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For State and Territorial Domestic Violence and Dual Coalitions

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Coalitions,

This spring is seeing the birth of several new developments at NEDV. We welcomed new board members, merged NEDV with the NEDV Fund, and acquired more office space to alleviate our cramped staff. We're gearing up for our best Advocacy Day events next month and planning a spectacular fall gala. We also began to work with the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women in preparation for VAWA's reauthorization.



Also in the past month, I was pleased to speak at the Illinois Coalition's annual conference. Thank you to Vickie Smith for inviting me. I was in Springfield for less than 24 hours, but it was more than enough time to witness the dedication of the advocates working in Illinois and hear about the exciting work that the coalition and its member programs are doing.

I was honored to participate in a press conference with U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Jack Reed (D-RI), and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) in support of proposed gun control legislation. The bill would close the legal loophole that allows violent offenders to purchase firearms at gun shows. In our line of work, it's all too common to see guns in the hands of abusers due to legal loopholes. I urge everyone to support this life-saving legislation, and NEDV will keep you posted about any action required as this bill moves through Congress.

I was also excited to attend the 15th Anniversary of VAWA celebration, where Vice President Joe Biden spoke about the importance of ending violence against women. He is always so passionate when he speaks about the work domestic violence advocates do and how it saves lives. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful ally in the White House!

Just last week, I participated in a momentous event – the first Network of Shelters meeting in Canada. Cindy Southworth, Cynthia Fraser and I met with violence against women leaders from all over the world to form the first global network of VAW programs. We hope to decide upon a board and membership structure, voting rights and other organizational issues in time for the WAVE Conference in September. We are also planning to do a one-day census of services on a global scale.

There is so much going on right now, and it's exciting to be a part of it. Stay tuned in the coming months for more updates on FVPSA reauthorization, VAWA Fix-It and the ongoing improvements at NEDV!

Until next month,

Sue Else

HEARD on the HILL

TRALONNE SHORTER
Public Policy Director



Gearing Up for VAWA 4

NEDV is playing an integral role in the campaign to reauthorize VAWA, as a member of the National VAWA 4 Steering Committee. NEDV was instrumental in orchestrating two national conference calls in early May for organizations interested in being involved with the next VAWA reauthorization, as VAWA expires in 2010. Through our efforts, we secured Terrell McSweeney, Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President to be a featured speaker on the call. Ms. McSweeney expressed how important VAWA is to the Administration and that Vice President Biden will be actively involved in driving Congressional support. To learn more about the national campaign to reauthorize VAWA, to listen to the conference call, and to sign up for a committee, please go to www.vawataskforce.org. Stay tuned for updates.

Advocacy Day is Around the Corner

Come and experience all the fun and excitement of NEDV's Annual Advocacy Conference on June 9th and 10th! This year's conference will include a legislative briefing, training on advocacy and communication strategies, featured speakers from Congressional champions and key federal agencies, as well as Hill visits. Please note that as an administrative courtesy to all Advocacy Conference registrants, NEDV will be scheduling your Congressional meeting appointments. Please let Michelle Pender (mpender@nnedv.org) know if you have special requests or wish to opt out.

Thank you so much to everyone who has registered for the Advocacy Conference so far. General registration is: \$300 per person and Group Discount registration for 3 or more is: \$250 per person. To register for the Advocacy Conference please go to: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aVB0Wex_2fH41cssNMB5hhOA_3d_3d

NNEDV Coalition Update Publication

Purpose: To update and inform state domestic violence and dual coalition leaders on NNEDV policy and programmatic information, as well as related national, state and local information of interest.

To include information from your state coalition in future publications, please contact Mao Yang at my@nnedv.org.

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Employment Opportunities

There are no job opportunities at NNEDV at this time. Please check on our website for the latest postings.



NNEDV Program Notes

NNEDV WELCOMES NEW STAFF, OFFICE SPACE

NNEDV's economic justice team searched far and wide to fill a staff vacancy. We're pleased to announce that Sandra Pedroarias has accepted the Economic Justice Specialist position. For many months, our office has been bursting at the seams, so we are expanding onto our building's fifth floor. So when you're in D.C., please visit both the fourth and fifth floors.



