

Family Violence Prevention Fund's
Health Students & Faculty Against Domestic Violence Listserv

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1. New FVPF Information Folios for Health Care Providers

Three new information portfolios designed for health care providers have been produced by the FVPF. The new General Information, Dental, and Nursing folios serve as useful distribution materials for trainings and conferences attended by health care providers, providing practitioners with a foundation of information on how to address domestic violence in their practice. Each of the six-page folios feature a fact sheet, national resource list, action steps to get involved, a pocket card with assessment tips, and summaries on JCAHO standard PC.3.10, mandatory reporting and privacy issues with corresponding web links for more information. The folios are available for use in student and faculty-led projects. To inquire about the folios contact arunavenk@gmail.com.

The General Information folio is edited by Pat Salber, MD, MBA (former Executive Director of Physicians for a Violence-free Society). To view the folio online or download a copy, visit <http://endabuse.org/programs/healthcare/files/generalfolio.pdf>.

The Dental folio is one of the first specialized tools to enhance dental professionals. This folio was created with editorial support from the American Dental Association (ADA), California Dental Association (CDA) Foundation, Dental Professionals Against Violence (DPAV) and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. To view the folio online or download a copy, visit <http://endabuse.org/programs/healthcare/files/dental.pdf>.

The Nursing folio outlines the nurse's role in routine assessment for intimate partner violence (IPV). This folio was created with editorial support from nursing scholars Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN and Annie Lewis-Connor RNCS, PhD, MPH and in partnership with leading nursing organizations, namely, the Association of Women Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women, International (NNVAWI). To view the folio online or download a copy, visit <http://endabuse.org/programs/healthcare/files/nursing.pdf>.

2. New Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA)

The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) was recently created to advance research and education in the field of violence and abuse as well as the dissemination of this information to physicians and other health professional to improve patient care. AVA plans to address numerous issues such as: improving the integration of violence prevention into core medical curricula, publishing medical textbooks on violence and abuse, and creating a medical journal on issues in violence and abuse. AVA expects to establish a new academic discipline and to promote and develop fellowships in this field.

The AVA also invites donations of any amount. For donations, contact the Academy on Violence and Abuse Project, Ridgeview Foundation, 125 West Main Street, Waconia, MN 55387.

For more information please contact David McCollum, MD at md4peace@earthlink.net.

3. 2005-2006 CDC/SOPHE Fellowships in Injury and Violence Prevention

The Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are currently recruiting for one-year fellowships in unintentional injury and violence prevention. Fellows will work at their own institutions on research or practice-based projects that consider unintentional injury or violence prevention from the perspectives of health education or behavioral science. Compensation includes a \$1500 stipend; fellowship certificate; student membership in SOPHE; complementary registration to SOPHE's annual meeting and presentation space; and recognition by both SOPHE and CDC.

The deadline for applications is July 31, 2005. Questions should be directed to Eleanor Dixon-Terry at SOPHE edixon-terry@sophe.org.

4. Highlight Your Work in Print

Want student-led projects from your school to be showcased in a national publication? It's not too late to contribute! The FVPF is creating a supplemental publication for health professional students, and we would like to highlight a few outstanding projects that students have undertaken. If interested, email arunavenk@gmail.com with the following information: 1) Your name, university, and area of study 2) Title of the student-led project(s) undertaken 3) A short paragraph summarizing your motivation for creating this project, what your project actually was, the impact it has had, and your future plans. A

concise quote from participants and a piece of advice for others undertaken similar projects would be helpful. 4) A few high quality pictures (Digital or Hard Copy Scanned) showcasing the project.

5. One In Seven Female Military Students Assaulted

The first-ever survey of sexual misconduct on three military academy campuses found that one in seven women has been sexually assaulted and one in two has experienced sexual harassment on campus. It also found that few incidents of harassment and just one-third of the assaults were reported. The survey of 4,200 cadets and midshipmen at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, the Naval Academy in Annapolis and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs was conducted in March and April of 2004 for the U.S. Department of Defense. It included 3,200 women and 1,000 men, and covered incidents that occurred from 1999 to the time of the survey. Two hundred sixty-two female students reported 302 sexual assaults, including 94 alleged rapes, in the survey. Most assaults occurred in barracks or dormitories. Just 96 of these incidents were reported to authorities, and most women who did not report the incidents said it was because they were afraid of disclosure, ridicule or ostracism. Male students reported 55 incidents of sexual assault during the same period, with some eleven percent of male students saying they had experienced some kind of sexual harassment at school. In releasing the survey results, the Department of Defense announced new policies designed to make it easier for victims to report assaults. They include allowing victims to receive medical care, counseling and access to victim advocacy without immediately triggering an investigation. The goal is to encourage victims to seek help while assuring their privacy. The new policy will take effect in June. "Although the Department would prefer complete reporting of sexual assaults to activate both victim services and accountability actions, we believe our first priority needs to be for victims to be protected, to have them treated with dignity and respect, and to receive the medical treatment, care and counseling that they deserve," Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu told the New York Times.

6. National Injury Conference

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