The 1st Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk sponsored by Lumberton Township was held on Sat. October 27th. Proceeds of the DV Walk donated to NJCBW and Providence House.

On November 11th, NJCBW staff attended the Teaneck International Film Festival featuring Crime After Crime. Crime After Crime is a thought-provoking film, which tells the story of Deborah Peagler, a woman wrongly imprisoned for her involvement in the murder of her abusive partner. The film chronicles the plight of Joshua Safran and Nadia Costa, two pro-bono attorneys who reopen Peagler’s case twenty years into her incarceration. Safran and Costa's legal battles lasted over six years and helped to shed a nationwide light on the injustices inflicted upon Peagler and many other victims of abuse. Although the case is now closed, the film exposes the many pitfalls in our criminal justice system that can wrongfully keep a victim of domestic abuse behind bars without due process. Panelists were Natasha Wilson (Deborah's daughter), Joshua Safran, Micaela, and Senator Weinberg. The panelists explained how their paths have crossed to create a new law in NJ - the NJ Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act - which will improve how the state’s criminal justice system handles domestic violence cases.

Please join us for NJCBW’s LGBTQ ALLY ALLIANCE

November 27, 2012 10am - 1pm
NJCBW Office Hamilton, NJ

Using awareness, knowledge, education, skills and action we will address the dominant culture’s oppression of the LGBTQI community

The efforts of this alliance support the work and mission of the Battered Lesbian Taskforce.

For questions or to RSVP contact Sara Zesski,
zesski@njcbw.org or 609-584-8107 ext. 21
NOVEMBER 2012 MEETINGS

Anti-Oppression Change Team  
Monday, November 26, 2012, 10:00am-3:00pm  
Project Freedom · 715 Kuser Road · Hamilton, NJ

Protective Parents Task Force  
Monday, November 26, 2012, 2:00pm-3:00pm

LGBTQ Ally Alliance  
Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 10:00am-1:00pm

Domestic Violence Response Team Meeting  
Tuesday, November 27, 2012, 10:00am-3:00pm

Legal Advocates Meeting  
Friday, November 30, 2012, 10:00am-3:00pm

UPCOMING INSTITUTE TRAININGS

Click here to register by mail for any training

November 19, 2012 · 10:00am – 1:00pm
Women’s Use of Force  
Jane Shivas, DVS

This presentation will describe the JBWS Vista program’s approach to assessment, education, support, and advocacy. We will discuss practices and experiences working with women who have used coercion, control, force, and/or violence in their intimate relationships. We will discuss how Vista services are provided in the context of a comprehensive domestic abuse organization, are grounded in a “healing place” approach, and build upon traditional survivors’ support group strengths. You will also learn how services to women who use force differ from batterers’ intervention services.

3 DVS Credits: Intervention  
$10 Program Staff; $35 Non-Program Staff  
Please click here to register by credit card

November 29, 2012 · 10:00am – 4:00pm
(Ab)Use of Technology in Interpersonal Violence  
Lisa Smith, MS, DVS & Sharon Zucker, MPA

This didactic workshop will present information on how perpetrators of interpersonal violence are abusing technology and how survivors might be able to use technology in a positive way. Many people rely on some type of technology for daily interactions and while some will argue that technology has vastly improved our communication, it has also created new opportunities for perpetrators to abuse these same methods.

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December 12, 2012 · 10:00am – 4:00pm
Addressing & Treating Domestic Abuse within the Military System*
Family Advocacy Staff: Laure Brock, MEd, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, JB M-D-L and Desiree Borg Santillan, Special Agent, M.S. Criminal Justice
There have been many questions raised about how the civilian community can best meet the needs of military members and their families regarding domestic violence and abuse. This presentation is constructed to help the civilian working with the military have better understanding and insight into military culture and the constructs that impact clients. Family Advocacy, entrusted with providing domestic violence services, is the military program whose mission is to provide a continuum of services designed to build community health and resiliency in support of family, community and mission readiness. We will cover the processes and resources of the military versus the civilian community, including dealing with confidentiality, reporting, law enforcement, legal requirements and the role of commanders. Investigation will be presented from a law enforcement perspective within the military. This will be followed by the implications of reporting domestic abuse, myths versus reality, and the options for restricted as well as unrestricted reports.
*Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB M-D-L)
2.5 DVS Credits: Special Populations/Diversity
2.5 DVS Credits: Intervention
$15 Program Staff; $50 Non-Program Staff
Please click here to register by credit card

