

# MEN SPEAK OUT AGAINST VIOLENCE

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**T**his Father's Day, instead of receiving another necktie, men across the country will be giving back to the children in their lives as part of the Family Violence Prevention Fund's (FVPF) Founding Fathers Campaign. Men are standing up and speaking out to say that violence against women and children is wrong, and that they intend to be part of the solution.

While many have historically viewed violence against women and children as a women's issue, the truth is that men do care about abuse and are willing to take action to help. Men typically respond best to messages that are delivered by other men, and the Founding Fathers Campaign gives fathers, coaches, teachers and others a way to get involved and make a difference.

"Men are in a unique position to reach out to other men and boys to say that there are better alternatives to violence," says FVPF President Esta Soler. "Men are critical in finding strategies that work."

The Founding Fathers campaign was inspired by a challenge grant from the Waitt Family Foundation. Lifetime Television for Women is also a project partner.

The FVPF has worked with men in various ways for many years. Most recently, the FVPF launched *Coaching Boys into Men*, a public education campaign that encourages men to talk to boys early and often about violence and the importance of treating women with respect. That campaign, launched in partnership with the Waitt Family Foundation, Berlin, Cameron/Red Cell and The Advertising Council, generated more than \$20 million in media exposure in the first nine months. It also confirmed that men are a vital and untapped resource in stopping violence against women.

"This campaign is a natural extension of *Coaching Boys into Men*," says Lynne Lee, FVPF director of public

education. "It's about men leading a movement that reaches out to boys about violence against women and children; it's about men taking a public stand and leading the way."

Founding Fathers do more than just speak out; each of these men is putting his money where his mouth is. Each Founding Father pledges to donate or raise \$1,000 to support FVPF programs such as the *Coaching Boys into Men* campaign.

On Father's Day, the FVPF will take out a full page ad in the *New York Times* national edition to celebrate the Founding Fathers and their commitment to ending violence against women and children.

The Founding Fathers include such public luminaries as Ted Waitt, founder, chairman and CEO of Gateway Computers; Richard North Patterson, *New York Times* best-selling author; Russell Simmons, founder, president, Def Jam, Phat Farm; Ken Novack, vice chairman of AOL Time Warner; and Lefty Gomez, New York Yankees and Baseball Hall of Famer, among others. But it also includes a broad cross-section of individuals – uncles, brothers, co-workers and neighbors – who care about ending violence against women.

"Men can become Founding Fathers by participating in a variety of ways," says FVPF Development Director Rachael Smith. "Some men are donating smaller amounts over a period of time; some are recruiting anywhere from 10 to 50 of their friends and colleagues to match their own commitment.

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## BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESSES

**P**rogress. It's more than a goal for us. It's an imperative. Because when we find ways to stop violence against women and children, we make our homes and streets safer, strengthen communities and save lives.

We've had good news lately – a strong indication that we're on the right track, and our hard work is paying off. A new study from the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics found that intimate partner violence, like violent crime overall, declined dramatically from 1993 to 2001. While the survey looked only at incidents in which victims identified their abuse as a crime, the trend is downward and that's good news for women, children and our society.

Still, much work lies ahead. More than 588,000 women reported being victims of nonfatal violent crimes committed by intimate partners in 2001. More than 41,000 women reported being victims of rape or sexual assault by an intimate partner that year. The percentage of female murder victims who were killed by their partners is virtually unchanged in recent years, with 1,247 women killed by their intimate partners in this country in 2000. Those statistics are a stark and chilling reminder of how much work we have yet to do.

The new federal study also found that the vast majority of victims of intimate partner violence in the United States are women. We've known that for years, of course, but it's a point often challenged by those who want to deny money for victim services and violence prevention – so it helps to have official studies continue to reaffirm what we know.

Focusing services on the victims who need them most and preserving and expanding funding for prevention programs is a greater challenge than ever. The economy is in recession, Congress seems poised to adopt a large part of the President's tax cut, and states are facing unprecedented budget deficits. These factors have created budget crises for governments at all levels, and lawmakers around the country are being forced to consider cuts to essential health, safety and education programs. We'll have to fight for every dollar that violence against women programs need to continue their work. It would be terribly shortsighted to cut these programs just as they are proving how well they work.

