

WELCOME

to the first issue of the Resource Sharing Project newsletter!

During this new phase of the project, the RSP will be producing a newsletter to keep you up-to-date about national issues as well as the latest happenings at sexual assault coalitions across the country.

For those of you who may be new to this national project, the RSP was created to help coalitions across the country access the resources they need in order to develop and thrive. The project is designed to provide technical assistance, support, and the facilitation of peer-driven resources for all statewide sexual assault coalitions. The RSP recognizes the needs of all coalitions, especially those designated as new or emerging, regarding issues of organizational growth, professional development, and policy development.

The RSP recognizes the unique skills, experience, and areas of expertise of each and every sexual assault coalition. Therefore, the RSP focuses on creating networks of support and information among all coalitions, in order to facilitate the sharing of expertise.

It is our hope that this newsletter will be yet another tool for coalitions to use in order to access information and resources. We are happy to receive your feedback and would welcome your suggestions for newsletter topics. And most importantly, we encourage all coalitions to share their successes and challenges through this new resource. If you have suggestions or submissions, please contact the Washington Coalition at (360) 754-7583 or toby@wcsap.org.



Funding Your Mission

by Polly Poskin

In the world of advocacy, money and missions often collide.

State sexual assault coalitions negotiate to create policies and procedures that help sexual assault survivors; they engage all of their powers of persuasion to attain their goals. But on occasion a coalition's mission may directly conflict with an agency that supports services for sexual assault. A funder – whether a state government agency, a corporation, foundation or private donor – and a coalition will have philosophical differences.

Bridging that difference to retain both your point of view and your funding relationship can be a delicate matter. When you are both an advocate and a grantee or prospective grantee, how do you achieve that balance?

First, build a strong relationship between the coalition and the funder. A strong relationship is built over time through consistent, positive communication among individuals in both organizations. As with other successful collaboration, you need to have contact, discuss ideas, get to know one another in a variety of settings, find ways to make the funder into a partner.

Second, foster your partnership by working together. Serve on a joint committee to plan a specific event, plan and conduct a press conference on an issue of mutual interest, or pursue joint legislative efforts. The coalition can invite the

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funder to its meetings and training events. Meetings held at local sexual assault crisis centers can enable funders to see sexual assault services up close.

Third, always be proactive. Develop standards for services before a funder asks if you have standards. Be certain that the standards both embody and define the philosophy and politics of the anti-sexual assault movement. Ground your written guidelines in feminism and victim-centered services; standards, policy and procedure should directly reference and define these terms. Become the standard-bearer, specialist, expert on sexual violence and all its causes and consequences. Always frame your view in terms of impact on the individual victim. How will a particular policy help or hurt the victim? How will all victims be assisted or harmed by a specific policy or practice? Articulate that clearly and specifically.

Finally, when differences arise, listen to the funder's perspective. Avoid inflammatory or accusatory responses – do not make assumptions about the funder's intent or

agenda. Assume they share your goals of providing the highest quality, victim-centered services possible. Suggest ways for the coalition and the funder to better understand areas of conflict. Invite direct service staff to present information. Invite the funder to cosponsor a forum on the issue. Develop a briefing paper or other clear, succinct written materials on the issue; cite research studies, victim testimony or other substantiation for your perspective.

Always, keep the lines of communication open. Believe and act as if you and the funder are on the same side and want the same outcomes. Initiate communication, particularly when you are concerned about your relationship with the funder. Every contact is an opportunity for clarity and renewed commitment in your collaborative work to end sexual violence. ■●

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Other Grant Opportunities

Ms. Foundation for Women

Safety Program Spring 2001 Grant Guidelines

“The goal of our grantmaking is to change conditions and institutions that perpetuate violence. We seek projects and organizations that arise from community leadership, involve communities at the core of decision making and take direct action in ending violence against women and girls in their communities.”

www.ms.foundation.org/safetyguide-spring2001.pdf

Violence Against Women Office & Other Office of Justice Programs Grant Opportunities

S·T·O·P Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grants Program

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders: Fiscal Year 2001 Application & Program Guidelines

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps

National Sexual Violence Resource Center Listing of Grant Opportunities

The Technology Opportunities Program (TOP)

Frances Hesselbein Community Innovation Fellows Program

Gill Foundation to Support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS Organizations

www.nsvrc.org/grants

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VAWA Update: Preventative Health Block Grants, Forensic Examination Protocols and STOP Grants (including the new funding for coalitions)

On March 14th, RESHAPE talked with Gail Burns-Smith, Chair of the National Alliance of Sexual Assault Coalitions about the Violence Against Women Act funding. The following is taken from notes on that call. Some of this information is subject to change, but it is the most current information available as of the printing date. If you have any questions, please post them to the NASAC email group (see page 7 for more information).

