

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 rleneone@vsdvalliance.org 804-377-0335

Best Practices

Honor Our Voices



Honor Our Voices is a unique online learning module providing you with the opportunity to see domestic violence through the eyes and voices of children.

The purpose of this learning module is to create a multi-pronged response to increase the awareness and sensitivity of shelter advocates and other social service providers to the needs of children and suggest promising ways of enhancing services for children exposed to domestic violence. Included in this learning module is a [downloadable guide for proactice](#) and a digital library of [short audio programs](#) that highlight specific promising practices through the voices children.

New Resources

Intimate Aggression: Understanding Sexual Coercion

Chitra Raghavan discusses the topic of sexual coercion, helping to define sexual violence within intimate relationships. Concepts such as relationship status, negotiations for intimacy, and common features in intimate sexual aggression are raised. Common features include manipulation, use of force, and blackmail.

Listen to the Podcast

<http://www.vera.org/videos/chitra-raghavan-intimate-aggression-sexual-coercion>



RESONANCE
October 7, 20



***October is Domestic
Violence Awareness
Month***

*Read about Domestic
Awareness Month and
started.....[the history](#)*

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SPOTLIGHT

State-By-State Poverty Data from the 2010 Census

These [51 fact sheets](#) provide state-specific information on poverty and economic insecurity for women and their families based on NWLC's analysis of 2010 Census and Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Click on your state below to find statistics on the poverty rates among women and children, the wage gap, health insurance coverage for women and children, and women's unemployment. For [Virginia](#)

loveisrespect.org

The National Dating Abuse Helpline and Break the Cycle have been working together this past year to answer one question: what would the ultimate healthy dating resource look like? Today we show you our answer. Meet the new loveisrespect.org.

Events

Act/Honor/Hope GALA

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance



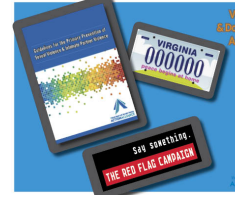
**December 3rd, 2011
6:00pm**

The Renaissance Center
107 W. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219
Tickets: \$100/person

We will be honoring 30 voices for 30 years (30 people or organizations) who have made significant contributions to our 30 year history of building the sexual and domestic violence movement in Virginia.

Folks should come out and catch up with old friends, honor some amazing advocates, meet the new leaders in Virginia's movement and celebrate 30 years of amazing accomplishments!

Meetings



**Building Healthy
Futures Fund License
Plate Initiative
All Programs Still
Now Have Their
Packets!**

The Building Healthy Futures Fund has launched its Special Interest **License Plate Initiative** and we need your help!

Enclosed in your packet will find information on how to get on the ground and take part in this exciting revenue sharing opportunity. By collecting pre-paid license plates you are ensuring that you take part in this exciting funding source! **We need a minimum of 450 pre-paid plates sold by January 31st.** However, pre-paid applications can be collected through July 2012, so please keep collecting as many as possible. Remember, the more pre-paid sales you collect, the greater your share of the revenue!

For more information on the Building Healthy Futures Fund, please attend **Conference Call on Monday October 17th at 10am.** We will be going over the details of the initiative, as well as some tips on how to collect pre-paid plates. You don't want to miss this call!

Task Forces, Caucuses & Committee Meetings

Child Advocacy Task Force- next meeting 11/11/2011 Charlottesville
For more information contact: Arlene Vassell-Richards 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

South West Task Force- next meeting 11/9/2011 People Incorporated
Lebanon office conference room from 11a-1p
For more information contact: Rose Leone rleone@vsdvalliance.org

Northern Virginia Task Force-legislative breakfast on October 19, 7:30 to 9:45
a.m. at the Jewish Community Center on Little River Turnpike
For more information contact: Kathleen Kelmelis
kathleen.kelmelis@fairfaxcounty.gov

Women of Color Caucus- next meeting 11/15/2011
For more information contact: Cathy Coleman or Tishaun Harris-Ugworji
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Queer Caucus

For more information contact: Ann Crittenden acrittenden@vsdvalliance.org

Survivor Caucus- Conference Call 11/15/2011 6:30pm
For more information contact: Sherrie Goggans sgoggans@vsdvalliance.org

Training Institute Committee - Next meeting 10/24/2011 10-12 conference
call
For more information contact Quillin Drew qdrew@vsdvalliance.org

Principles and Process Committee- next meeting 10/24/2011 11am-1:30pm
Richmond
For more information contact: Alba Jaramillo ajaramillo@vsdvalliance.org
or Jeanine Beiber jbeiber@vsdvalliance.org