In times of conflict, our work becomes even more important. These are especially difficult days, as our nation increasingly uses force to address conflicts around the world. We're paying attention to the message this sends our children, particularly as we expand our outreach by asking men to teach boys that violence against women and children is always wrong. And we're working to stop the appalling sexual assaults that are occurring at the Air Force Academy, on college campuses and at other institutions. These assaults have gone unchecked for much too long.

Progress is important. It validates our work and the approaches we have chosen. But we cannot and will not get complacent. In the end, we measure progress by children who can grow up in safe and happy homes, women who can live their lives without violence, countries that will not tolerate sex trafficking and forced prostitution, and communities that ensure safety for all their women, children and men. Our work will continue until those goals are a reality. •

# LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE HEALTH CARE SETTING INTRODUCED

U.S. Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) introduced groundbreaking legislation on March 13 to address domestic violence in the health care setting. The bill, known as the Domestic Violence Screening, Treatment and Prevention Act (H.R. 1267) would fund research on domestic violence, train health care providers to screen for and treat victims of domestic violence, and fund health care institutions and domestic violence programs to work collaboratively to address family violence throughout the health care system. The bill would also encourage federal health programs to offer and receive reimbursement for domestic violence services.

This legislation was developed in direct consultation with the FVPF, which houses the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, and, if passed, would be the first major piece of legislation to focus on preventing and intervening early in the cycle of family violence. We strongly encourage all those concerned with stopping violence to support this legislation.

**How to Support the Domestic Violence Screening, Treatment and Prevention Act** Something as simple as a short letter or phone call may help to change a legislator's position on an issue. Tell your congressional representative that you are committed to strengthening the health care response to domestic violence – they will listen.

**How To Contact Congress.** You can contact your representative and Senators via letter, phone, fax or email. You can also visit the Family Violence Prevention Fund's website, at [www.endabuse.org](http://www.endabuse.org), to stay up-to-date on the latest issues and legislation, including H.R. 1267, and find the contact information for your congressional representative. Just click on "Take Action" to sign up to receive e-alerts and use our online system to contact Congress on the issues that matter to you. We have sample letters and phone scripts, and you can also send an email to your Member of Congress directly from our site. •

## ENDING ABUSE IN INDIAN COUNTRY



How can health care providers help stop domestic violence in American Indian and Alaska Native communities? Pilot programs selected as part of the Indian Health Service – *Administration for Children and Families Domestic Violence Pilot Project* will help "Indian/Tribal/Urban" health care facilities find out the answers.

"The incidence of domestic violence in Indian Country is staggering," says FVPF President Esta Soler. A recent report from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics found that Native women are five times more likely to be domestic violence homicide victims than the rest of the population. "This gives health care providers serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities an important opportunity to help victims who visit hospitals and clinics for routine or emergency care."

Often, health care providers are not adequately trained to address domestic violence, and do not offer culturally appropriate resources. The pilot sites will work in collaboration with each other and with experts in community-based health care delivery and domestic violence to develop strategies and materials that will help both health care providers and victims. They will also raise awareness of domestic violence as a public health issue.

Nine sites are taking part in the pilot project, with six receiving full funding and three receiving partial funding. The fully funded sites are:

- Ketchikan Indian Corporation, Ketchikan, Alaska
- Feather River Tribal Health, Inc., Oroville, California
- Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Houlton, Maine
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw Health Center, Choctaw, Mississippi
- Rosebud Indian Health Service, Rosebud, South Dakota
- Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

These sites will undertake a variety of tasks, from creating screening tools to generating awareness campaigns, training staff members and developing case management systems. They will serve as models to other American Indian/Alaska Native hospitals and clinics, and the materials they create will be distributed to facilities across the country.