Crime Bill Funding in the Preventative Health & Human Service Block Grant

NASAC had been monitoring implementation problems that developed after the original Violence Against Women Act passed. State Health Departments were not clear that the money was intended for Rape Prevention/Education, Hotlines, etc. Instead, some State Health Departments were using the money internally to improve their infrastructure related to Violence Against Women. Some coalitions were supportive of this, and some were not, because it kept money from the field for primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.

NASAC worked with the CDC to move the administration of the funds from the Chronic Disease Section of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) in the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

- 1) The funding amount that states are getting will stay the same (it is determined using population-based criteria).
- 2) Current recipients will be held harmless, the only change is that the CDC using some funds to cover administrative costs.
- 3) Congress was late in passing the budget to support this (the appropriation was made in late January).
- 4) The CDC said this year will be a transitional year, meaning that the money will be going to the Chronic Disease Section of HHS for this year, but will be monitored by the NCIPC.
- 5) In early summer, the NCIPC will send out a Request for Proposals:

- It will be noncompetitive,
- The only eligible applicants will be current applicants (State Health Departments), and
- Each State Health Department should come up with a plan and submit it to the CDC.

NCIPC has been reorganized. It now has three branches, one of which will oversee Preventative Health Block Grants. There will be Project Manager working with all states on these grants. A researcher will be working in conjunction with the Project Manager. This means that there will be one person with on-going contact with all the states and there will be research assistants available to all states.

There will be a 5% cap on administrative costs. Some states have been talking about passing this 5% administrative cap on to subrecipients (i.e. coalitions). There will also be a cap on surveillance costs. To address this issue and others, the NCIPC will be putting a notice in the federal register that will cover:

- 1) What the money is to be used for,
- 2) Who is eligible for the money,
- 3) Guidelines around administrative costs (including definitions), and
- 4) How states should translate the information to subrecipients.

You can expect these regulations soon. NASAC will make them available on the email group along with recommended responses.

There were some changes in the purpose areas defined for the funding. A mandate that 25% be targeted to junior, middle and high school age students was removed. NASAC agreed to this change because it does not preclude the use of the funds for these populations. Increasing awareness of date rape drugs on campus and increasing rape prevention education with people with disabilities were added as purpose areas. It is important to remember that these are not mandates, just permissible activities.

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Standards, Practice and Training for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations

Title IV, section 14.05 of VAWA 2000 directs the United States Attorney General (John Ashcroft) to:

- 1) Evaluate existing standards of training and practice of licensed health care professionals performing sexual assault forensic examinations, and develop national standards of training.
- 2) Recommend sexual assault forensic examination training for all health care students to improve recognition of injuries suggestive of rape and sexual assault and baseline knowledge or appropriate referrals for victim treatment and evidence collection.
- 3) Review existing national state, tribal and local protocols on sexual assault forensic examinations, and based on that review, develop a recommended national protocol and establish mechanisms for dissemination.

Additionally, the AG should consult with experts including rape crisis centers, coalitions and other providers. The AG has one year in which to report to Congress on this project (this would be approximately by November, but with the new administration coming in, they may request an extension).

This new direction is important for sexual assault victims. The hope is that rather than starting from scratch, the AG will examine the work the Department of Justice has already done. A few years ago, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) put together a protocol from a panel including the American College of Emergency Physicians with a grant from Health & Human Services. Also, last year a national multi-disciplinary group including NASAC developed recommendations for a national protocol. These resources are a good starting place.

This is an opportunity for sexual assault advocates' voices to be heard. NASAC feels that any protocols should include the following:

- Advocates should be contacted,
- Advocates can be present at exams,
- Advocates should be part of a response team, and
- Ongoing services for victims should be addressed.

The biggest challenges to this process will be addressing the following issues:

- Emergency Contraception,
- Treatment for STD's including HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B, and
- The requirement that states pay for sexual assault forensic examinations in order to be eligible for STOP Grant funds. (The Urban Institute Report which was released last year, pointed out that states are failing in this area.) This work provides the opportunity to raise important issues and also to ensure the definition of what is included in an examination (evidence collection, treatment, etc.). NASAC will be looking to the states for guidance on what has worked for them.

