




E-NEWSLETTER

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VAWnet is pleased to announce the addition of several new resources to our online collection at <http://www.vawnet.org>! Please browse our new additions listed below.

VAWnet's E-Newsletter provides monthly updates on new resources available online, and is intended for wide distribution. Please feel free to forward this information to colleagues, advocates, community members and others with an interest in issues related to violence against women. Those interested in signing up to receive VAWnet E-Newsletters via email and/or fax, can contact us by phone at (800) 537-2238 or by using our online contact form at <http://www.vawnet.org/AboutVawnet/Contactus.html>.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS


 *Focus on Violence Against Women with Disabilities*

February's E-Newsletter highlights new documents on VAWnet with useful information related to violence against women with disabilities. New documents discussing service provision, accessibility, research, and intersecting oppressions are referenced below.

Confronting the Sexual Abuse of Women with Disabilities by R. Amy Elman (January, 2005) provides a brief summary of the research on sexual abuse of women with disabilities. The document covers the origins of our knowledge concerning the sexual abuse of women with disabilities, the methodological quandaries related to sexual abuse research in general and the data on women with disabilities and the men who abuse them, and concludes with an exploration of the efforts of women with disabilities and their allies to counter sexual abuse.

<http://www.vawnet.org/SexualViolence/Research/VAWnetDocuments/>

FEATURED EVENT

 *The VAWnet Calendars are updated regularly with state, local and national trainings, conferences and grant deadlines. Check for new additions at: <http://www.vawnet.org/Calendars/month.php>.*

Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership, a project of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) will host their first web forum, "*Toward a Community Solution: A Public Health Approach to Advance Primary Prevention*" on Thursday, March 17th at 2:00pm EST (11:00am PST). Presenters include Larry Cohen and Lisa Fujie Parks of Prevention Institute. Register for the web conference and the Prevent-Connect Listserv at:

<http://www.calcasa.org/access/preventionconnection.htm>

IN THE NEWS

✿ Remember to check out VAWnet's collection of news links related to violence against women issues – new stories are added every week at <http://www.vawnet.org/InTheNews/index.php/>!

- ✓ "Stopping violence against women: Not just for women anymore" from the North County Times
- ✓ "NJ, NY officials say rape victims need emergency contraception option" from Newsday.com
- ✓ "Foster crisis for sexually aggressive youths" from SeattlePI.com
- ✓ "Homeless flee domestic violence: study" from SMH.com.au
- ✓ "CBS To Air Domestic Violence PSAs" from the Family Violence Prevention Fund
- ✓ "Elderly people cared for by spouse are at greater risk for abuse, Pitt researchers find" from Eurek
- ✓ "Ohio gay marriage ban at center of domestic violence challenge" from the Akron-Beacon Journal
- ✓ "New Handbook to Help Victims of Sexual Violence" from the Scotsman

SERVICES & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Guidelines for Physicians on the Abuse of Women with Disabilities (1999) by the Center for Research on Women with Disabilities by Margaret A. Nosek, Ph.D., Director, is based on Patricia R. Salber, M.D. and Ellen Taliaferro, M.D., *The Physician's Guide to Domestic Violence* (Volcano, CA: Volcano Press, 1995). This information sheet provides tips for health care providers on recognizing victimization where abusive tactics related to a person's disability may be present.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/SystemsAdvocacy/PhysicianGuidelines.php>

Increasing Agency Accessibility for People with Disabilities: Domestic Violence Agency Self-Assessment Guide (Revised 2004) by Cathy Hoog, Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services, for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence is "intended for use in domestic violence victim services programs and agencies. This guide was produced to provide domestic violence programs and agencies with a practical tool to review the accessibility of the agency and services offered for victims with disabilities."

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/Administration/AgencyAccessibility.php>

Model Protocols on Safety Planning & Screening Practices for Domestic Violence Victims with Disabilities (Revised 2004) by Cathy Hoog, Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services, for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence were designed to help domestic violence programs in Washington State expand their advocacy practices to provide quality services to victims with disabilities. Includes Model Protocol on Screening Practices for Domestic Violence Victims with Disabilities & Model Protocol on Safety Planning for Domestic Violence Victims with Disabilities.

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/DisabProtocols.php>

Safety Planning: A Guide for Individuals with Physical Disabilities (2002) by the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) is "designed to help adults with physical disabilities who have been or may be abused by an intimate partner, spouse, adult child, or other family member, personal assistant or caregiver."

<http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/ServicesAndProgramDev/ServiceProvAndProg/DisabilitySafetyPlan.php>

RESEARCH

Bibliography: Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence and Persons with Disabilities (November 2003) by the Michigan Resource Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence lists several resources and research materials for use by advocates, researchers, students, survivors, and others interested in the subject matter. <http://www.vawnet.org/SexualViolence/Research/Bibliographies/DisabBiblio.php>

Information Sheet: People with Disabilities and Sexual Assault (2003) by the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault provides several statistics from peer-reviewed journals and governmental sources. The research provided in this document may be useful to those looking to examine the scope of the problem. The document's introduction provides a context for the information, noting that "misperceptions and stereotypes about people with disabilities and a subsequent history of oppression also put people with disabilities at an increased risk to experience sexual assault." <http://www.vawnet.org/SexualViolence/Research/OtherPubs/SADisabFactSheet.php>

PUBLIC POLICY

The **Categorized Annotated Resource Guide on Housing and Domestic Violence** (January 2005) by the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) is an alphabetical listing of articles, bibliographies, fact sheets, papers, reports and surveys. The Guide is offered as an additional tool to assist advocates working on and interested in housing issues related to ending violence against women. This collection is a work in progress and while wide-ranging in depth and breadth of resources, like many tools, is not complete. The NRCDV looks forward to providing updated editions in the future. <http://www.vawnet.org/DomesticViolence/PublicPolicy/Housing/HousingResources.php>