NNEDV ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

NNEDV is pleased to announce that Michael Driver and Karen Rogers have joined its Board of Directors.

Michael is a Partner at Patton Boggs, LLP, practicing in the areas of Energy and Natural Resources, International Practice, and Public Policy and Lobbying. He has carved out a unique practice as strategic counsel engaged in finding revenue-creating opportunities for his clients. Following the 2008 Presidential Election, Michael was actively involved in helping NNEDV strategize for the Administration Transition and develop recommendations for working with the Obama-Biden Administration.



Karen Rogers has championed domestic violence prevention since 2000, serving on the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas and on the Advisory Council for Faith and Liberty's Place, a supervised visitation facility for parents and their children affected by domestic violence. In 2005, Karen joined the Board of Directors of the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, of which she is the Vice President. Karen is the granddaughter of Mary Kay Ash.

NNEDV ALSO WELCOMES FIVE COALITION DIRECTORS TO ITS BOARD.

NNEDV Board Chair Tiffany Carr is a Florida native and serves as the President and CEO of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV), the statewide professional association representing Florida's 42 certified domestic violence centers. A 13-year veteran of the organization, Carr spent much of her early tenure with FCADV organizing initiatives in Florida's rural communities and training nationally on the barriers to providing services to rural victims of domestic violence and their children. Carr serves as the primary individual responsible for advocating to the legislature for the passage of critical public policy initiatives and securing additional funding for Florida's centers. In 2005, Carr was appointed by President Bush to the National Advisory Committee on Violence Against Women and most recently served as a key leader on Governor Charlie Crist's Transition Team. Carr served as the group leader overseeing the transition of six of Florida's state agencies that were responsible for public safety related issues. In 2005, Carr was honored with The Governor's Peace at Home Award, presented by Governor Jeb Bush for outstanding statewide leadership and advocacy. Additionally, Carr has been awarded a multitude of both state and national awards for her extensive advocacy fighting violence against women.

NNEDV Program Notes (cont.)

Sandy Barnett has been involved in the sexual and domestic violence movements in Kansas for 30 years. She has served in her current role as the executive director of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence since 1997. Barnett's primary focus is on supporting community-based advocacy programs, and public policy work at the legislative and administrative levels, providing leadership to 30 member programs and a staff of 28, and helping to create a climate in Kansas where addressing and preventing sexual and domestic violence are priorities for communities, state agencies, and policy makers. Barnett was appointed by Kansas Governor Sebelius to serve on the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board and the Sex Offender Policy Board. She also serves on the Allocations and Grant Oversight committee for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Prior to her career at KCSADV, Barnett served as the executive director of the Crisis Center Inc. in Manhattan, Kansas.

Patti Seger has led the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV) as Executive Director since 2005. Her 25 years of domestic violence victim advocacy experience includes 6 years as the WCADV Policy Coordinator, 6 years as Director of Dane County District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit, and 7 years as the Systems Advocate at Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (formerly Dane County Advocates for Battered Women). She currently serves on the NNEDV Policy Committee, serves as Wisconsin Governor Doyle's appointee to the WI Law Enforcement Standards Board, has served as the Attorney General's appointee to the Wisconsin Sentencing Commission, serves on the WI VAWA Advisory Board, and is the chair of the WI Department of Corrections Crime Victim Advisory Committee.

Kathy England Walsh is the Executive Director of the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. With more than twenty years of experience in crisis intervention, program development and public policy advocacy, Walsh provides training and technical assistance to communities and works on public policy issues of concern to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Walsh co-authored the *Domestic Violence Interdiction Law Enforcement Curriculum* and the *Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Curriculum* being used by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. She also co-authored the *Tennessee Model Law Enforcement Policy* and *State Standards for Domestic Violence Programs*. Walsh is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2008 "E" Award from the Tennessee Economic Council on Women and the 2003 Award for Outstanding Advocacy and Community Work in Ending Sexual Violence presented by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Jessica F. Vasquez serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV). As CEO, Vasquez serves as the leadership of a statewide membership organization comprised of over 130 domestic violence programs, shelters and allies. Prior to her appointment at the NYSCADV, she was a nonprofit management consultant. She was a recipient of the prestigious Soros Fellowship and worked in the family law units of Sanctuary for Families and New York Legal Assistance Group. She also worked with the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence. As an active member of the domestic violence movement, Vasquez serves on the board of the National Network to End Domestic Violence. She also serves on various appointed New York State Advisory Boards and Task Forces on domestic violence and crime victims.