The three pilot sites receiving partial funding already have domestic violence programs in place, and will serve as mentors to the other pilot sites. The partially-funded sites are: Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Center, Zuni, New Mexico; Warm Springs Indian Health Center, Warm Springs, Oregon; and Crownpoint Health care Facility/Family Harmony Project, Crownpoint, New Mexico.

"There is still a level of acceptance of violence in the home," says Domestic Violence Response Program Coordinator Jane Root-Sylvain, of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Health Clinic in Houlton, Maine. "Because most tribal members are relatives of one of four major families, there's a lot of denial and victim blaming. Poverty is a big barrier in tribal communities, as is alcoholism," she adds. "Certainly substance abuse does not cause domestic violence, but it is much harder for a substance abusing woman to break free. Police often don't respond appropriately if the woman is drunk; other community members don't 'feel' for an alcoholic victim; and shelters often will not take in a substance abuser, so her need for access to her addiction can keep her tied to her abuser."

The pilot is funded by an intra-agency agreement between Indian Health Service and the Administration for Children and Families, and is a project of the FVPF's National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence, in partnership with Indian Health Service; Administration for Children and Families; Sacred Circle, the National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women; and Mending the Sacred Hoop: STOP Violence Against Women Technical Assistance Project. •

# TRAFFICKING IN THE U.S. REACHES EPIDEM AMERICA'S HIDDEN SHAME

The United Nations recently reported that four million people are traded each year against their will to work in servitude around the globe. The Office on Violence Against Women of the Department of Justice calls trafficking “the largest form of modern day slavery.” The United States government estimates that 50,000 women and children are trafficked each year into this country – a figure which may be conservative.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund is addressing this shameful and often secret tragedy with its new project, *Improving Collaborative Response to Trafficked Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*, funded by the Office on Violence Against Women.

The project forges collaborations in Georgia and Washington among a wide cross-section of project partners, including service providers who work with victims of trafficking, community activists, domestic violence and sexual assault programs, as well as immigration and law enforcement agencies on the local, state and national levels. With these partners, the FVPF will develop curricula and tools on trafficking, test the materials through demonstration sites, and conduct training programs on trafficking and its impact on victims. The trainings will include core teachings, as well as modules targeted to each of the professions.

“Through these collaborations,” says FVPF Managing

Director Leni Marin, “we hope to improve the capacity of all of these partners in responding to the complex needs of trafficked women and children.”

“Women who are trafficked face tremendous barriers,” says Marin. “They may be isolated because the trafficker has taken away their passport, or may have physically isolated them. They don’t know the language; they’re not connected to any family or community of support. They don’t know the system here and don’t know their legal rights, and probably aren’t going to trust the police. And there’s a huge age range of victims,” she adds, “including adults but also minors as young as 12 or even younger. They are extremely vulnerable.”

While reaching out to victims is critical, according to Aisha Deshmukh, program director at Tapestri in Atlanta, “Our challenge is not just to reach out to the community, but also to educate the criminal justice system and service providers because most of them don’t even know this problem exists.”

When victims of trafficking do seek help from social services or the criminal justice system, they are often identified as victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, rather than of trafficking. They are referred to shelters or rape crisis centers, which often lack the expertise and training to respond adequately to their needs.

Project partners include the Refugee Women’s Network/Tapestri in Atlanta, the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, the Asian and Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center, the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the National Network to End Violence Against Women. The project will also draw on the expertise of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in training law enforcement on issues of trafficking.

There is much overlap in the work to stop trafficking and the work to end violence against women. Victims of trafficking are often subject to the same kinds of abuse as are battered women: isolation, threats, control, sexual violence and physical battery. “We are fortunate to have learned from our experience in the domestic violence movement and can apply that to the trafficking movement,” says Deshmukh.

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She is looking forward to working in collaboration. “The project will give us a chance to put the national spotlight on Washington efforts and get local folks thinking about how we can work together.”

“This enhances the work we have done at the FVPF on many fronts,” says Marin. “A lot of trafficking victims are coming from different parts of the globe, facing similar issues to the women we’ve been working with in our immigrant women’s programs – so we’re able to build on that work and reach out to more immigrant communities.”

