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Welcome to the Health Students Addressing Violence Listserve!

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You are now part of a network of many health professional students from around the country who are interested in violence education and prevention. This list is coordinated by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, a non-profit organization committed to addressing violence domestically and internationally (www.endabuse.org).

MAILINGS: Each month the Family Violence Prevention Fund will send out an update highlighting successful student-led projects from around the country (email us if you have one!), sharing potential funding sources for your projects, announcing conferences and speakers, and giving general guidance in response to your emails to us.

DISCUSSIONS FORUM: The biggest plus of this listserve is networking with your fellow students. Write to the list and share your current project ideas. Bounce potential ideas off of your peers-maybe your idea has been implemented successfully by other students and they can advise you! Network with students at other schools in your region and organize joint events. The listserve is what we all make of it.

FVPF AS A RESOURCE: If you would like guidance from the Family Violence Prevention Fund, email the moderator. Questions about funding, finding domestic violence "experts" in your area, obtaining FVPF printed fact sheets and educational resources that you can distribute, etc. can be easily addressed on a case by case basis. You have the resources at your disposal, just ask about them!

OTHER GOALS: October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We would like to help you plan events at your schools and in your communities for Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day on the second Wednesday of October 2005 (see www.endabuse.org/hcadvd). In the coming months we will distribute organizational packets to you and can work closely with several sites on implementing your ideas. Let us know of interest early and stay tuned for later updates!

We are very excited to get this listserve up and running, and hope you are as well.

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