STOP Grant Funding, Including the New Coalition Funding

The formula by which STOP Grant funds are split has changed slightly. Law Enforcement and Prosecution hold steady at 25% each, 5% for Courts was added, the percentage specifically for Victim Services increased from 25% to 30%, and the amount for Discretionary grants decreased from 25% to 15%. While an increase in the Victim Services-specific percentage may sound good, the actual amount of money available to DV and SA programs has actually decreased. Previously, DV and SA programs could apply for funds from both the Victim Services and the Discretionary area, for a total of 50% of STOP Grant funds. The changes now reduce that amount to 45%.

There was an attempt made to add a provision to "hold harmless" currently funded programs for two years in order for programs to work with state administrators, but this provision was dropped right before VAWA was reauthorized. NASAC will be closely monitoring the impact on Victim Services, especially specific to sexual assault, and looking at what needs to be done with Congress this year to make sure programs don't get cuts.

All of this comes at a bad time because, out of the total amount of the STOP grants, there are also set-asides that have to come off the top, thereby reducing the money available to state administrators. Additionally, the Urban Institute Report that came out last year on the STOP Grants pointed to sexual assault being underfunded, and now there is even less money available.

The good news is of course the new funding for SA and DV coalitions. Securing the new funding was a multi-organizational effort that included NASAC, the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Organization for Women.

The need for the funding arose with the advent of STOP, as coalitions are being asked to collaborate to a much greater extent than in the past. However, there was no money to support the increased levels of collaboration. Dual DV/SA coalitions especially were being pulled in many directions to have a presence on both DV and SA task forces, committees and work groups.

The funding is a percentage of the entire amount of the STOP Grant funding- 2.5% for sexual assault coalitions and 2.5% for domestic violence coalitions. Dual DV/SA coalitions would receive a total of 5%. The money will be split 54 ways to include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Combined Territories and for the development and operation nonprofit DV/SA tribal coalitions in Indian Country.

The three priorities for funding that NASAC recommended to the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) are:

- 1) **Collaboration with local, state and federal agencies,**
- 2) **Enhancing underserved participation in coalition activities, and**
- 3) **Assisting coalitions in providing T.A. to local centers in the implementation of VAWA.**

Additionally, the NASAC email group generated the following recommendations, which NASAC passed on to VAWO:

- 4) **Core operational expenditures for building strong infrastructure (this allows emerging coalitions to strengthen their efforts), and to**
- 5) **Provide training to local centers around VAWA.**

NASAC has participated in conference calls with State STOP Grant Administrators to go over the provisions, specifying that this new money does not preclude coalitions from receiving other STOP money and that a de-

crease in other STOP funds because of the new coalition money is not supported.

NASAC has been told that VAWO is in the process of getting the Requests for Proposals out, and that the funds should be available in late Spring or early Summer. The grants will be noncompetitive, and coalitions will respond directly to VAWO, not to their state administrators.

It is important that states now focus on how they will spend the money by talking with boards and local programs about what their needs are and to assess how they are able to coordinate and collaborate on state and federal levels. Some suggested ways to use the funding:

- 1) **Enhance staffing,**
- 2) **Build travel money for national meetings into the budget, and**
- 3) **Hire a training and/or technical assistance coordinator to enhance services to local programs.**
- 4) **In the area of underserved populations-**
 - Hire a consultant to look at who is underserved in the state and develop a plan to address that funding.
 - Hire staff to coordinate outreach with local centers to underserved populations.
 - Enhance staff salaries, given that skills for working with underserved populations (for example, bilingual skills) can drive up the market salary range.
- 5) **Developing a staffed office that can begin to support local programs (especially important for start-up coalitions).**

Gail Burns-Smith is the Chair of the National Alliance of Sexual Assault Coalitions.

NSVRC: Accomplished, Capable, & Ready for More Resources

By Susan Lewis

The task facing the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) when it opened in July 2000 was daunting; its charge was to become a national clearinghouse for the accumulated resources of the anti-sexual violence movement, and to provide assistance to the support system serving sexual assault survivors. Thanks to the hard work and passion of staff, and the insight of its mother organization, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, the NSVRC has accomplished much in its short existence.

The premise of sharing resources and information through a center is a simple one, but actually building an organization capable of efficiently handling the complexities of being an information hub is more complicated. Among the many requirements are: a knowledgeable staff, state-of-the-art technology, and a valuable store of resources. Although the NSVRC has made great strides in all these areas, the staff understands that these tasks are always ongoing.

