresses social networking websites, and has references to FTC resources on educating adults and teens on safe social networking.

Included in the report is a discussion of "Buddy Builder," which the report describes as "an interactive quiz on social networking that tests users' online savvy as cyber-strangers attempt to 'friend' the player at a fictional social networking site." Review the report at:

http://www.ftc.gov/reports/coppa/07COPPA_Report_to_Congress.pdf

New Research Report on Teens and Technology

Social networking sites are being used to stalk and harass teen dating abuse victims at a drastic rate. The comprehensive report includes the seriousness of incidence, parental awareness and control of the increasing tech use by teens in dating relationships.

To access the full report electronically: http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/surveyresults_2007mstr.htm

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New Study of Elder Sexual Assault Available

The results of an NIJ-sponsored study, "Elderly Victims of Sexual Abuse and Their Offenders," have been released. This study, by Ann Burgess of the Boston College Connell School of Nursing in Massachusetts, analyzed data from 284 reported cases of sexual abuse of the elderly that had been referred to law enforcement or adult protective services for investigation. It also examined 77 cases of convicted sex offenders of elderly women. The study found that for cases in which there was a known relationship between victim and offender and that had been evaluated through APS resulted in less criminal investigation, less physical examination of the elder victim, and fewer referrals to the prosecutor's office. The report makes a number of recommendations, including increased training to help primary care and home health care providers recognize the behavioral signs of sexual abuse in an elder victim who is physically or cognitively compromised.

This report can be accessed electronically at: www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/216550.pdf.

New Report on Fatality Review

This report, *If I Had One More Day: Findings and Recommendations from the Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review*, includes the most current domestic violence fatality statistics, detailed findings and recommendations, based on cases reviewed over the past years, an exploratory study of the connection between domestic violence and suicide, copy-ready pages summarizing key findings and recommendations, and an index of the topic areas covered in all four Fatality Review reports.

To access this report electronically, please visit www.wscadv.org/projects/FR/06_FR_report.pdf

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New Brochures Available for Download

The Michigan Department of Community Health along with its partners created several new brochures which are available for download. Brochures available include:

A Guide to Personal Protection Orders (Available in English, Spanish, Arabic)

A Relationship is No Place for Violence: Dating Violence Brochure (Available in English, Spanish)

Information about Domestic Violence (Available in English, Spanish)

A Citizen's Guide to Michigan's Anti-Stalking Laws (English, Spanish, Arabic)
To access the brochures electronically, please visit: www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132--66857--,00.html

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

*Prevent Sexual Violence...
in Our Communities*

April 5, 2007

A Day to End Sexual Violence

Access Sexual Assault Awareness Month Information and Materials from MCADSV electronically at: <http://www.mcadsv.org/SAAM/2007/2007%20Combined%20SAAM%20Materials.pdf>

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