



NJCBW UPDATE

November 2009

NEW NJCBW ED STARTS IN NOV

Linda Berger will be joining the Coalition as Executive Director on November 2. Linda has over 25 years of experience in the administrative, financial and programmatic management of non-profit and social service agencies including 6 years as Executive Director of the California Coalition. She has also been the Executive Director of a domestic violence shelter and of a sexual assault agency. She has served on numerous advisory boards and state committees in California and is a graduate of Ohio University. Linda brings a wealth of experience in the field of domestic violence and is very enthusiastic about beginning this new chapter of her career here in New Jersey. She will be at the November Membership Meeting and the Board of Trustees meeting. Please give her a warm New Jersey welcome to the Garden State.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR JOINS NJCBW

In September the Coalition welcomed Sumayya Coleman as a full time staff member to work with No Wrong Door NJ and member programs on our Inclusion and Access initiative. Sumayya will be with us for one year, funded by NJCBW's stimulus grant from OVW in Washington. She has 19 years experience in the field of domestic violence including founding a domestic violence shelter. She has also worked as a consultant to the National Resource Center, Women of Color Network, the Battered Women's Justice Project, the Louisiana, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Virginia Coalitions and NJCBW. Please call her if you have questions about the Inclusion and Access initiative or just to say hello and welcome her back to New Jersey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBER PROGRAMS

The Mary Kay Foundation – Shelter Grants at Work
Every October, The Mary Kay Foundation observes

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by awarding grants to deserving women's shelters. These grants provide services such as counseling, transportation vehicles, emergency shelter, food, clothing and basic needs to domestic violence survivors and their children. Four member programs were awarded these grants this year.

- "A Place for Us" Atlantic County Women's Center
- SAFE in Hunterdon, Inc
- Womanspace, Inc.
- Women Aware, Inc.
- Shelter Our Sisters

The following programs were awarded stimulus funding for transitional housing from the Office on Violence Against Women in Washington.

- Center For Family Services, Inc. \$399,799
- Shelter Our Sisters, Inc. \$463,137

JUDGE CARBON TO DIRECT OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

President Barack Obama has named Judge Susan B. Carbon to direct the federal Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Judge Carbon is well-known to many domestic violence and child welfare experts for her longtime work to improve the judicial and social service response to families experiencing multiple forms of violence.

First appointed to the bench in 1991, Judge Carbon has been a Supervisory Judge of the New Hampshire Judicial Branch Family Division since 1996. She also serves as faculty for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence – a partnership of the OVW, the FVPF, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). She was President of NCJFCJ from 2007 to 2008, and still frequently serves as a faculty member.

Judge Carbon is a member of the Governor's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence and, until recently, chaired New Hampshire's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee. She also chaired the project that produced the multidisciplinary Effective Issuance and Enforcement of Orders of Protection in

Domestic Violence Cases (The Burgundy Book), a document used throughout the country and U.S. territories to guide professionals in their work around civil protection orders.

Judge Carbon has trained judges and other professionals across the country and internationally on topics related to family violence, firearms, child custody, and child protection. She has published extensively on these and other topics, including on judicial selection and retention and judicial administration. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the DePaul University College of Law.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

“During this month, we rededicate ourselves to breaking the cycle of violence. By providing young people with education about healthy relationships, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that domestic violence can be prevented. We must build the capacity of our Nation’s victim service providers to reach and serve those in need. We urge community leaders to raise awareness and bring attention to this quiet crisis... NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as *National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. I ask all Americans to do their part to end domestic violence in this country by supporting their communities’ efforts to assist victims in finding the help and healing they need.”

--President Barack Obama, in a Proclamation commemorating October as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*, October 1, 2009

UPCOMING TRAINING

November 4, 2009 10:00am – 1:00pm
Immigration and Domestic Violence Victims
Nicole Miller

CLASS IS FULL

November 9, 2009 10:00am – 4:00pm
Train the Trainer - NJCBW Diversity Training
Curriculum for Domestic Violence Advocates: Using a Social Justice Model to Understand Difference
PART ONE

Pamela Smith Chambers, Beyond Diversity Resource Center and Rose A. Williams, NJCBW

This two-day workshop introduces the newly developed NJCBW Diversity Curriculum for domestic violence staff and volunteers. The training will be offered in two five-hour training sessions. Those participants interested in using this material for future training either as DVRT

Coordinators or as trainers are strongly encouraged to attend both sessions. Non-trainers may find the sessions useful as a general diversity training experience. At each session participants will be guided through the curriculum, a series of mini lectures, interactive exercises and experiential activities that are designed to define and illustrate oppression in its various forms and its impact on domestic violence victims. During the second half of each session participants will have opportunities to begin hands-on practice with the material.

Goals of the Training: To introduce the diversity training curriculum to trainers and advocates and to provide diversity related material to workshop participants and techniques on how to best deliver the material to a variety of audiences.

Curriculum Goal: To build the capacity of advocates and volunteers to provide services in a more culturally sensitive manner, which recognizes the needs of various marginalized groups.

5 DVS Credits: Race and Culture

\$20 program staff; \$50 non-program staff (One time payment for two-part training)

November 16, 2009 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Train the Trainer - NJCBW Diversity Training Curriculum for Domestic Violence Advocates: Using a Social Justice Model to Understand Difference
*PART TWO***

Pamela Smith Chambers, Beyond Diversity Resource Center and Rose A. Williams, NJCBW

November 18, 2009 10:00am – 1:00pm

Developing Affiliation Agreements Jane Shivas
This workshop will identify the goals for developing affiliation agreements with other community organizations, the critical components of affiliation agreements and the distinctions between affiliation agreements and memorandums of understanding.