Leadership Development and Governance Group

The Governing Body of the Action Alliance is in the process of restructuring its work, and the Leadership Development Committee has been folded into the Governing Body's Leadership Development & Governance Group. If you are interested in serving on this Group or would like to learn more, contact Chair Carol Olson at director@rcasa.org

Public Policy Committee

For more information contact: Kristine Hall khall@vsdvalliance.org Gena Boyle gboyle@vsdvalliance.org

Accreditation Committee

Please RSVP Megar mwood@vsdvalliance.org or 804-377-0335 by 10/14/2011

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From The Action Alliance Library

What Islam says Domestic Violence guide for helping families

Zainab Alwani and S
Abugideiri-

This is an informative resource that will greatly enhance our work with Muslim victims of domestic violence. It helps non-Muslim advocates and counselors understand Islam promotes healthy family relationships and the use of violence.

For more information or check out resources please contact Linda Winston 804-377-0335
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Action Alliance Anti-Racism V

Privilege, Power, Difference

Allan G. Johnson-

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Coalition Fund Development Committee

Fund Development Committee Update

The Membership and Fund Development Committee is charged with 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 or 804-377-0335.

Groundbreaking research examines systems of power and difference in our society. Johnson links these with engaging examples that enable readers to see the underlying nature and consequences of privilege and their connection to it.

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

Upcoming Trainings

Local Trainings

November 16-18, 2011 29th Annual Conference on Crime Victims' Issues Williamsburg, VA

<http://www.vanetwork.org/>

The Virginia Network for Victims and Witnesses of Crime, a nonprofit statewide crime victim advocacy group will be holding its 29th Annual Conference November 16-18, 2011 at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia. This conference, appropriate for victim advocates, social workers, law enforcement court and criminal justice staff, etc. includes workshops and plenary sessions on such topics as: international trafficking of persons, gang violence, civil commitment of sexually violent predators, new procedural legislation, offender re-entry, and identity theft.

November 2, 2011 Basic Sexual Violence Advocacy Richmond, VA

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/VirginiaSexualDomestic/OnlineRegistration2.html>

Content includes: 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, relating 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.

November 15, 2011 Basic Domestic Violence Advocacy Roanoke, VA

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/VirginiaSexualDomestic/OnlineRegistration2.html>

Content includes: identifying the root causes of domestic violence; clarifying personal values and beliefs about healthy relationships and domestic violence; identifying risk factors for serious harm and tools for assessment.

risk; practicing the use of advocacy tools including safety planning, legal advocacy and advocacy for par
behalf of their children; introduction to domestic violence laws in Virginia; and advocacy protocols and pr
including safe recordkeeping, confidentiality, creating a multicultural environment and systems advocacy

November 16, 2011 Basic Crisis Intervention Roanoke, VA

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/VirginiaSexualDomestic/OnlineRegistration2.html>

The training provides participants with the opportunity to clarify values and beliefs about crisis; assess th
benefits of an empowerment model approach to crisis intervention; and practice effective communication
techniques. Participants will identify cultural influences on crisis and crisis response; assess emotional a
safety needs; and demonstrate problem solving-skills.

November 29, 2011 Basic Cultural Competency Richmond, VA

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/VirginiaSexualDomestic/OnlineRegistration2.html>

Content includes: understanding of the definition of culture and the levels of competency in interacting w
diversity; assessment of value difference as a source of tension; identifying strategies for managing conf
exploring ways to increase appreciating and valuing difference.

November 30, 2011 Basic Child and Youth Advocacy Front Royal, VA

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/VirginiaSexualDomestic/OnlineRegistration2.html>

Content includes: understand the ways in which children and youth are impacted by violence perpetrated
against significant adults in their lives; identify the scope of physical and sexual violence perpetrated ag
children and youth; clarify personal and community values about children and youth; understand the imp
of developmentally appropriate intervention with children and youth; practice skills associated with child/
advocacy; explore unique issues of legal protections, confidentiality, empowerment and culturally appro
services for children and youth; identify policy and procedure related to reporting suspected child
abuse/neglect.

National Trainings

October 14-16 The Undoing Racism Workshop Suffrin, NY

Registration

Are you challenged by how to deal with race issues in your agency, workplace, classroom or community
you concerned about the impact of racism in your county and state? **VCS** invites you to be part of an ini
to advance institutional change for racial equity. Undoing Racism Workshop participants will engage in a
comprehensive exploration of how racism shapes American institutions, often without our conscious
understanding that it is doing so. Registrants will be able to take knowledge gained in the workshop bac
their colleagues, agencies, schools and communities. The goal is to work together and support local initi
to continue the conversation and work toward institutional change.

www.safeta.org

The Victim Centered Care Webinar Series

Available until October 28, 2011:

Sexual Abuse Behind Bars: Serving Victims who are Incarcerated with Linda McFarlane.

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

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