HMIS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: AGGREGATE DATA REPORTING

Great news! HUD has confirmed that the HMIS reporting requirements for DV programs applying for the new Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program Funding will remain that the same as the current aggregate reporting requirement (as of January 2006).



"Domestic violence providers must collect client-level data in a comparable database and report aggregate data to the grantee. (Organizations with primary mission to serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking)"

Slide 47 posted at <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/2009-04-08slides.pdf>

NNEDV: CLOSE GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE

On April 21, NNEDV joined Sens. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Jack Reed (D-RI) in urging lawmakers to close the legal loophole that allows domestic abusers and other violent offenders to purchase firearms at gun shows. This loophole allows people to purchase guns from unlicensed gun show dealers without going through any background check.



A gun is the most common weapon used in domestic violence cases, and passing common-sense legislation would help save thousands of lives.

"Domestic abusers should not have access to guns," said Sue Else, NNEDV president. "Many batterers exploit the gun show loophole, and the consequences are life-threatening and fatal. Arming people who brutally beat their spouses or partners is a recipe for disaster."

According to a 2003 study, access to firearms increases the risk of intimate partner homicide by more than five times. A 2004 study found that more than three times as many women are murdered by guns used by their husbands or intimate partners than are murdered by strangers' guns, knives, or other weapons combined.

One of NNEDV's six federal legislative priorities is to push for the extension of criminal background checks to gun shows, thereby closing the loophole and reducing gun violence.

"Senator Lautenberg's legislation makes sense," Else said. "The bill would save lives and increase safety for domestic violence victims and their children."

RIVERS SPEAKS AT PRESTIGIOUS CITY CLUB

NNEDV spokesperson Victor Rivers appeared at the City Club of Cleveland. You can listen to his presentation here: <http://www.cityclub.org/Media/Audio/CityClubPodcast-090508.mp3>



Did you know that...

...some states are freezing benefits or scaling back cost-of-living adjustments for retired workers as public pension funds suffer market losses? Others are raising the amounts that employers and employees must contribute to traditional defined-benefit plans. Dave Slishinsky, principal, Buck Consultants, which advises states on pension plans, Denver, and Wilshire Associates, Inc., Santa Monica, California

...the new GSA mileage reimbursement rate is \$.55 effective as of January 1, 2009 gsa.gov

NNEDV APPLAUDS SEBELIUS' SWEARING-IN

NNEDV applauded the swearing-in of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. The swearing-in and the U.S. Senate's 65-31 confirmation vote are victories for domestic violence victims and advocates across the country.

"The National Network to End Domestic Violence could not be happier that Secretary Sebelius hit the ground running at the Department of Health and Human Services," said Sue Else, president of NNEDV. "Secretary Sebelius understands how important domestic violence services are and has long been an ally in the movement to end domestic abuse."



For the 2009 fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services invested \$180.4 million in domestic violence programs.

"Key to recovering from economic turmoil is to invest in life-saving services like domestic violence shelters, crisis hotlines, and quality health care coverage," Else said.



SOUTHWORTH DISCUSSES STALKING, TECHNOLOGY

NNEDV's Cindy Southworth was a guest on the Dr. Katherine Albrecht Show on April 29. In the hour-long radio interview, she discussed the use of technology in intimate partner stalking. Listen here: http://podcast.gcnlive.com/podcast/k_albrecht/0429092.mp3

NNEDV RESPONDS TO PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSAL

NNEDV welcomed President Barack Obama's proposed budget and urged Congress to fully fund domestic violence programs.