Participants will draft their own templates of an affiliation agreement and a memorandum of understanding for special joint projects, and are encouraged to bring works in progress.

3 DVS Credits: Community Resources and Networking

\$10 program staff; \$35 non-program staff

November 19, 2009 10:00am–1:00pm

**Latina Women and Domestic Violence
Ana Vega, MA, MSW, LSW**

This workshop will explore the contextual framework of domestic violence and Latinas. Prevalence of domestic violence affecting Latinas globally, nationally and locally will be discussed. Diversity issues focusing on culture, immigration and acculturation patterns, race, class and national origin will be addressed. The

constructs of machismo and marianismo will be defined and their impact on the culture of domestic violence

December 2, 2009 10:00am – 4:00pm

Guided Imagery for Healing II

Dr. J.C. Williams, N.D.

This workshop will aid the advocate in more skill development in using guided imagery for self care and with victims/survivors. A review of the first session, further script development, storytelling, confusion, awakening/reorienting, stress reduction, relaxation and sleep, self-esteem and ethical issues will be discussed. Practice using these new skills will be included.

5 DVS Credits: Intervention

\$15 program staff; \$50 non-program staff

December 7, 2009 10:00am – 4:00pm

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Advocates: Using a Social Justice Model to

Understand Difference *PART ONE*

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Responding to Domestic Violence with Public Health

Nicole Morella

Approximately one in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. In addition to the

explored. Participants will have an opportunity to

impact of physical trauma, women with a lifetime history of domestic violence and children raised in violent households are more likely to experience a wide array of physical and mental health conditions. Public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health and efficiency through organized community effort. Through this workshop, participants will learn about the impact of domestic violence on an individual's health, the role public health plays in our communities, and how we can prevent domestic violence by implementing the public health model at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels through coordinated community efforts.

3 DVS Credits: Community Resources and Networking

\$10 program staff; \$35 non-program

December 15, 2009 10:00am – 4:00pm

Train the Trainer - NJCBW Diversity Training Curriculum for Domestic Violence

Advocates: Using a Social Justice Model to

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For description see Part One

December 16, 2009 10:00am – 4:00pm

From Persecution to Legal Limbo: Seeking Asylum in the U.S.

Mary Kay Jo

Immigration issues are controversial and in the news on a daily basis, whether dealing with illegal or legal immigrants, refugees or asylum seekers. This workshop explores the international, social, political, and economic factors that lead people to leave their homelands. The immigration experience, including culture shock, cultural adjustment, post-traumatic stress, grief, and loss, will be discussed. The cultural challenges and intergenerational conflicts facing families when they arrive and try to adapt to life in the United States will be addressed. Culturally competent strategies social workers can use to assist will be integral to this workshop.

Participants will explore the ever-changing dimensions facing those who work with refugees and immigrants. According to the 2000 Census, New Jersey is the third most diverse state in the nation, and Hudson County is the second most diverse county, surpassed only by Queens, NY. Topics include: becoming a refugee, the international experience before arrival in the U.S. and the refugee experience. Special groups will be discussed including: victims of human trafficking, and asylum seekers.

5 DVS Credits: Special Populations

\$15 program staff; \$50 non-program staff

NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Coalition Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2009, 10:30am-1:00pm

NJCBW Board of Trustees

Thursday, November 5, 2009 1:00-3:00pm

Women of Color Task Force Meeting

Friday, November 6, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm

DVRT (Domestic Violence Response Team)

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm

Community Professional Educators (CPEN)

Friday, November 13, 2009

Legal Advocates Meeting

Friday, November 20, 2009 10:30am-3:00pm

DECEMBER 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Women of Color Task Force Meeting

Friday, December 4, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm

Call the Meeting Cancellation Line to check for training and meeting cancellations 609-584-8107, ext. 23

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

ECONOMIC RECOVERY: WHAT WOMEN NEED TO KNOW

A FREE forum for New Jersey's Women

**Saturday, November 7, 2009
9 am – 1 pm**

**Rutgers at Brookdale Community College
Western Monmouth Campus
3680 Route 9 South, Freehold, NJ 07728**

*Ask questions and learn about the services and education programs that may be available to you!
Connect with available resources for education, training, and employment, along with other county and state services!*

Hear from representatives at local, state, and federal levels about programs and services for women in the emerging economy!

Network with other women in your community!

To Register: call Suzanne at (732) 932-4614 or http://rutgerssmr.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1I9GPO4uE28zxB2&SVID=Prod

*Complimentary Breakfast & Lunch will be provided
Pre-registered attendees will be entered for a raffle for gift cards to be presented at the close of the forum*

JOIN US!

Tribel Benefit Concert for NJCASA

3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15, 2009

Unitarian Universalist Church
401 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, NJ

CALL TO ACTION ANNOUNCEMENT:

With the support of Call to Action Participants, WOCN received funding from Office for Victims of Crime to implement the National Call to Action Institute and Conference! Participants listed this as one of the outcomes that they wanted to see from the Call to Action calls which began in April 2007, and without any more than hope and commitment at the time, WOCN agreed to make it happen. And now with the help of OVC, it will! This demonstrates the power of collective voice and action.

The event will be held May 10-14, 2010 in New Orleans in the location that call participants requested. The event will begin with three institutes occurring simultaneously over two days: a Women of Color Institute, Men's Institute (in partnership with A Call to Men), and Mainstream Women Allies Institute. This will be followed by a two-day national conference.