In its first year, the NSVRC focused on implementing a technological infrastructure that would be both adaptive and capable of maneuvering through vast and diverse types of resources. As a result, we installed library software: *Q Series* by EOS International. It facilitates easy access, cross-referencing, and will

permit eventual on-line searches through the Internet. In the near future we intend to develop an on-line catalogue.

Storing and accessing resources is only part of the task. Obtaining resources has been an important priority. In an attempt to learn about and collect resources, we sent out a Capabilities and Needs Survey to all state coalitions. While over half of them have responded to date, their submission of resources has been somewhat uneven. Currently, the NSVRC library has catalogued over 700 resources, representing more government documents than movement resources. Therefore, the NSVRC urges all state and local organizations throughout the nation to let us know about your resources, or submit them to us for inclusion in our library. Our address is: NSVRC, 123 N. Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025.

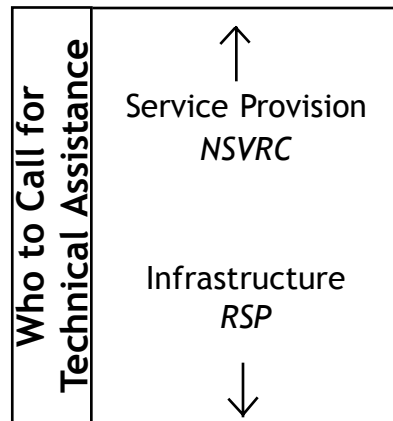
By sharing information and resources, we help each other in our common struggle to end sexual violence and to support survivors. Remember, we are here for you; so if you need help in finding some information or in looking for a particular resource, call us toll free: 877-739-3895. ■▲

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Resource Sharing Project- UPDATE

This current phase of the Resource Sharing project will continue through December 2001. The five project partners (Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, New York and Washington) will be continuing individualized technical assistance, as offered in previous years. Additionally, the Resource Sharing Project will offer:

- One Regional Meeting per region (see event calendar for dates/regions)
- Special Issue Meetings- open to all state coalitions, to be held in DC in Fall 2001
- Regional Conference Calls



- Nationwide Conference Calls
- A compilation of promising practices to be distributed at the end of this phase of the project (December 2001)
- RSP Website- will include back issues of the newsletter, bulletin boards, and pages devoted to capacity building topics
- Regional and National RSP List Servs

Additionally, this newsletter will include articles on infrastructure/capacity building, coalition highlights, event calendars, job listings, updates from national resources/organizations, and some other pieces. ■▲

Isn't Communication a Beautiful Thing? Using Email Groups

by Christie Munson

NASACpublicpolicy e-mail group

Last November, I volunteered to organize an e-mail group for the National Association of Sexual Assault Coalitions. This has been an exciting project. The group has provided the first broad, instant, interactive medium for communication among all our coalitions. I have found the discussions energizing. It's great to hear from so many parts of the country. It's called the NASACpublicpolicy group, because the mission is to provide a space for coalitions to discuss federal and local policy issues that affect us all. However, since right now this group is the only internet-based vehicle for communication all coalitions have in common, we have been using the group for all kinds of posts.

E-mail groups, NASAC and the Resource Sharing Project

The Resource Sharing Project has made a commitment to facilitate more interactive, electronic communication among sexual assault coalitions. If there is interest, we are ready to set up additional e-mail groups. We have thought of organizing groups around different areas that coalitions are involved in: training and education, outreach, SART/SANE, diversity, funding development, administration. We also thought we might set up a large group for all SA coalition staff that would be open to all topics, thus freeing the NASAC group to just discuss public policy.

Would you like to see additional e-mail groups for sexual assault coalitions? If so, what kind? Should we create another large group list? E-mail your ideas about groups to **Carla Ferrucci** at the Minnesota Coalition (siciliana13@hotmail.com).

We also have a plan for a web site to complement this newsletter and the e-mail groups (See the article about the RSP web site). Contact me if you have ideas about the website or would like to help provide content (cmunson@zeus.ia.net).

Are you on-line with NASAC?

If you are not, and you'd like to be, just send me an e-mail (cmunson@zeus.ia.net). We tried to get everyone we could when we started the group, but e-mails change, or we may

have had a bad address. So if we have lost you or missed you, please let me know.

The NASAC public policy group is private, open only to sexual assault coalition staff and board members. If you fit that description and are not on the list, please consider joining. We want to have everyone's voice in the group.

