

## the calendar

TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE, TRAINING &  
NETWORKING THROUGH  
MCADSV

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AGENDA INFORMATION

### MCADSV OPEN HOUSE

■ OCTOBER 17TH  
OKEMOS, MI

### LEP/I TASK FORCE MEETING

■ OCTOBER 19TH  
OKEMOS, MI

### PREVENTING SEXIST ATTITUDES, BELIEFS AND BEHAVIOURS

■ OCTOBER 26TH  
GAYLORD, MI

### LBGTA TASK FORCE MEETING

■ NOVEMBER 16TH  
OKEMOS, MI

### CHILDREN'S TASK FORCE MEETING

■ NOVEMBER 16TH  
MUSKEGON, MI

## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Domestic Violence

October 27-31, 2007

Orlando, FL

The annual National District Attorneys Association conference topics will include: anticipating and overcoming defenses, housing and child care concerns, updates on family justice centers, elder abuse, creating and managing domestic violence courts, and more. For More information, please visit [www.ndaa.org/ncda/brochure\\_dv\\_conf\\_07.pdf](http://www.ndaa.org/ncda/brochure_dv_conf_07.pdf).

## Bi-Annual Conference of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women

November 14-15, 2007

Lexington, KY

This conference includes sessions on issues that affect immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. It is co-chaired by Legal Momentum, ASISTA Immigration Technical Assistance Project and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. The training will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. For more information, please visit [www.immigrantwomennetwork.org](http://www.immigrantwomennetwork.org).

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign: Demanding Implementation, Challenging Obstacles: End Violence Against Women

The Center for Women's Global Leadership invites you to join the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence electronic discussion taking place in the form of a listserve. The discussion allows activists to collaboratively develop themes and strategies for the annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence Campaign. In addition, it can be used to discuss how groups are raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue at the local, national, regional and international levels, to uncover and learn from the ways in which activists have strengthened local work around violence against women, to continually resurface the link between local and international work to end violence against women, to share and develop new and effective strategies, to show the solidarity of women around the world organizing against violence against women, and to help develop further tools to pressure governments to implement promises made to eliminate violence against women.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/about.html>.

# the Coalition Connection

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

## Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day

Join health care professionals and domestic violence advocates by taking part in the Family Violence Prevention Fund's Ninth Annual Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day on October 10, 2007. Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day (HCADV Day) is a nationally recognized awareness-raising day that takes place annually on the second Wednesday of October. Sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, HCADV Day aims to reach members of the healthcare community and educate them about the critical importance of assessing for domestic violence, as well as the long term health implications of domestic violence and lifetime exposure to violence.

This year the FVPPF has joined forces with the American Medical Students Association (AMSA) to further involve medical school campuses nationwide. For health professional students interested in getting involved in domestic violence campus activism, the FVPPF has created *A Domestic Violence Campus Organizing Guide for Health Professional Students and Faculty* which can be accessed at <http://fvppfstore.stores.yahoo.net/studentfolio.html>. The guide identifies organizing strategies for professional health students and faculty to help raise awareness that domestic violence is a health care issue on campus and beyond. It provides recommendations on increasing student activism, curricular reform, on-campus trainings, community collaborations, faculty support, and provides examples of innovative approaches other professional health students have undertaken nationwide.

There are many ways that you can provide leadership in your community on HCADV Day and the Family Violence Prevention Fund is committed to helping you craft activities that best meet your interests, resources and time availability. Examples of past participation include hanging posters in waiting rooms that advertise local resource numbers; writing a newsletter article or an op ed for a local paper; committing to try routine assessment for one week; and inviting a speaker to conduct a brown bag lunch on domestic violence for staff.

To learn more about this event and past events, please visit the Web site or call the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence at (800) 595-4889.

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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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**MCADSV Open House**

Please join us for the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence's first Open House, celebrating our partners and individual leaders as together we strive to foster safe homes and communities.

This event will provide you with an opportunity to talk with our staff about existing and new programs, state and federal policy and legislation, upcoming trainings and an opportunity to visit the Michigan Resource Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence lending library, housed within MCADSV.

