



# NATIONAL CENTER on Domestic and Sexual Violence

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## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**B**id in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prevention Purple Celebrity Auction, April 30 – May 16, 2007, *with all the proceeds benefiting the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.*

Pepperface is partnering with **Crystal Icing** to create customized Pepperface Palm Defenders by celebrities for a rolling auction.

**Carmen Electra, Lindsay Lohan, Denise Richards, Paula Abdul, Hilary Duff, Tori Spelling** (see her design pictured to the right), **Raquel Welch, Shaquille and Shaunie O’Neal, Sarah Chalke, Kimberly Stewart, and Lacey Chabert** personally designed exclusive

Pepperface Palm Defenders. These dazzling one-of-a-kind, palm-sized defense spray models are being auctioned on eBay, the World’s Online Marketplace®.



**Carmen Electra** states, “I think it is so important to raise awareness about sexual violence. All women need to be educated so they feel safe and know how to protect themselves. Pepperface is a perfect tool for doing just that – it makes women feel more in control. I love my Pepperface and think every woman should have one!”

**To see the participating celebrities and their sparkling designs and to enter a bid, visit <http://www.pepperface.com/store/auction.html>.**

The National Center proudly partners with Pepperface.com for the second year. The innovative and stylish defense spray – the Pepperface.com Edition Palm Defender – is designed especially to help women defend themselves. According to Pepperface.com founder, **Mladen Djankovic**, “I don’t want Pepperface.com to be considered just a pepper spray company. It’s bigger than that. I hope this product becomes a positive symbol for violence prevention and helps curb the occurrence of violence. There will never be a cure for violence against women. The only thing we can do is work on awareness and prevention and it is everyone’s responsibility.”

## PEPPERFACE.COM

Together, the National Center and Pepperface.com are creating awareness about self-defense issues, protecting personal safety and the epidemic of sexual and domestic violence in our nation. **Keith Puckett**, Pepperface.com Partner states it well, “The Prevention Purple Campaign allows us to bridge the gap from awareness to risk reduction and prevention, as well as generate funding to further the training and advocacy efforts of the National Center.” *Pepperface.com is donating \$1 from the sale of each Palm Defender to the National Center.*

Additional Palm Defenders, in a variety of colors and custom, pre-designed and limited editions are available at <http://www.pepperface.com/store/products.html>.



**E**stablishing Expertise as an Ethical Expert Witness, a training specifically for attorneys, domestic violence service providers and professionals who are interested in being considered as expert witnesses in court cases involving domestic violence, is scheduled for **August 2-3, 2007** in Austin, TX. The National Center and the **Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA)**, **The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work**, and **The University of Texas at Austin School of Law** are co-sponsoring this training.

We are working with **Karen Kalergis**, IDVSA Associate Director; **Noël Bridget Busch, PhD**, IDVSA and School of Social Work; **Toby Myers, EdD, LCSW, LPC, CGP**, National Center Vice Chair; and **Sarah M. Buel, JD**, National Center *Director Emeritus* and The University of Texas at Austin School of Law.



Presenters have substantial experience as expert witnesses in court cases involving domestic violence. The training will address the issues listed below and include simulations, case studies, and training materials.

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| ⌘ Role of advocates and expert witnesses                                 | ⌘ Rules of evidence and what is discoverable    |
| ⌘ Types of domestic violence cases where expert witnesses are beneficial | ⌘ How to position yourself as an expert witness |
| ⌘ Tips on testifying   | ⌘ Ethical considerations as an expert witness   |
| ⌘ Immigration issues   | ⌘ The court environment                         |
| ⌘ Writing reports for court  | ⌘ Federal laws                                  |
|  | ⌘ Designing agency policies and guidelines      |

CEUs for social workers and CLEs for attorneys will be available. This training satisfies three hours of ethics. Registration is \$225 and is limited to 75 participants. For more information visit [www.ncdsv.org](http://www.ncdsv.org).

**O**ur informational CD, “**How to RECOGNIZE, RESPOND to and provide RESOURCES to END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**,” is now available. “No one deserves to be abused” is a recurring theme throughout the CD, which utilizes FLASH videos. The CD includes materials to download and answers important questions such as:



- ⌘ If you are concerned that someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, what should you do?
- ⌘ If someone shares her painful secret of domestic violence, what should you say?
- ⌘ If you are a victim of domestic violence, where can you turn?