December 18, 2012 · 10:00am – 4:00pm
Child Sexual Abuse & Domestic Violence
Robbin Loonan, MA, DVS, LPC
This interactive, experiential workshop is designed for professionals in the field of domestic violence to better understand child sexual abuse, particularly when it co-exists with domestic violence. Both domestic violence and child sexual abuse can have a devastating impact not only the victim(s) but on the entire family. The impact of abuse spans through the life-cycle and over multiple generations. This workshop will not only provide helpers with a comprehensive understanding of child sexual abuse and its impact on the family, but also a variety of creative intervention strategies.
5 DVS Credits: Sexual Abuse
$15 Program Staff; $50 Non-Program Staff
Please click here to register by credit card

Kate Keisel and Ulania Tatunchak from Polaris Project and Lynne Wilson Bruchet, the Victim Assistance Specialist from Homeland Security Investigations, will join the NJCBW Human Trafficking Task Force November 29th, 10:30 to 1:00 at NJCBW for a discussion on working together when human trafficking victims are being served by our programs. We are opening up this discussion to any program staff who are interested. If you would like to bring your questions and concerns please RSVP to Lynda Carson at: carson@njcbw.org.

CRACKING THE CODES
NJCBW’s White Aspiring Allies to People of Color in conjunction with the Women of Color Task Force invite you to a screening of the new film by Shakti Butler

Date: Thursday, November 29th, 2012
Time: 10:00am-4:00pm
Location: The Family Support Organization of Mercer County · 3535 Quakerbridge Rd. · Suite 400 · IBIS Plaza Hamilton, New Jersey 08619 · Phone: 609.586.1200

The work we do with our clients often focuses on individual oppression. However, the systems that must be navigated as our clients seek safety are often layered with more subtle manifestations of societal oppression. Join us as we utilize this powerful film to start a dialogue about the causes and consequences of systemic inequality.

This is a free event and lunch will be served

RSVP by November 27, 2012 to Sara Zesski (609) 584-8107, ext. 21 · zesski@njcbw.org
NEWS FROM OUR PROGRAMS

Shelter Our Sisters · Bergen County

Special Congratulations to Shelter Our Sisters who recently received the 2012 Bergen County Women United in Philanthropy Grant Award for $80,000 to open a bilingual outreach office.

SAFE in Hunterdon · Hunterdon County

Over 200 people attended SAFE's Annual Candlelight Vigil on October 10th to celebrate survivors, remember the lives lost and recognize individuals in our community who volunteer their time to move our mission forward. Commissioner Allison Blake joined us this year!

Commissioner Allison Blake (left) joined SAFE in Hunterdon for their Annual Candlelight Vigil and presented a proclamation from the Governor's Office. The Commissioner presented the "Empower Award" to a survivor (center) along with Donna Bartos, SAFE in Hunterdon Executive Director (right).

Inaugural Kitchens of Hunterdon Tour
October 17, 2012

Even behind the doors of the most beautiful homes, domestic abuse occurs. This inaugural kitchen tour shared our mission with over 300 guests who toured 7 outstanding kitchens throughout Hunterdon County. The event raised over $13,000 and will now be held on the Third Wednesday of October every year.

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:

“Take a risk, make mistakes and learn from them rather than letting the guilt paralyze you.”

Want to be mentioned in our next UPDATE? Let us know what is going on in your program by sending a brief summary including any photos to Eleni Hoffman, HOFFMAN@NJCBW.ORG. Deadline for January submission is Monday, January 7, 2013.