

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 rlone@vsdvalliance.org 804-377-0335



RESONANCE
September 23, 2011

Best Practices

Building Collaborations Between Healthy Marriage & Relationship Education and Domestic Violence Programs

This Special Collection is designed to help practitioners, administrators and advocates in the fields of Healthy Marriage & Relationship Education (HMRE) and Domestic Violence (DV) - as well as those interested in these fields - understand and learn about the overlapping and complementary goals of each field, and to build bridges in order to effectively address and respond to domestic violence and promote safe and healthy relationships. This collection is based upon new research and lessons from emerging partnerships between these fields at the national, state and community levels. This is a collaboration between the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the National Healthy Marriage Resource Center.

New Resources

First Nationwide Forced Marriage Survey Report

From the Tahirih Justice Center

Forced marriage is an issue that has increasingly come to our attention as Tahirih received calls for help from around the country. There is a regrettable lack of information in the United States about forced marriage, there are no laws designed to protect forced marriage victims, and there is a void in community dialogue and advocacy on the issue. In stark contrast to the United Kingdom, which has a governmental agency focused on forced marriage, a national forced marriage hotline, and a specific forced marriage temporary

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FREE TRAINING

Technical Assistance

Call October 4, 2011

Facts on Trauma and Homeless Children

Trauma Informed Advocacy Services for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence.

How does Trauma Enter the Lives of Homeless Children: Participants will better understand the scope, causes and impact of homelessness on children and families. Why should programs become

restraining order, the United States is woefully behind and has very little in place to adequately protect women and girls fleeing forced marriage. To address this need, Tahirih has launched a Forced Marriage Initiative: [Forced Marriage Survey](#) in hopes that the information learned can be used to protect courageous women and girls who step forward and ask for help. Tahirih is also committed to galvanizing a nation-wide, multi-sector response to the problem of forced marriage in the United States through: Raising awareness, conducting outreach and training on “best practices,” and engaging in collaborative policy recommendations and establishing a National Network focused on the issue of forced marriage.

Action Alliance Annual Report 2010

We are proud to provide you with our “hot off the presses” [2010 Annual Report](#). Check out some of the highlights from our work last year, and see if there’s something you’re not already involved in that you would like to become part of with the Action Alliance.

Events

Here are some great ways to help support the work of the Action Alliance

Mosaic

Come Enjoy Food, Wine, and Spirits and a portion of all proceeds will be donated to the Action Alliance!
Action Alliance Fundraiser in Richmond
Community Give Back Night at [Mosaic Cafe and Catering](#)
Wednesday October 5th, 5-9pm
6229-A River Road
River Road Shopping Center
Richmond, Virginia 23229
Want more info? Please Contact Megan Wood
mwood@vsdvalliance.org OR RSVP to our Facebook Event:
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=125941484173809>

Action Alliance GALA

Celebrating 30 years!!!



trauma-informed? How can programs and services help children and families who have been exposed to trauma by providing trauma informed services? Participants will be given resources and tools for

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30 th Anniversary
Act/Honor/Hope Gala
December 3 rd, 2011

6:00pm
The Renaissance Center
107 W. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219
Tickets: \$100/person

Raffle tickets on sale for KINDLE
\$1 for 1 or 6 for \$5 please contact Megan
mwood@vsdvalliance.org

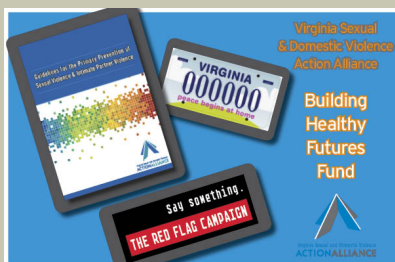
Amazing Raise

From **6:00am on October 5th to 6:00pm October 6th** the Action Alliance is participating in the Amazing Raise, an online giving event hosted by the Community Foundation of Richmond.

Non-profits in the Richmond metro area are competing for prizes from \$2,500 to \$10,000!

Please visit GiveRichmond.org after 6:00am on October 5th, search for the Action Alliance's profile, and make a donation of \$50 to help support the Action Alliance during this unique event!

License Plates are on sale NOW!!!



Building Healthy Futures Fund Special Interest License Plate
The Action Alliance has begun pre-sale of our Special Interest License Plate! This is our first initiative to build a statewide fund to support prevention work. If you would like more information, please see our website: License Plates

Meetings

Task Forces, Caucuses & Committee Meetings

creating trauma-informed services for children, and families, in their programs.

To register contact: Linda
lwinston@vsdvalliance.org or
804-377-0335

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)
[Email Us](#)



From The Action Alliance Library

Boys and Men Healing From Child Sexual Abuse- DVD- Big Voice Pictures

Documentary about the epidemic of sexual abuse of boys, the impact on individuals, families, and society, and the importance of male survivors healing and speaking out to end child sexual abuse.

For more information on how to check out resources please contact Linda Winston
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Action Alliance Anti-Racism Work

Race- The Power of Illusion

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
Gumsping Deb Downing's home 11:00a-3:00p

For more information contact: Walker Thornton
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South West Task Force

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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
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Women of Color Caucus

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- Conference Call 11/15/2011 6:30pm

For more information contact: Sherrie Goggans
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Training Institute Committee

For more information contact Quillin Drew
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Principles and Process Committee- next meeting 10/24/2011
11am-1:30pm Richmond

For more information contact: Alba Jaramillo
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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

The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples- has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, new three-hour series by California Newsreel claims. Race- The Power of an Illusion questions the very idea of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth. Yet race still matters. Just because race doesn't exist in biology doesn't mean it isn't very real, helping shape life chances and opportunities.

This is a 3 part series that can be watched in staff meeting or CCR/SART meetings.

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.

Public Policy Committee

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Accreditation Committee

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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.

Upcoming Trainings

Local Trainings

September 29, 2011 Conference Call Working with Health Care Providers

Repeat calls 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

Working with Healthcare Providers to Enhance Community Response to Sexual Assault. Join the Action Alliance Training and Technical Assistance Team as we explore Virginia's Healthcare Response to Sexual Assault. To register contact Linda lwinston@vsdvalliance.org or 804-377-0335

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 protective order 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, 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.

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 assessing risk; practicing the use of advocacy tools including safety planning, legal advocacy and advocacy for parents on behalf of their children; introduction to domestic violence laws in Virginia; and advocacy protocols and practices 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 the 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 and 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 with diversity; assessment of value difference as a source of tension; identifying strategies for managing conflict; 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 against children and youth; clarify personal and community values about children and youth; understand the importance of developmentally appropriate intervention with children and youth; practice skills associated with child/youth advocacy; explore unique issues of legal protections, confidentiality, empowerment and culturally appropriate 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? Are you concerned about the impact of racism in your county and state? **VCS** invites you to be part of an initiative 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 back to their colleagues, agencies, schools and communities. The goal is to work together and support local initiatives to continue the conversation and work toward institutional change.

www.safeta.org

The Victim Centered Care Webinar Series

Available until September 30, 2011:

Transgender Survivors: Statistics, Stories and Strategies for Providers with Michael Munson and Loree Clark-Daniels

Available until October 28, 2011:

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

July 22-25, 2012 Preserving Our Roots While Looking to the Future Denver, CO

NCADV's 15th National Conference Domestic Violence *and*
NOMAS' 37th National Conference on Men and Masculinity

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

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

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