The NJCBW Anti-Racism Change Team convened the second statewide retreat on May 29, 30 and 31, 2013 at Monmouth University. This year the overall theme of the retreat addressed the intersectionality of racism, homophobia and domestic violence and its impact on domestic violence victims/survivors.

Participants had the opportunity to hear an address from Marylouise Kelly, Director of Family Prevention of Violence Services Office and meeting Commission Allison Blake, Department of Children and Families who joined us for the Meet and Greet. The facilitators included Soniya Munshi from CUNY and Umi Hankins from the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community.

On June 13th, the NJ Association of Domestic Violence Professionals, a program of NJCBW, hosted its 11th annual conference: Positive Partnerships: Addressing Multiple Issues Affecting Victims of Domestic Violence, at the Rutgers Busch Campus Center, Piscataway NJ. Over 160 people joined us for our annual event which held workshops on the Adverse Effects of Childhood Trauma; Serving the LGBT and Transgender Community; an innovative workshop on Mothers in the Movement and workshops on other important issues. This year our audience included domestic violence advocates, Domestic Violence Liaisons, and child protection services workers. Artists from VSA NJ, Monica Giglio and Anthony Zaremba, loaned us their paintings for colorful hall display and we featured Monica’s painting “Bright Fingers” on our brochure. For the third year Jessica Meirs a local massage therapist, set up a chair massage station, and our talented friends Gwen Battle and Margaret Martin set up tables with a selection of their beautiful handcrafted items. Both NJ Casa (Emily Shawn) and the Women of Color Task Force (Tamu King) staffed tables in the Fireside Lounge for the first time this year. If you missed our conference we hope to see you next year!
**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- **White Aspiring Allies to People of Color**
  Tuesday, July 9, 2013 • 10:00AM–1:00PM

- **NJ Advisory Council on Domestic Violence**
  Wednesday, July 10, 2013 • 2:30PM–5:00PM

- **Shelter Coordinators**
  Friday, July 12, 2013 • 10:00AM–12:00PM

- **DV Fatality/Near Fatality Review Board**
  Tuesday, July 16, 2013 • 9:00AM–4:00PM

- **Executive Directors / Membership**
  Thursday, July 18, 2013 • 10:30AM –12:30PM

- **NJCBW Board of Trustees**
  Thursday, July 18, 2013 • 1:00PM –3:00PM

- **Legal Advocates**
  Friday, July 19, 2013 • 10:00AM–3:00PM

- **Anti-Racism Change Team**
  Monday, July 22, 2013 • 11:00AM–2:00PM

- **Domestic Violence Response Team**
  Tuesday, July 23, 2013 • 10:00AM–1:00PM

- **DVL Steering Committee**
  Thursday, July 25, 2013 • 9:30AM–1:00PM

- **LGBTQ Allies**
  Thursday, July 25, 2013 • 10:00AM–1:00PM

- **DVL Leadership Team**
  Thursday, July 25, 2013 • 1:00PM–4:00PM

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**INSTITUTE TRAININGS will resume shortly**

Please periodically visit the Education - Trainings page on the NJCBW website for the Fall 2013 schedule.

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Want to be an Anti-Racist Ally but don’t know how? Here’s a tip from the White Aspiring Allies to People of Color:

“Listen and believe the experiences of people of color.”

**LGBTQ Ally Alliance**

**Film & Discussion**

July 25, 2013 • 10AM – 1PM • NJCBW Conference Room

This alliance explores personal and institutional privilege and the oppression of the LGBTQI community.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Sara Zesski zesski@njcbw.org, or call 609-584-8107 (ext. 21).

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**MEMBER PROGRAM NEWS**

**SAFE in Hunterdon**

**Hunterdon County**

*“Let’s Talk About It: Hunterdon County!”*  
Kickoff Education Session

Friday, July 26, 2013 • 8:30AM – 2:30PM  
Facilitated by Dr. Evan Stark  
Presented by SAFE in Hunterdon in collaboration with DCPP

Child maltreatment and domestic violence often co-occur. A survey of 5,000 children ages 0 to 14 who have been abused or maltreated found the following*:

- Of families involved in child welfare investigations for child maltreatment, 29 percent had abused children within the past year. Approximately 45 percent of children in these families had experienced maltreatment over the course of their lifetime.
- Only 15 percent of child abuse cases reported by mothers were identified by child welfare staff.
- Child welfare and domestic violence organizations have few tools available to assess the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment and have difficulty coordinating to identify best practices for service.

“Let’s Talk About It: Hunterdon County” will provide education and awareness regarding the co-occurrence of child abuse and neglect and domestic violence in Hunterdon County, and set the stage for improving local responses, system coordination and community action through a best practice community dialogue process called “Study Circles”.

We invite Community members, system providers and professionals to join us for a kickoff education session with Dr. Evan Stark on Friday, July 26, 2013. We will be recruiting participants for the community Study Circles at this event. To register for this free event go to [www.studycircles.eventbrite.com](http://www.studycircles.eventbrite.com).

Any questions about the event, contact Cyndie Wiggins at cyndiewiggins@gmail.com.

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*Statistics from this article retrieved from the following website; <http://www.nij.gov/topics/crime/child-abuse/cooccurrence.htm>
The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders has recognized June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. To promote safety and services to seniors in Somerset County, four service providing agencies have collaborated to promote awareness and the availability of services. The Somerset County Office on Aging, the Somerset County Board of Social Services - Adult Protective Services, the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office - Victim/Witness Advocacy Unit and the Resource Center of Somerset are working together with programming specially designed for seniors. The four groups are visiting senior centers on a monthly basis to talk about awareness, prevention and how to get help. The program will continue throughout 2013.

The collaboration began last year with a special presentation to law enforcement officers from around Somerset County attending a forum on Elder Abuse. Each agency explained the problems they encountered, the roll they played in safety issues for seniors and how the police could use each agency as an appropriate resource.

Freeholder Director Peter S. Palmer presented the proclamation to all four agencies at the June 11 Freeholders’ Meeting.