Seven out of ten domestic violence victims tell someone about the abuse they are experiencing. You can be the person who recognizes the signs, responds appropriately and provides resources for help. This CD will help you learn about domestic violence so you’ll feel comfortable talking to someone who might be a victim. It is not intended to make you an expert, but it will provide you with basic information and resources. The CD is funded by the **Avon Foundation** and produced by the National Center. For a free copy, please e-mail [info@avonfoundation.org](mailto:info@avonfoundation.org) with a note in the subject line “CD Inquiry”.



The implementation phase of our *Military/Civilian Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Demonstration Project* with the **Army's Fort Campbell** in KY, **Christian County, KY** and **Montgomery County, TN**, is now underway. We submitted the final report on the mapping phase of the project this winter and anticipate posting it on the National Center website as soon as it is approved. This report describes the current services for victims and the responses to offenders, providing recommendations for changes in policy, practice and identifying opportunities for the civilian and military communities to work together to improve victims safety and offender accountability. Those recommendations form the basis of the work for the 20-month implementation phase through September 2008.

The National Center is providing technical assistance to the project coordinating council and working closely with Local Coordinators, **Louie Sumner**, **Fort Campbell Family Advocacy Program** Director, **Helen Kinton** of **Sanctuary** in Hopkinsville, KY, and **Patricia Mock** of the **Legal Aid Society** in Clarksville, TN, and Project Coordinator, **Sara Shepherd**. The **Battered Women's Justice Project** of Minneapolis, MN, manages this project which is funded by the **Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice** and the **U.S. Department of Defense**.



The National Center appreciates the support and generosity of the national tour of **Girl Parts**, a group of three performers, **Liz Clark** (New York City), **Melineh Kurdian** (Los Angeles) and **Julie Loyd** (Chicago), who are harmony-laden, girl ridden and folk/pop, this winter. Their 13-stop tour benefited the National Center and local battered women's programs (listed below) permitting them to distribute public education materials to a mostly 20's something crowd.

- ♪ Between Friends, Chicago, IL
- ♪ Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization, Columbus, OH
- ♪ Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, Madison, WI
- ♪ The Family Place, Dallas, TX
- ♪ Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Indianapolis, IN
- ♪ Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Houston, TX
- ♪ Latinas Unidas por un Nuevo Amanecer, Des Moines, IA
- ♪ Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Minneapolis, MN
- ♪ Safe Harbor, Sheboygan, WI
- ♪ SafePlace, Austin, TX
- ♪ Sexual Assault Response Center, Memphis, TN
- ♪ Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition, Wichita, KS

I've been on the road a lot this year:

- ✂ training at the **Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Statewide Conference** in January;
- ✂ facilitating the **DELTA State Coalition Executive Director's Forum for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** in February;
- ✂ participating in the **National Domestic Violence Hotline's Decade for Change Summit** in Los Angeles in February;
- ✂ presenting/participating at the **U.S. Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention Symposium** in March;
- ✂ consulting with researchers on sexual violence in the military at the **U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs** in Cedar Rapids, IA in March;



- ✘ presenting at the **Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Alliance** Executive Director's Training in March;
- ✘ presenting at the **Center for Suburban Criminal Justice at Bergen Community College** in New Jersey in April; and
- ✘ presenting at the **Caldwell County Family Violence Protocol Ceremony (TX)** in April.

We're very excited to be working with the **Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence** to develop a CD training for new advocates, based on their basic domestic violence training. This CD will permit self-study by advocates as soon as they begin working, rather than waiting until the training can be offered and will give them access to all the great information collected through the years to make their advocacy more effective and responsive to the needs of victims. **Christina Walsh**, the National Center's Communications Director is working closely with Kansas Coalition staff to transform the content to a new learning platform.

This summer I'll be facilitating at the DELTA State Coalition Executive Director's Forum for the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** meeting in July and attending the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'** meeting for all state domestic violence coalition Executive Directors. We're developing training for the **Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance** and the **Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence** and making plans for consulting and training in Washington State, New Mexico and with Mexico's national network of domestic and sexual violence programs.

We'll also be completing our work with **Andy Klein** and the **Advocates for Human Potential** on the **National Institute of Justice's** evaluation the Faith-Based Initiative of the **Office on Violence Against Women**. This involves in-depth reviews of five representative local programs funded through **Baylor University's FACTS Program**, as well as working with all the professionals involved in the two year evaluation.

Please be in touch when we can be of assistance to you and know that we appreciate your on-going support!

Don't forget to bid in the Prevention Purple Auction <http://www.pepperface.com/store/auction.html!!>

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