

# Action Alliance

The Virginia Sexual And Domestic Violence Action Alliance is pleased to bring you this electronic version of our weekly newsletter for SDVA advocates. Included in Resonance will be information about upcoming trainings, resources and notable work taking place in the state and nation. We invite advocates to share resources, information and best practices that you find helpful. If you have any questions or would like to submit information, please feel free to contact me: Rose Leone [rleone@vsdvalliance.org](mailto:rleone@vsdvalliance.org) 804-377-0335



**RESONANCE**  
July 29, 2011

## Best Practices

### In 2010 Virginia Reported with 100% Lets do it again in 2011

Domestic Violence Counts

Census Day: September 15, 2011,  
8:00 a.m. ET – September 16, 2011,  
7:59 a.m. ET  
Census Day

We are excited to announce the kick-off for our 6th annual Domestic Violence Counts: National Census of Domestic Violence Services. This year, we will count beginning the morning of September 15 2011 and ending the morning of September 16, 2011. You are welcome to share this date **and the attached flier** with your programs, and we'll be following up with more information shortly. The flier includes information about the 2011 Domestic Violence Counts, as well as

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## SPOTLIGHT

August 11, 2011

### Basic Sexual Violence Advocacy in Front Royal

Identify the root causes of sexual violence; learn about the history of the anti-rape movement; clarify personal values and beliefs about healthy sexuality and sexual violence; understand how trauma manifests itself; skill building for advocacy at the time of an assault, with secondary victims, related to past sexual violence, and in the context of larger issues; protocols and practice to keep safe records, maintain confidentiality and deliver culturally appropriate services; practice advocacy skills.

information about the optional conference calls that we will be offering in September for local advocates.

## New Resources

### Protective Orders

Effective July 1, 2011, we are pleased that all victims of violence (including victims of family abuse, dating violence, stalking and sexual assault) will have equal access to protective orders, pro-arrest policies will apply equally, and perpetrators of acts of violence will face equal sanctions regardless of relationship to the victim.

#### New in the booklet:

#### **Protective Orders for Teen Dating Violence**

If you are under the age of 18 and experiencing acts of violence, force or threat from a dating partner or someone else you know, you and your parents/guardian may request a protective order to help keep you safe. In Virginia, there are limits to what you can do without involving your parents or guardian unless you are an 'emancipated minor' (see below). You may request an Emergency Protective Order without a parent or legal guardian. A law enforcement officer may also request an emergency protective order on your behalf without a parent or legal guardian. These requests are made through the local magistrate's office. However, an emergency protective order only lasts for 72 hours and it is important to have a safety plan in place before you request a protective order. You may only seek a Preliminary or Permanent Protective Order if you meet the legal definition of an 'emancipated minor' (see below) or if a 'next friend' (most likely a parent or guardian) petitions on your behalf. If you or the respondent are under the age of 18, your request should start with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Since a protective order is just one tool to help you stay safe, it is important that you have caring adults in your life who know about the protective order and can help you develop a safety plan. If you need guidance or help creating a safety plan

### Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[Email Us](#)



## From The Action Alliance Library

### ***Preventing and Responding to Domestic and Sexual Violence in Later Life- Special Collection***

This special collection includes information from: National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life National Sexual Violence Resource Center National Center on Elder Abuse. The collection highlights the complexities of older people's domestic and sexual violence experiences and emphasizes collaboration and different approaches to addressing violence in later life.

[www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org)

For more information on how to check out resources please contact Linda Winston 804-377-0335 [lwinston@vsdvalliance.org](mailto:lwinston@vsdvalliance.org)

### ***Action Alliance Anti-Racism work***

**The Action Alliance, in keeping with our mission and guiding principles, is making a commitment to address racism as an essential component of our work to address sexual and domestic violence.**

#### **Block by Block Map of America**

**Find out the racial make-up of your census block, or any block in the United States. The New York Times has created a map of America that records the latest data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, based on samples from 2005 to 2009.**

<http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/explorer>

or telling an adult, please call the Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault hotline at 1.800.838.8238.

**Under Virginia law, an 'emancipated minor' is an individual under the age of 18 who a court has determined:**

- is or has been a party to a valid marriage;
- is on active duty with any of the armed forces of the United States of America; or
- is willingly living separate and apart from his/her parents or guardian, with the consent of the parents or guardian, and is capable of supporting himself/herself and managing his own financial affairs.

Protective Order booklets are available at the Action Alliance.

If you would like to receive copies please contact the Action Alliance-  
Members will receive at no cost,  
non-members pay \$5.00 for shipping.

