

DV CCRT - Domestic Violence Community Coordinated Response Team
March 23, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

Updates/Announcements

- a. Women's Work: Past, Present and Future – April 5th at 4pm at GVSU's DeVos Center Regency Room Sponsored by the GVSU Women's Center
- b. Domestic Violence Orientation workshops sponsored by Safe Haven Ministries. May 16 and July 18 from 6-9pm at 3501 Lake Eastbrook Blvd – call 452-6664 for questions and to register.
- c. Midwest Conference on the Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse Best Practices training – May 3 & 4, 2006 – contact 336-5160 or go to www.cac-kent.org
- d. St. Joseph (the worker) Church/Convent, 331 Rumsey St SW. Support groups for Latino Women are held every Monday from 7-8:30. There is a once a month breakfast where different issues are discussed from 9 AM – 1 PM. Referrals should be made through the Hispanic Center, Tx. 742-0223.
- e. Annita List, MSW, ACSW of Diversity Counseling & her MSW student Angie Vargas Avendano, speak once a month (Tuesdays) on *La Maquina, local 1410 AM radio station from 10 – 11 AM*. She specifically addresses domestic violence in our community. Annita is on the Board of BISC-MI and is most recently involved in Standards for DV Programs, as well as other tasks. She welcomes any comments or suggestions. She can be contacted at 451-1965.
- f. April 18th @ 7 PM – “Searching for Angela Shelton” a documentary will be at the Wealthy Street Theatre. Becky Yonker of the Children's Assessment Center and Tom Cottrell of the YWCA will speak and the CCRT will have a table for resources if your agency wishes to participate. Contact Rosalynn Bliss for further information.
- g. March 30th @ 6 PM – Rosa Parks Circle – Candlelight Vigil to End Child Abuse and Neglect – Kickoff to April Child Abuse Prevention Month
- h. April 13th at 11:30am – Child Abuse and Neglect: an overview of its impact on children workshop at St. Mary's Hospital. Rosalynn Bliss will be presenting a 90 minute workshop on child maltreatment. Call 454-4673 to RSVP – there is no cost to attend.
- i. April 20th at 11:30am – The Importance of Child Abuse Prevention professional workshop at St. Mary's Hospital. Pat Crum will be presenting a 90 minute workshop on what child abuse prevention means and what makes it effective. Call 454-4673 to RSVP – there is no cost to attend.
- j. HR4437 – there will be a march downtown on Monday, March 27th to protest against HR 4437 – which is extremely harsh and punitive legislation.
- k. Congratulations Randy Flood on the publication of your book “Stop Hurting the Woman You Love”!!!

Media Sub-committee:

- a. Sub-committee has met a couple of times now. They are presently brainstorming ideas and examining information from other communities. They will be working on creating a timeline with their ideas that they will present to the larger CCRT at future meetings.

CCRT Feedback:

- a. Tammie from the Michigan Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence will be present at our April meeting to discuss results of the study as well as how we can work more closely with MCADSV and resources that are available at the state level

Work Session Discussions:

- a. Healing Path Revisions:
 - a. Group discussed proposed changes to the Healing Path:
 - i. What numbers to include on the back cover? Group decided to include only crisis numbers (YWCA and Safe Haven #'s)
 - ii. Use of Cycle of Violence – should we include the cycle in the HP or not? Group discussed the pros and cons of the cycle. Most of the individuals present continue to use the cycle within their work. Group decided to keep using the cycle of violence image in the HP. Discussion continued about the use of the word “honeymoon”. Some discussion about using another term such as “period of calm”. This dialogue will continue within the sub-committee. Facilitator Jen Marcum will pull together a sub-committee meeting to discuss final changes. Once final changes are approved by CCRT members, HP will be sent to the printer.
- B. Public awareness campaign:
 - a. This group met and began reviewing PA materials from other communities. Some discussion about focus being on fathers and young boys. Group will continue to meet within a sub-committee to develop ideas and present a timeline.
- b. Domestic violence awareness month activities:
 - a. Group discussed the cons of holding activities in October (coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness and is the month before an election) – discussed possibly combining SA and DV and focusing on one month of activities revolving around violence against women. Group decided this is something to consider for next year. This year, we will focus on October.
 - b. Discussed whether we wanted to have a series of events throughout the month or one large event. Group decided that it is preferred to have a series of activities.
 - c. CCRT will not duplicate efforts of DV agencies – for instance, the YWCA sponsors activities focused on victims, SH sponsors a faith breakfast. CCRT will focus their energy and time on a different target population.
 - d. Ideas for activities included:
 - i. Setting up displays at local bookstores and libraries with resources
 - ii. Sponsoring workshops for professionals (medical, teachers, therapists, law enforcement, lawyers, etc.)
 - iii. Bringing in an author/speaker – one suggestion was Jacquelyn Campbell
 - iv. Work with local colleges – particularly women’s studies programs
 - v. Put add in the paper
 - vi. Sponsor a white ribbon campaign
 - vii. Show a documentary or film on DV at Wealthy Street Theater

Next meeting for the DV Awareness Month Sub-committee will be April 20th at 8am at the YWCA

**Next Meeting – April 27, 2006 - noon at the Kent County Courthouse
5th Floor Conference Room**