Please stop by on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to say hello and enjoy homemade refreshments provided by the staff. MCADSV is located at 3893 Okemos Rd., Ste. B2, Okemos, Michigan. For more information regarding this event, please contact Lynn Lucas at [lynn.lucas@mcadsv.org](mailto:lynn.lucas@mcadsv.org) or (517) 347-7000, ext. 21 or TTY: (517) 381-8470.

**New Report Highlights the Sexual Violence Among Indigenous Women**

**M**aze of Injustice is a new report from Amnesty International which highlights the issue of sexual violence among indigenous women in the United States. Interviews were conducted with Native American and Alaska Native survivors, their families, activists, support workers, service providers and health workers. Issues of marginalization and discrimination are discussed as well as jurisdiction, policing, and prosecution problems. Recommendations for addressing violence against indigenous women are also offered. To access this resource electronically, please visit <http://web.amnesty.org/>

**New Report on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth Serving Organizations**

**Y**outh-serving organizations strive to create a safe environment for youth, employees, and volunteers so that youth can grow, learn, and have fun. Part of creating a safe environment is making sure that youth are not harmed in any way while participating in organization-sponsored activities. One risk in any organization working directly with youth is child sexual abuse.

It is vital that organizations create a culture where child sexual abuse is discussed, addressed, and prevented.

This report is designed for representatives of youth-serving organizations who are interested in adopting strategies to prevent child sexual abuse. Whether these strategies are developed within the context of an overall risk management plan or are addressed separately, organizations need to examine how they can protect youth from sexual abuse. In the first section, you will find six key components of child sexual abuse prevention for organizations. These components were identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in conjunction with experts. Each component is described in detail, including the prevention goals, critical strategies, and additional strategies that could be considered depending on the context and resources of individual organizations.

The sections that follow offer suggestions for addressing challenges to developing and implementing a strategy to prevent child sexual abuse and provide tools to help organizations move forward. To access this report electronically, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/PreventingChildSexualAbuse.pdf>

**Arte Sana Call for Proposals**

**A**rte Sana is pleased to announce the call for proposals for NUESTRAS VOCES / OUR VOICES: Collaboration and Transformation en la Comunidad being held in San Antonio, Texas on August 21-22, 2008. The goals of this two-day capacity-building event include: eliminating victim service barriers and engaging our communities as active partners in prevention, risk reduction and advocacy efforts. The conference also aims to improve outreach to marginalized Latina@ victims of sexual and intimate partner violence, and to help build effective connections with Latin@ communities at large.

In order to allow for more participation of direct services staff with a wealth of hands on experience, *Nuestras Voces* offers a variety of presentation options.

Arte Sana is seeking proposals that address our theme, and we invite you to share your knowledge, information, and expertise in any of the recommended areas of focus. We encourage Spanish language workshops as well and multiregional collaborative workshops.

In 2005, Arte Sana's first *Nuestras Voces Conference* offered some workshops in Spanish, but

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)

**New Resource for Aiding Abused Families**

**S**teps Toward Safety: *Improving Systemic and Community Responses for Families Experiencing Domestic Violence* by Ann Rosewater and Leigh Goodmark for the Family Violence Prevention Fund, looks at lessons learned from pioneering programs that are addressing the ways domestic violence affects women and their children. It examines the discussions, research, programs and information that are leading to a new framework for aiding abused families. With this resource, advocates can mine the lessons learned from these efforts, consider their practices and policies, and find ways to improve the safety of vulnerable families. To request a PDF copy, email [childrensteam@endabuse.org](mailto:childrensteam@endabuse.org) or call (617) 262-5900.

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according to evaluation comments it was not enough. Based on Latina victim advocate recommendations and the great lack of training on these issues in Spanish, the *2008 Nuestras Voces Conference* will offer a complete Spanish language track.

We strongly encourage both native and fluent Spanish-speaking trainers and direct service victim advocates who have implemented effective programs in Spanish, to submit workshop proposals. Proposals for Spanish language workshops may be submitted in either language as long as presenters have Spanish language presentation skills.

More information and workshop submission forms in both English and Spanish can be found at [http://www.arte-sana.com/nuestras\\_voces\\_08.htm](http://www.arte-sana.com/nuestras_voces_08.htm). Workshop proposal deadline is December 1, 2007.