"During difficult economic times, funding for domestic violence programs is more critical than ever because the economy is exacerbating domestic abuse," said Sue Else, NNEDV president. "The demand for domestic violence services is increasing, and urgent action needs to be taken."



<http://www.nnedv.org/news/national/55-national-news/272-nnedv-responds-to-presidents-budget-proposal.html>

VERIZON VOLUNTEERS COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR DV SHELTERS



More than 1,200 Verizon volunteers across the country took part in the two-week Shower for the Shelter campaign to collect needed clothing, personal items and household supplies to support shelters that serve domestic violence survivors.

They collected and delivered more than \$450,000 worth of supplies. Since the annual drive began in 2007, Verizon volunteers collected more than \$1,050,000 in supplies. Verizon volunteers stepped up to the plate at a critical time. "The demand for shelter services is up, and the donations will serve thousands of domestic violence survivors in need. Especially during difficult economic times, we're grateful that Verizon volunteers remain committed to helping their communities."

http://www.verizonfoundation.org/cybergrants/plsql/vznadmin.vz_www.news_story?x_news_id=2063

Did you know that...

...**three out of four** domestic violence shelters surveyed in the U.S. reported an increase in women seeking assistance from abuse since September 2008, according to a **Mary Kay survey** released this month.

MARY KAY[®]

"Mary Kay's survey confirms what we've been hearing from domestic violence programs across the country," said Sue Else, president of NNEDV. "The economic downturn is exacerbating domestic violence. The demand for domestic violence services is growing, and we must increase support for victims during this difficult time. Now more than ever, we urge corporations and other organizations to follow Mary Kay's lead in the fight to end domestic violence."

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20090512005430&newsLan

Small Business Tips

To maintain company morale during difficult economic times, owners and company leaders should spend extra time and effort communicating with employees. Do what you say you will do—strive for reliability, consistency and predictability. Management at all levels should project calm confidence—be honest and direct, but don't scare people by describing a potential but unlikely calamity. Don't become isolated—seek information and differing viewpoints before making any decisions.,
Dee Soder, PhD, founder, CEO Perspective Group, an advisory firm that coaches top executives, New York City, www.Ceoperspectives.com

Very Useful Websites

Small business success: state-by-state listings of free resources for both start-ups and established businesses.
www.buzgate.org

DEBBY TUCKER

Interview and Highlight

To give you a little background on the creation of NNEDV and to highlight a founding mother, we're featuring an interview with Debby Tucker, who is also the current director of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCDSV).

Tell us about your background and experience in the domestic violence/sexual assault movement.

I started in this work as a volunteer with the first rape crisis center in Texas, the Austin Rape Crisis Center. I later became Assistant Director and worked there for a couple of years, also serving as their rep on the Committee that formed the Austin Center for Battered Women. The Austin CBW was among the first 30 shelters to open in the US. ARCC later merged with the ACBW, which I directed its first five years, to become Safeplace.

Safeplace is a remarkable agency that has always contributed to progress in the movement...including hosting the meeting April 8, 1978 at which we formed the Texas Council on Family Violence. We started TCFV with a collective structure, each of us were called "Coordinators". I was Coordinator of the Treasury and helped to raise the funding that made it possible for us to open a staffed office in January 1982. I became the first ED of TCFV serving there 14 years until 1996 after we got the National Domestic Violence Hotline opened in February 1996. I joined up with Sarah to form Tucker, Buel and Associates in late 1996 and traveled the country offering training and consulting to local and state organizations. TBA became the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence in October, 1998. We just celebrated our ten-year anniversary a few months ago. We are most known for our training, consulting and advocacy.

What was your role in forming DVCOPPS/NNEDV? Where did the need to form NNEDV come from?

Susan Kelly-Dreiss, Anne Menard and a handful of others got DVCOPPs going as a way to have coalition input into the formation of federal agency policy. All of us were also members of NCADV and when they closed their DC public policy office we felt there was a real vacuum in being sure that there was input from the movement to agencies, Congress and the President. We formed NNEDV as a way to bring the coalitions and their member organizations' experiences to the development of policy and process.

