

Want to organize a focused project in the health care community on domestic violence? HCADV Day is a nationally recognized awareness-raising day that takes place on the second Wednesday of October-this year Oct. 12, 2005. Sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, HCADV Day aims to reach members of the healthcare community and educate them about the critical importance of assessing for domestic violence, as well as the long term health implications of domestic violence and lifetime exposure to violence. Our goal this year is to closely work with professional health students on this Day!

Some Ideas to get you rolling: Put up posters on DV in local clinics. Distribute consensus guidelines to primary care providers. Teach a class on screening and mandatory reporting in your region. Hold a survivor panel at your school. Set up an art display from a local DV shelter in your classroom building. Sky's the limit! Organizing packets are free and can be ordered or downloaded.

(See www.endabuse.org/hcadvd)

4. Upcoming Conferences and Speakers

SF-BAY AREA REGION, CA
University of California, San Francisco
2005 Violence Prevention Conference

"Breaking the Cycle of Violence: Screening, Intervention, and Survivorship."
Saturday February 12, 2005, 8 am to 6:30 pm

*Experts from around the country will lecture and lead break-out groups on sexual assault, child abuse, domestic violence, violence in LGBT relationships, teen dating violence, and more. A panel of survivors will share their stories, and the conference will conclude with a art showcase produced by survivors.

*Breakfast, Lunch, and an Evening Snack will be provided

*A Bay Area resource guide, white coat "pocket cards," and other literature will be distributed

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Cost: \$15. Register at: www.tf.org/tf/violence/ucsfconf.shtml
QUESTIONS?: Contact Aruna at arunavenk@gmail.com

Please forward Conference Information to any Interested Parties you know of!

Do you want to advertise an upcoming conference, speaker, or activity?

Email the pertinent information to the moderator.

5. Where do I begin? Some first steps to student organizing.

1. What is your current domestic violence curriculum?
 - a. What is taught? How is it taught?
 - b. Who developed the lesson plan? Collaborate with them on projects!
 - c. IF you think your curriculum is inadequate, brainstorm on how you can change it. Can you secure more class time towards this issue? Can you develop an elective course for students on violence screening and prevention?
2. Forming a Student Group
 - a. Approach pre-existing school-based clubs (pediatric group, women's health group, AMSA, PSR, etc.) to integrate DV activism into their current efforts.
 - b. Create your own INTER-school group if there's sufficient interest. Work collectively with students from all different professional schools-a comprehensive solution to violence is inter-disciplinary.
3. A few activities you can organize
 - a. Brown bag lunch talks
 - b. Survivor Panel
 - c. Visits to a local shelter
 - d. Violence prevention conference
 - e. Interactive session teaching screening and reporting

6. POLL-We request that every listserv member responds! It only takes a few minutes. Please reply to the moderator at arunavenk@gmail.com.

A. What projects have been done at your school? What are you currently working on? We would like to highlight your success stories in an upcoming publication!

B. Do you have a school-based sexual assault or DV policy to share with the list?

C. What do you want to get out of this listserv? If you have any specific requests, let us know.