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CHILDREN'S TASK
FORCE MEETING
■ JANUARY 18TH
OKEMOS, MI

WEBINAR: PREVENTING
AND INVESTIGATING
DISCRIMINATION IN
THE WORKPLACE
PART 1
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WOMEN OF COLOR
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OKEMOS, MI

NEW SERVICE
PROVIDER TRAINING
■ MARCH 11-14TH
OKEMOS, MI

WEBINAR: PREVENTING
AND INVESTIGATING
DISCRIMINATION IN
THE WORKPLACE
PART 2
■ MARCH 20TH

Upcoming Michigan Department of Civil Rights
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 crimes occur.

Sessions are being scheduled in several counties statewide. For further information, please visit <http://miaahc.com/cal.aspx> or email questions to mdcrct@miaahc.com.

5th Annual Fix Conference

March 26-28, 2008

Detroit, MI

The theme of the 2008 Fix Conference is "And Still They Rise: A Generation of Promise" and will feature workshops facilitated by many of Detroit's leading social and human service providers, educators, grass root activists, financial experts, media personalities, spiritual and faith based leaders and youth. This conference includes three days of thought provoking dialogue, discussion, and cultural exchange which will focus on empowering the minority family structure, schools systems, the community and workplace through the development and empowerment of young minority males and positive dads, leaders, head of households and role models. The conference is open to the entire community with gender, age and population specific workshops and discussions focused on bringing the community together! For more information, please visit www.thefixconference.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
Línea Nacional sobre la Violencia
Doméstica

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.orgthe Coalition
Connection

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

February is Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has declared February Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month in Michigan to draw attention to the critical role dads play in their children's lives.

The proclamation coincides with the fifth annual Fatherhood Conference Tuesday, February 6 presented by the Michigan Fatherhood Coalition and the Michigan Head Start Association at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus. Keynote speaker will be Mac Bledsoe, author of "Parenting with Dignity" and father of Dallas Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

"Fathers provide a critical influence in their children's lives," former DHS Director Marianne Udow said. "Outcomes for children are greatly improved with an active, involved father. Whether parents live together or apart, they are connected by their care and concern for their children."

Through the Proud Fathers-Proud Parents program, DHS provides funds for community agencies to deliver programming about responsible male parenting and other services designed to promote healthy marriages and co-parenting efforts.

Proud Fathers provides 14-weeks of group-based instruction for fathers or other male caretakers of children who qualify for TANF services. Proud Parents offers a 10-week, group-based program designed for married or unmarried couples. Both programs stress the importance of nurturing relationships between parents and children as well as family self-sufficiency. In 2006, 297 parents in 19 counties participated in the two programs.

"Children with active, involved fathers have better social skills, are healthier and do better in school," said Duane Wilson, the Proud Fathers-Proud Parents program coordinator. "Our programs help men find healthy, positive ways to interact with their children and the children's mothers. They become the best dads they can be."

For more information about the Department of Human Services, go to www.michigan.gov/dhs or for further information on the Fifth Annual Fatherhood Conference, go to www.michiganfatherhood.org.

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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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RAINN Wins 2007 NPower Award

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization, has received the 2007 Technology Innovation Award from NPower, for the use of technology in the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline.

The NPower Technology Innovation Award recognizes nonprofits in the greater D.C. community whose innovative use of technology is enabling them to more effectively fulfill their mission. RAINN's unique integration of technology in the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline, which is currently in its pilot phase, has allowed RAINN to provide crisis support to victims of sexual assault who are more comfortable seeking help online.

"The National Sexual Assault Online Hotline is the first of its kind to provide web-based secure and anonymous live crisis intervention services. Nearly half of all sexual assault victims are under 18 so we had to find a way to provide this younger age group with the services they need using the technology they embrace," said Penelope Hughes, RAINN's Online Hotline Vice President. "RAINN created the next generation of the National Sexual Assault Hotline to meet the needs of this generation of victims."

"RAINN is honored to receive the Technology Innovation Award from NPower and its partners who are leading the integration of cutting-edge technology into the nonprofit sector," said Hughes.

"RAINN is an organization that exemplifies the ways that charities can and should use technology to dramatically increase their impact on our community. We're proud to recognize them with this award," said Katherine LaVelle, NPower Greater DC Region board member and Partner from Accenture.

Family Violence Prevention Fund Call for Submissions

The Family Violence Prevention and Health Practice eJournal invites you to submit manuscripts on addressing family violence in health care and public health settings. Their next issue will look at the relationship between childhood and adult sexual and physical violence and obesity. We are currently soliciting manuscripts on this topic including research, feature articles, brief reports describing programs that integrate violence prevention into obesity prevention initiatives, and commentaries on the intersection between violence and obesity and the implications for programs working to address these highly correlated health risks and related health issues such as diabetes. For information on submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.endabuse.org/health/ejournal/reviewers/>.

E-Newsletters Address Youth Development

The National Youth Development Learning Network, a project of the National Collaboration for Youth, has published the online Professional Development Series of e-newsletters that explores promising strategies designed to further attract, develop, and retain youth development workers. The series surveys youth development professionals and promotes their ideas for investing in this work force. The publications are short, four-page snapshots of work being done in a variety of areas. To access these e-newsletters, please visit <http://www.nydic.org/nydic/staffing/profdevelopment.htm>

International Violence Against Women Act Introduced in Congress

Thirteen years after passage of the groundbreaking Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in the United States, the Senator who was chief sponsor of the bill is working to take the initiative global. Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), introduced the International Violence Against Women Act in November of 2007.

Less than a month after the bill was introduced there was an international outcry about the case of a rape victim who was sentenced to 200 lashes and 6 months imprisonment by a Saudi Court. Senator Biden made a public appeal to King Abdullah to overturn the Court's sentence. He also noted how the case underscores the importance of the International VAWA. Biden said in his statement, "this decision is a startling reminder that around the globe women and girls are subjected to brutal violence and too often are victimized a second time for coming forward. Here in the U.S., we've seen a sea of change in societal attitudes and the judicial system towards the crime of rape. Similar reform is necessary internationally."

The proposed legislation includes three major provisions to fight violence against women. First, it would create a central Office for Women's Global Initiatives to coordinate U.S. policies, programs, and resources that deal with women's issues. Second, it requires a 5-year comprehensive strategy to fight violence against women in targeted countries and provides \$172 million a year to support programs that fight violence against women. Lastly, the bill mandates training, reporting mechanisms and a system for dealing with women and girls afflicted by violence during humanitarian, conflict and post-conflict operations. Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), is co-sponsor of the bill.

**20th Annual Creating Change Conference**

Between 2-3,000 activists, leaders, and decision makers in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community will descend upon the Renaissance Center in Detroit on February 6-10th for the 20th Annual Creating Change Conference.

Creating Change is the nation's largest and most unique skills building and strategy conference held annually by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Creating Change gives you the tools and practical skills you need to take home and to take action. Prepare to be challenged to do your best work on behalf of LGBT people. Over five full days, you will participate in top-level trainings, rigorous workshops, caucus and networking sessions, and action-planning with our movement's best thinkers and brightest innovators. This is community like you've never experienced with a purpose greater than all of us: to transform our society so that the diversity of human expression and identity is valued and honored.

In order to make this event a large success, the Creating Change Host Committee needs 300 enthusiastic volunteers to assist on site. In exchange for your generous support of a four hour volunteer work shift, you will be able to attend the rest of the day's conference happenings for free. For more information about how to volunteer your time, please visit www.creatingchange.org or contact creatingchange@thetaskforce.org.