NJADVP 12th Annual Conference

The White Aspiring Allies to People of Color (WAAPC), on April 25, 2014, hosted a full day training on “Racism & Its Impact on Domestic Violence: A Look from an Environmental & Transportation Perspective”, facilitated by Carol Watchler, Valerie Caffee and Debbie Vermaat. Persons of color and other marginalized groups are statistically more at risk of becoming victims of domestic violence. Their network of support is more fragile, with less options available for safe housing and reliable transportation to secure economic stability for themselves and their families. Often domestic violence programs can provide only temporary shelter and transport services for victims and their children as a crisis-centered approach to immediate needs. This full day of two workshops explored the link between domestic violence, unsafe housing, and inadequate transportation availability. Over 32 DV advocates and community members attended.

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Denim Day 2014

NJCBW Staff showing their support for Denim Day. Participating in Denim Day increases awareness about, and demonstrates support for, survivors of sexual assault.

Economic Empowerment of DV Survivors

NJCBW participated in Robert Wood Johnson’s Medical School Asian Heritage Week in April. Ana Vega, Economic Justice Manager, was a panelist at the event: Economic Empowerment of Domestic Violence Survivors. Also featured were the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Manavi, and the Korean American Family Service Center. The panel focused on how medical professionals can help their patients.

The event was coordinated by the RWJMS Asian Heritage Week Committee. Prachi Baodhankar, a first year medical school student and former volunteer for NJCBW, is a strong advocate for economic justice for Survivors and facilitated the event. Prachi is a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Homeless and Indigent Population Health Outreach Project (HIPHOP), a student run community service and learning program. In addition to providing clinical services, the members of the HIPHOP partner with community based organizations to conduct outreach and education projects in cultural competency that benefit medical professionals and the diverse residents of the greater New Brunswick area.

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- **UPCOMING MEETINGS** -

- **WHITE ASPIRING ALLIES TO PEOPLE OF COLOR**
  Tuesday, 5/13 • 10:00AM – 1:00PM

- **NJ ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
  Wednesday, 5/14 • 9:00AM – 1:00PM

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS/MEMBERSHIP**
  Thursday, 5/15 • 10:30AM – 12:30PM

- **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
  Thursday, 5/15 • 1:00PM – 3:00PM

- **LEGAL ADVOCATES**
  Friday, 5/16 • 10:00AM – 3:00PM

- **ANTI-RACISM CHANGE TEAM**
  Monday, 5/19 • 10:00AM – 1:00PM

- **DV FATALITY/NEAR-FATALITY REVIEW BOARD**
  Tuesday, 5/20 • 10:00AM – 4:00PM

- **LGBT TASK FORCE**
  Friday, 5/23 • 10:30AM – 1:00PM

  **Meeting Location:** Pride Center, Highland Park, NJ

- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM (DVRT)**
  Tuesday, 5/27 • 10:00AM – 1:00PM


- **INSTITUTE TRAININGS** -

  **Dangerous Silences: Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Forced Marriage in South Asian Communities**
  Shamita DasDasgupta, Manavi
  **Wednesday, May 21, 2014 • 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

  Current research indicates that to be effective, both prevention and intervention strategies with victims and perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence must be culture specific. Thus, New Jersey’s increasing populations of people who trace their heritage to Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka makes it important for anti-violence advocates to develop culturally appropriate ways of addressing issues of abuse in South Asian communities. In this workshop, advocates will gain a clearer understanding of family structure, as well as societal and cultural norms that affect South Asian women’s experiences of IPV and their decisions to ameliorate the situations. Through a journey of family traditions, immigration histories, and forces of globalization, we will explore the violence and silences that are imposed on South Asian women in the U.S. Manavi’s focus here is to enhance service provision capacities of anti-domestic- and sexual violence organizations and strengthen advocates’ intervention proficiencies.

  **5 DVS Credits:** Race and Culture

  **$15.00 Program Staff • $50.00 Non-Program Staff**

  [Click here to register by mail](#)

  Please visit the NJCBW website Trainings page for upcoming workshops to be held in July and August 2014.

If you would like to share news from your program to include in the next **UPDATE**, please e-mail a brief summary and up to two photos to Eleni Hoffman at [hoffman@njcbw.org](mailto:hoffman@njcbw.org). Deadline for July submission is Fri., June 27th, 2014.