I was the founding Chair of NNEDV and served in that capacity for a couple of years and then became Treasurer. I had great support from Colleen Coble, who continues to serve on the NNEDV Board and Vickie Smith, who later came and worked with us at NCDSV as well. I am proud that we hired one of that small initial group, Donna Edwards as our first ED and am so excited that she is now in Congress. I am very proud of the work we all did in writing the first VAWA and went to DC one week per month for over a year to lobby for its passage. I had some incredibly wonderful experiences in leading and serving NNEDV that are best shared verbally in small groups!

What is the NCDSV and your role there?

NCDSV designs, provides and customizes training and consultation; influences policy and enhances diversity with the goal of ending domestic and sexual violence. My role as ED has permitted me to train in almost every state, Puerto Rico, Canada, and to design and deliver the first training held for every program in Mexico. I have continued to closely consult with the Red Nacional de Mexico, or National Network, as they've grown and evolved in their technical assistance and advocacy. I have also done consulting in Peru, Brazil and love the opportunities to learn from others as we all try to figure out how to prevent and intervene.

I co-chaired the Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence from 2000-2003 which afforded me the equivalent rank of three-star General. While serving on the DTFDV I traveled to many installations and local agencies in the US as well as to Germany, Italy and Japan. We learned from staff inside the military's own social service, criminal justice and helping agencies and also were able in each visit to talk with local community program staff, criminal justice officials and political leaders to obtain a better understanding of everyone's involvement with victims and offenders. It was a tremendous effort, resulting in three very detailed reports with close to 200 recommendations made to the DoD and delivered formally to Congress on the day the war in Iraq began.

Vickie remained very involved in NNEDV's public policy committee and we've always supported the efforts of NNEDV as a member agency and as individuals. We are members of NNEDV and NCADV organizationally and as an individual I am a member of many other organizations that support our efforts. (cont. on next page)



NNEDV Program Notes, continued

NNEDV, NNEDV FUND MERGE

In 1995, the Domestic Violence Coalition on Public Policy DVCOPP incorporated as the National Network to End Domestic Violence, a 501(c)(4) organization, and NNEDV Fund, a 501(c)(3) sister organization.



The 2-organization structure of NNEDV worked because NNEDV served as the federal lobbying force of the coalition against sexual and domestic violence while the Fund served as the coalitions' programmatic technical assistance provider. Our lobbying and programming work were done equally and simultaneously.

According to Nan Stoops, NNEDV Board Chair, "Merger discussions began last year because the existence of two organizations results in duplication of administrative costs, paperwork, tax requirements and other responsibilities for running two separate corporations. Although NNEDV was originally founded as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit to be able to carry on lobbying activities, it is no longer necessary to maintain a separate organization for the purposes of lobbying. As a merged 501(c)(3) nonprofit, NNEDV will maintain its 501(h) election, which allows the organization to spend up to 20% of its budget on lobbying activities. NNEDV currently spends far less than 20% of its budget on activity considered to be lobbying."

As of March 2009, the NNEDV, Inc. merger was finalized. The 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 boards have also merged. For a complete list of our new board, please contact Sue Crouse, the Executive Assistant to the President, at scrouse@nnedv.org.

DEBBY TUCKER INTERVIEW (CONT.)

What are some examples of coalitions utilizing the technical assistance that you offer?

Coalitions have used our TA in formal and informal ways. We've taken many a phone call just to help someone kvetch through feelings and issues being debated within and without their organization. We've organized training for Coalition Boards, helped to develop strategic plans, consulted on internal policy development and problem-solving. We've consulted on public policy concerns and advocacy with systems as well.

How can coalitions contact you in the future?

We are reachable at (512) 407-9020, voice and fax, as well as by email at dtucker@ncdsv.org. Our website is www.ncdsv.org.

BEWARE

Spam that copies real news headlines is being used to lure computer users to phony Web sites that infect visitor's computers with viruses. Spam messages contain a logo taken from a legitimate site, such as CNN.com, and include a copy of a real headline from the site. Clicking on the message for more information takes the user to a phony site that downloads viruses. Self-defense: Delete unrequested messages without opening them. If a message comes with a headline that seems interesting, visit the news site directly, not by clicking anywhere in the message.

