BARING OUR SOULS EVENT

One of the eight tables displaying shoes by survivors of domestic violence at the NJCBW Baring Our Soles event on October 13th

Beautify decorated shoes created by survivors topped six purple tables situated on the steps of Brower Commons on the Rutgers College Avenue campus October 13 as part of the NJCBW “Baring Our Soles” domestic violence awareness event.

UPCOMING NJCBW INSTITUTE TRAININGS

November 2011 TRAINING SCHEDULE

November 9, 2011 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Empower Yourself, Empower Your Client
Ana Vega
This workshop will explore asset building strategies, individual development accounts (IDA's), credit builder loans and microenterprises as vital options for Survivors of violence as they address a path toward economic self-sufficiency and empowerment. Gender and diversity issues will also be discussed within this context. Resource sharing will be a strong component of the workshop.
3 DVS Credits: Gender Issues and Empowerment
$10 Program Staff; $35 Non-Program Staff

November 16, 2011 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence
Nicole Morella
Advocates understand that substance use does not cause domestic violence, however, there is an overwhelming link between domestic violence and substance use and abuse. Therefore, it is critical that advocates and service providers understand the complexities that substance use contributes to a survivor's experience with domestic violence. This workshop will discuss a perpetrator's use of substances and the additional risk factors this behavior poses to the victim of domestic violence; discuss a victim or survivor's use of substances and how this may be manipulated by their abusive partner and the barriers it creates in their ability to seek safety; offer tools for screening and assessing clients for substance use and abuse; and suggest interventions that support a survivor's safety plan and access to services. This workshop will also identify the service barriers and challenges that have traditionally existed in both the domestic violence and substance abuse fields and how collaborative efforts are necessary to insure that survivor’s receive the holistic care and support they need.
3 DVS Credits: Substance Abuse
$10 Program Staff; $35 Non-Program Staff

Patty Sly executive director of Jersey Battered Women’s Services opened the event, and was followed by several guest speakers, including two domestic violence survivors and Sen. Loretta Weinberg, D-37, Allison

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Blake, commissioner of the Department of Children and Families; and Ruth Ann Koenick, Director of the Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance. The event was covered by several media outlets including Rutgers University’s own Daily Targum.

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**November 21, 2011 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Supervisory Leadership**

**Yvette Murry, MSW, LSW**

In human service, supervision is often the "next step" for those wishing to increase their influence and paycheck. Unfortunately, the tricks and theories of supervision are often left to chance. This workshop is designed to address the unique needs of new and seasoned supervisors. Key areas of discussion will include: staff recruitment, hiring, training, mentorship, retention and self-care.

- 2.5 DVS Credits: Group Counseling Skills
- 2.5 DVS Credits: Values and Attitudes
- $15 Program Staff; $50-Non-Program Staff

**December 2011 TRAINING SCHEDULE**

**December 7, 2011 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Journaling**

**Robbin Loonan**

This workshop is designed to introduce audience members to the use of journaling in their work with survivors of domestic violence. Participants will be presented with specific written exercises that have been designed to increase safety, clarify choices & resources, enhance decision-making/ critical thinking, and empower victims of domestic violence. How journaling can be helpful, how it can be used as part of the healing process, and specific techniques will be explored. Participants will have the opportunity to practice some written exercises, as well as explore some possible barriers. The workshop will be experiential and interactive, intended for helpers of all levels who have a basic understanding of domestic violence.

- 3 DVS Credits: Intervention
- $10 Program Staff; $35 Non-Program Staff

**December 14, 2011 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**High Tech Crimes**

**Pat Hart**

Intimate partner stalking is not a new phenomenon. However, the ongoing advancement of technology is providing stalkers with a sophisticated selection of tools. Stalkers are using a variety of telephone, surveillance and computer technologies to monitor and harass current and former intimate partners. Global positioning systems, cell phones, online databases are very effective ways to stalk, harass and terrorize. While methods and choice of technologies may vary, survivors report that they are experiencing stalking and abuse that is being perpetrated with a high-tech twist.

This workshop is intended to present information regarding new methods used to stalk, important safety planning tips and suggestions for local programs working to end violence against women. For advocates who are not tech savvy it is intended to provide a beginning understanding of the dangers that might impact the survivors with whom we.
This year’s recipients of the Community Spirit Award were: Asia Smith from Purple R.E.I.G.N. and Sa’idah Sudan from Baitul Hemaya (House of Protection); Inspiration Award went to Domestic Violence survivors, Donna M. Savage, Rosaura Torres and Maria Canela.

The Inclusion and Access Award goes to a program that demonstrates a notable and consistent organizational change that is reflective of the goals of the Inclusion and Access Initiative in the areas of organizational environment, service delivery, staff development, and outreach and community involvement. This year the award went to The Women’s Center for the program’s wholehearted efforts to embrace the Inclusion and Access Initiative as a morale mandate. Claudia Ratzlaff is the executive director of The Women’s Center which is located in Atlantic County.

work and how to assist those survivors in better protecting themselves in this age of computer/internet accessibility.

3 DVS Credits: Intervention Skills
$10 Program Staff; $35 Non-Program Staff

December 21, 2011 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Batterers and Custody
Leslie Malkin, J.D.

Seventy percent of battering fathers who seek custody of their children receive it. How this disturbing phenomenon occurs and reasons for it will be examined. Myths and realities surrounding batters’ attempts to obtain custody will include reviewing and debunking Richard Gardner's Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS), and other factors which lead to fit, competent mothers losing custody of their children to batterers. Issues explored through discussion and film will include statistics, the Green Book Project, the Wellesley Centers for Battered Mother Testimony Project, and a review of the unintended consequences of positive legislation.

5 DVS Credits: Restructuring Towards a Non-Violent Family
$15 Program Staff; $50 Non-Program Staff

In cases of bad weather, please call the Meeting Cancellation Line to check for training and meeting cancellations 609-584-8107, ext. 23

SENATOR LAUTENBERG HOSTS DV FORUM

Leslie Malkin, Community & Program Education Administrator, attended a Domestic Violence Educational Forum on October 31, 2011, hosted by Senator Frank Lautenberg. Representatives of the Resource Center of Somerset, Family Connections, Babyland Family Services, Shelter Our Sisters and others gathered to discuss current legal, judicial and societal issues faced by victims/survivors. Senator Lautenberg has long been a support of the effort to end violence against women and children is the author of legislation banning individuals convicted of domestic violence of possessing firearms.