## Events

### The Maria Project

OCTOBER 3, 2011

**GIVE VOICE  
GIVE PEACE**



**8 VOICES**  
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Act/Honor/Hope  
Action Alliance GALA  
December 3, 2011 6pm  
The Renaissance Conference  
Center

## Meetings

**Task Forces, Caucuses &  
Committee Meetings**

**Child Advocacy Task Force**-next meeting  
9/9/2011 Richmond  
For more information contact: Arlene  
Vassell-Richards  
[avassell-richards@vsdvalliance.org](mailto:avassell-richards@vsdvalliance.org)

**Wild Women of Wisdom Task Force**-next  
meeting 10/21/2011 Gumspring Deb  
Downing's home 11:00a-3:00p  
For more information contact: Walker  
Thornton [walkerthornton@comcast.net](mailto:walkerthornton@comcast.net)

**South West Task Force**- next meeting  
9/14/2011  
For more information contact: Rose Leone  
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**Northern Virginia Task Force**-7/27/2011  
Claire Dunns' house 10-3pm  
For more information contact: Kathleen  
Kelmelis  
[kathleen.kelmelis@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kathleen.kelmelis@fairfaxcounty.gov)

**Women of Color Caucus**- next meeting  
8/16/2011  
For more information contact: Cathy Coleman  
or Tishaun Harris-Ugworji  
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**Queer Caucus**  
For more information contact: Ann Crittenden  
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**Survivor Caucus**- Camp Mabon for more  
information [survivorcaucusva.org](http://survivorcaucusva.org)  
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**Training Institute Committee**  
For more information contact Quillin Drew  
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**Principles and Process Committee**  
7/28/2011 11am-1:30pm Richmond  
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Jaramillo [ajaramillo@vsdvalliance.org](mailto:ajaramillo@vsdvalliance.org)

### **Leadership Development Committee**

8/15/2011 11am Charlottesville

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### **Coalition Fund Development Committee**

Fund Development Committee Update

The Fund Development Committee is charged implementing the Coalition Membership and Fund Development Strategic Plan to strengthen the fundraising efforts of the Action Alliance as well as broaden our membership. Our current projects include creating Planned Giving Guidelines for the Action Alliance, reaching out to potential Lifetime Members, working on the 2011 Act/Honor/Hope Gala, and organizing the Catalyst Awards. If you would like to become a part of this dynamic committee, please contact Megan Wood at [mwood@vsdvalliance.org](mailto:mwood@vsdvalliance.org) or 804-377-0335.

## **Upcoming Trainings**

### **Local Trainings**

**Basic Advocacy Trainings (BATs) are coming to a town near you!**

Summer Schedule 2011

<http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secProjects/traininginstitute.html>

**8/9/2011** [Basic Child and Youth Advocacy](#) Roanoke

**8/11/2011** [Basic Sexual Violence Advocacy](#) Front Royal

**8/24/2011** [Director Dayz Out](#) Charlottesville



**August 2-4, 2011 Richmond**

**Building Healthy Futures 3**

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance is excited to sponsor a conference addressing the primary prevention of sexual and intimate partner violence. In practice, the primary prevention of SV/IVP means promoting the factors associated with health relationships and healthy sexuality, and countering the factors associated with the initial perpetration. This conference will showcase innovative primary prevention projects from across North America, as well as highlighting Virginia-based prevention initiatives. All programs and concepts presented will be consistent with Virginia's Guidelines for the Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence & Intimate Partner Violence, and the workshops will discuss and demonstrate numerous characteristics of effective primary prevention strategies. There will also be a half-day prevention summit on August 2nd to launch the conference.  
[Brochure](#)

**August 9, 2011 Richmond VA** The Gay Community Center of Richmond

**A Caring Response: Aging, HIV and LGBT Older Adults**

For more information contact 804-622-4646 ext 22 or [cindy.bray@lgbtrichmond.net](mailto:cindy.bray@lgbtrichmond.net)

**Learning Objectives:**

- An overall increase in awareness, cultural competence, and sensitivity toward the aging LGBT population with special attention to issues related to HIV and aging
- Ability to recognize and define symbols and terms unique to LGBT culture
- Increased ability to interact comfortably with members of the aging LGBT community and those with HIV
- Better defined awareness of political, social, and economic issues that are unique to the LGBT community and those with HIV which impact psychosocial aspects of aging and healthcare receptivity
- Increased recognition of issues specific to the LGBT community, those with HIV and end-of-life care
- Increased awareness of legal issues unique to LGBT individuals, couples, and those with HIV with particular focus on Advanced Medical Directives
- Increased awareness of HIV and its prevalence in the older adult population

Space is limited

**National Trainings**

**August 8-11, 2011 Washington DC**

**Safety Net Project**

<http://www.nnedv.org/projects/safetynet.html>

Technology helps victims and their children successfully flee violent batterers, stalkers and rapists. But what millions don't realize is the dangerous and potentially lethal sides of various technologies in the hands of abusers and perpetrators. NNEDV's Safety Net: Safe & Strategic Technology Project addresses how technology impacts the safety, privacy, accessibility, and civil rights of victims.

To Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XFDK8LJ>

**September 14-16, 2011 Washington, DC**

**National Women of Color Economic Policy and Leadership Summit**

<http://pubs.pcadv.net/nrcdv/WOCNEconomicPolicySummit2011STD.pdf>

In this economic climate, how can we ensure women of color, particularly survivors of violence, are not left behind? Come hear from experts and share your ideas at a national summit to foster much-needed dialogue amongst anti-violence, economic justice, and social justice advocates. Through a mix of plenary sessions, roundtables, and small working groups.

***The Action Alliance is available to provide training on request or technical assistance in the following areas: Protective Orders, BAT's, SART's, CCR's, Healthcare Guidelines and much more. For more information contact Quillin Drew [qdrew@vsdvalliance.org](mailto:qdrew@vsdvalliance.org)***

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