You can also join by sending a blank email to:

NASACpublicpolicy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Then, if it's not obvious from your e-mail address what coalition you are connected to, I will write and ask you, then I will subscribe you. If it is obvious where you are from (i.e., iowacasa.org) I'll just subscribe you.

When you join you may want to post a hello introducing yourself to the group.

Managing the messages

Okay, some days it can be overwhelming. Communication is like that. Here's how you can help keep the flow swift and smooth:

Remember that your reply goes to the whole group. If you just want to reply to the writer, or say a private "way to go, girl!", you might want to cut and past the address of the writer of the message you are replying to into a new message. When you hit the reply button to answer the message, everyone gets it.

Change the subject when you change the subject. If you are opening a new thread in the conversation, please write something about the new topic in the subject line. This helps everyone else sort their messages and manage their reading time more effectively.

The length of your message can clog up someone else's e-mail. Write as much as you want on the group, however, when you send your message, you may want to scroll down and see how many other messages are attached to the bottom of yours. We are all in a hurry, and prone to just write and hit the reply button. Take a second to look and see if you need to send all of the previous discussion back to the group. It may be easier to say at the beginning of your message "In reference to Jane in the State of WhereEver who said: 'Quote the relevant point from her message', I

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say blah, blah, blah, too.” Then you can erase all the fourteen old messages that are below your message-everyone already got them! Sometimes, however, you may want to leave some of the messages in full below yours to give context to what you are saying.

Be careful when forwarding from other sources. If you forward a forward of a forward of a forward, you may want to delete all that junk at the top so the rest of us don't have to scroll through it. It also preserves the privacy (What privacy? This is the internet!) of the previous forwarders.

Here are some ways I manage all the messages when I open up my mail:

I transfer the messages to a separate NASAC folder. (I use Eudora, so I must confess I don't know exactly how this works in Outlook, but there must be a way to do it.) When you open your mail, skim the subject headings to open the ones you might need to read right away (Come on, we all do this anyway, don't we? That's why relevant subject headings are important) and transfer the rest to a folder, where you can read them later.

After I have read them, I discard any messages I don't want to keep handy. They are archived at the group's webpage <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NASACpublicpolicy>, so you can always go there to refresh your recollection.

I pick a time of day to read my messages when I am not all that productive anyway. This used to work well for me, but now so much of my work is via e-mail I have to check it frequently! I do skim things and label the longer posts to come back to when I am having creative downtime. I think that each of us has to find our own

balance with it. I'd be interested to hear what others think.

Accessing the NASACpublicpolicy group web page

Have you been to YahooGroups.com? The NASAC public policy group is hosted by YahooGroups (formerly e-groups) a free e-mail group service. If you go there and sign in, you will be assigned a private page with a list of all the groups you belong to on it. You can also put information in your member profile, if you want to (be sure to note if you want that information kept within the group). Yahoo groups will give you a user id and password that you have to remember (or write down somewhere). You can add your personal “my groups” page to your favorites or bookmarks on your web browser and go to the group archives fairly easily when you need to.

Having trouble with the NASACpublicpolicy group or your e-mail?

Please e-mail me directly (cmunson@zeus.ia.net) if you stop getting the messages, and I will look into what happened. There are messages pretty much every day, so if you go for a while without hearing from the group, something has probably gone wrong. Feel free to call me (319-338-9319) about it if you need to!

If your e-mail changes, please let me know. You can also change it yourself through the group's web page. ■▲

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Web Links



Violence Against Women Office

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo



Centers for Disease Control & Prevention- National Center for Injury Prevention & Control