Spam Data Mine, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Emerging Technical Assistance

Plural Families/Polygamy and Domestic Violence

Senate leader to revive polygamy task force bill

By Thomas Burr

The Salt Lake Tribune

Washington » Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Friday he would reintroduce legislation setting up a federal task force to crack down on polygamy-related crimes and would urge new Attorney General Eric Holder to take action as well.

Reid, a Nevada Democrat and Mormon convert, made a push for his measure last year after the raid of a polygamous community in Texas grabbed national headlines. Now, a year later, the Nevada senator says he still believes the federal government needs to step in.

"These people who are doing this -- many of them are doing things that are immoral, and in many instances illegal," Reid said at a breakfast meeting with reporters. "There's a lot of welfare fraud that goes on, domestic abuse that goes on. ... I think we have an obligation to help these women and children who are being victimized."

Asked whether he would bring back his bill to create a federal task force, Reid said, "I sure am."

The Democratic leader also said he would reach out to Holder -- who was sworn in Friday as the nation's top law-enforcement official -- and ask him to do something about crimes in polygamous communities.

"I just haven't had time but I'm going to speak to the attorney general personally about this," Reid said. "It's something we need to do."

Males and Domestic Violence

NNEDV recently held a Transitional Housing conference entitled *Serving Males and Teen Boys*. Framed in the context of a deeper understanding of DV, the message of the training was that domestic violence is objectifying -- it makes a person into an object, something owned and not allowed to control its own life. The remedy to this is self-determination -- allowing an individual to make her/his own choices and decisions, with all the natural consequences that come with those choices and decisions. The ultimate goal of serving men and teen boys is to determine the best resource, service, or support for each individual (regardless of gender).

Assessment is critical because it is challenging to determine if a male caller/client is a true survivor, or if he is an abuser trying to manipulate the system. However, assessment is also critical because our primary goal is to determine the best resource, service, or support for each individual. Additionally, programs will need to employ strategies that are different for female and male survivors. Some of the ways program staff work to engage female survivors in services will not work as well for males. Our strategies are often gendered, even if we don't recognize them that way. Needless to say, more training and critical conversations are needed on this topic.

Your Travels

Many airlines have dropped fuel surcharges but kept overall ticket prices the same. US carriers have largely eliminated the fuel surcharges that they added to tickets. Fuel surcharges remain on many international routes and on many flights to Hawaii. Best: Shop around before buying any ticket.

Rick Seaney, CEO, FareCompare.com

SAVE THE DATE!

NNEDV Fall Gala

Thursday, September 17, 2009.

NNEDV will host its second Annual Fall Gala in Washington, DC at The Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 p.m. as well as our silent auction for the evening. Dinner and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. This promises to be a lovely event at a gorgeous location and great entertainment. A formal invitation to soon follow.

For those of you needing hotel accommodations, we will have an established room block at our host hotel at \$305 per night and at a nearby hotel starting at \$159 per night.

Additional updates and information will follow.

NNEDV Recent & Upcoming Meetings

[Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking](#)

May 5-7, 2009

Austin, TX

[Midwest Regional Meeting](#)

May 14-15, 2009

Kansas City, MO

[Advocacy Day](#)

June 9-10, 2009

Washington, DC

[Transitional Housing Topical Meeting](#)

(for transitional housing grantees)

June 22-23, 2009

Minneapolis, MN

[Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting](#)

July 30-31, 2009

Detroit, MI

[Safety Net ToTv7](#)

August 10-13, 2009

San Francisco, CA

UPCOMING STATE & NATIONAL MEETINGS

Men and Women as Allies Conference

June 8-10, 2009

Washington, DC (Hyatt Regency)

HHS FVPSA State Coalitions Meeting

July 15-16, 2009

Chicago, IL

NEW NATIONAL CONFERENCE!

American Recovery and Restitution Act Summit for STOP Administrators and State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions

June 24-26, 2009

Chicago, IL