www.cdc.gov/ncipc



Yahoo Email Groups Page

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/NASACpublicpolicy



The National Sexual Violence Resource Center

www.nsvrc.org



Ms. Foundation

www.ms.foundation.org


State Coalition Websites

Alabama	www.acar.org	Tennessee	www.tcadv.citysearch.com
Alaska	www.andvsa.org	Texas	www.taasa.org
Arizona	www.azsan.org	Vermont	www.vnadvsa.together.com
California	www.calcasa.org	Virginia	www.vaasa.org
Colorado	www.ccasa.org	Washington	www.wcsap.org
Connecticut	www.connsacs.org	West Virginia	www.fris.org
Delaware	www.contactdelaware.org	Wisconsin	www.wcasa.org
DC	www.dcrcc.org	Wyoming	www.geocities.com/wcadvsa
Florida	www.fcasv.org		
Georgia	www.gnesa.org		
Idaho	www.idvsa.org		
Indiana	www.incasa.org		
Iowa	showcase.netins.net/web/i_weaver/iowacasa		
Kentucky	www.kasap.org		
Louisiana	www.lafasa.org		
Maryland	www.mcasa.org		
Massachusetts	www.besafe.org		
Michigan	www.mcadsv.org		
Minnesota	www.mncasa.org		
Mississippi	www.watervalley.net/users/rcs/rcsmcasa		
Missouri	www.mocasa.missouri.org		
Nebraska	www.ndvsac.org		
Nevada	www.ncasv.org		
New Hampshire	www.mv.com/ipusers/nhcadsv		
New Jersey	www.njcasa.org		
New Mexico	www.swcp.com/nmcsaas		
New York	www.global2000.net/nyscasa		
North Carolina	www.nccasa.org		
Oklahoma	www.ocadvsa.org		
Oregon	www.ocadv.com		
Pennsylvania	www.pcar.org		
Rhode Island	www.satrc.org		
St. Croix	www.wcstx.com		
South Carolina	www.sccadvsa.org		
South Dakota	www.southdakotacoalition.com		

RSP Web Site Is In the Works by Christie Munson

Yes, the RSP is planning a web site! The mission of the site will be to provide a forum for sexual assault coalitions across the nation to find information, exchange ideas, and discuss issues related to coalition infrastructure and capacity building. The site will consist of:

- **Current newsletter and later, archives**
- **Sections for each region**, featuring promising practices from coalitions within the region
- **Links Section**
- **“Focus on Capacity Building” pages**, sections could include: Diversity, Funding Development, Trends in training and education, Technology Development, Non-Profit Management: Cutting Edge, Planning for the future, SART/SANE Development, Public Policy Strategy Development and Information Sharing

Content for each regional page will be gathered by the regional representatives. We are looking for volunteers to help gather content for the “Focus on Capacity Building” pages and the links section. We are open to more ideas. If you are interested in volunteering to help build a page, or if you have ideas about areas around which we could focus a page, please contact me (cmunson@zeus.ia.net). 

What We Need From You for the Newsletter

Highlights- we will be giving each of you the opportunity to share your successes and your hard work. What have you done that you want other states to know about?

Job Listings

Events for the calendar (conferences, trainings, etc.)

What topics would you like to see covered (for example, hiring, strategic planning, building alliances, developing protocols, etc.)?

What regular columns would you like to see (planning, grantwriting, ED's corner)?

What information would you like to receive in the newsletter (event calendar, new resources, new grants)?

Please send your ideas and listings to Toby Cremer at toby@wcsap.org or (360) 754-7583.

Upcoming Events...

April 4-8, 2001 in Palm Springs, CA

"The Leadership Challenge: Redesigning Law Enforcement" 6th Annual Leadership Development Conference

Contact: National Center for Women & Policing, www.feminist.org/police/conference.asp or (323)651-2532

April 8-14, 2001 in Washington State

"Together We Can Say 'NO' to Sexual Assault" Sexual Assault Awareness into Action Week

Contact: Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, www.wcsap.org, Cynthia Okayama Dopke at cynthia@wcsap.org or (360) 754-7583

April 12th, 2001 in Baltimore, MD

2nd Annual Victim Rights Conference

Contact: Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault www.mcasa.org or (410) 974-4507

April 17, 2001 Boston, MA

Victim Rights Conference 2001

Contact: Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance at (617) 727-5200

Monday, April 23, 2001

"Iowa Communities Against Rape"

Iowa Statewide Sexual Assault Candlelight Vigil

Contact: Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault, www.showcase.netins.net/web/i_weaver/iowacasa or (515) 244-7424

April 23-25, 2001 in San Diego, CA

National Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Contact: STOP DV, Inc., (858) 679-2913

April 24 & 25 in Rocky Hill, CT

Violence Against Women on Campus Conference

Contact: Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, 860-282-9881

May 7-9, 2001 in Wenatchee, WA

Annual Conference "Advocacy and Activism"

Contact: Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs- www.wcsap.org, Ryan Warner at ryan@wcsap.org or (360) 754-7583

May 17-19 in Detroit Lakes, MN

Annual Women of Color Institute and Service Providers Conference

Contact: Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault www.mncasa.org or Jude Foster at (612) 313-2797

May 25-27, 2001 in San Antonio, TX

First National Sexual Assault Response Team Training Conference

Contact: Sexual Assault Resource Service, www.sane-sart.com, Linda LeDray at linda@sane-sart.com, Amy Grau at (612) 347-5832

June 21-22 in Kansas City

Central States RSP Regional Meeting