She adds, “I think as we hear more about the plight of trafficked women and children in various parts of the world, it has become a major concern for all of us who are working on ending violence against women.”

While recent attention by law enforcement has brought the issue into the public eye, these efforts often overlook the small-time traffickers who may bring in one victim as a “mail order bride” and others who are not part of large cartels. “Law enforcement tends to focus on the big trafficking rings,” says Marin. “We’re concerned that those women who are preyed upon by individuals will fall through the cracks. Our goal is to help all trafficking victims.”

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# FRONTLINES

## NATIONAL

In a January interview with the magazine *US Weekly*, Grammy-winning singer Christina Aguilera described the abuse that she and her mother experienced at the hands of her father. Aguilera says she still suffers panic attacks as a result of the abuse. She sings about her experiences in the song "OK," which is on her most recent album. She sings, "Bruises fade, father, but the pain remains the same/And I still remember how you kept me so afraid." Aguilera ran the FVPF's "31 Questions" public education banner on her website for several months in 2001.

## CONNECTICUT

*Couldn't Keep It to Myself: Testimonies From Our Imprisoned Sisters*, a collection of stories and essays written by women incarcerated at the York Correctional Institution in Niantic, was published by Regan Books, an imprint of HarperCollins. The stories are the results of a writing workshop for the inmates run by author Wally Lamb. Twenty women who participated in the workshop write about topics ranging from life in prison to childhood sexual molestation to domestic violence.

## NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) announced that more than 50 state rape care advocates and others have volunteered to spend a night in jail as an act of protest and solidarity to defend the privacy rights of a teenage rape victim in Massachusetts. A judge in Massachusetts ruled that the Women's Resource Center must turn over the rape victim's confidential counseling records to the attorney of the alleged rapist. The Center is refusing to comply with the court's request and has been found to be in contempt. It may face a fine of \$500 a day for every day it withholds the records.

## NEW YORK

New York Giants professional football player Tiki Barber has lent his voice to efforts to raise public awareness of domestic violence. In two radio public service announcements, Barber addresses men and makes the distinction between power over one's athletic opponent and the more appropriate sharing of power in a personal relationship. The New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence produced the spots as part of its current "It's No Game!" campaign. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.opdv.state.ny.us](http://www.opdv.state.ny.us) or email [secala@opdv.state.ny.us](mailto:secala@opdv.state.ny.us).

## WISCONSIN

Kenosha resident Paul Seidler was arrested and charged with stalking his former live-in girlfriend, Connie Adams. Seidler stalked Adams using a global positioning system that he placed under the hood of her car. The system, which uses satellite and digital cellular technology to pinpoint a location, enabled him to track her exact movements. Adams told Kenosha police that Seidler "would just show up, no matter where she was," reports the *Washington Times*. Seidler began stalking Adams after she asked him to move out of her apartment.

## SOUTH AFRICA

The government has announced that it will double the number of rape courts in the country by the end of next year. Rape courts were created three years ago to address the growing problem of rape and sexual assault in the country. The courts are dedicated solely to sexual assault crimes, and they have proven to be successful, cutting the waiting time for trials, giving more weight to the rights of victims of assault and giving prosecutors more time to develop cases, according to the *Christian Science Monitor*. Also, judges and prosecutors at rape courts are specially trained to handle sexual assault cases. Twenty-nine rape courts currently exist across the country.

## ROMANIA

Victims' advocate groups recently launched the country's first campaign against domestic violence. The campaign is designed to raise awareness about abuse and features a television spot that stations are running free of charge. The ad shows a man slapping his female companion in the street. She falls to the ground and curls up in a ball as numerous passersby ignore her, step over her and kick her, according to the *Associated Press*. The advertising agency McCann Erickson created the ad.

## A LOOK AHEAD *Save the Dates!*

### New Online Discussion Series

#### Building Partnerships to End Men's Violence

The FVPF invites you to join a growing movement of organizations and individuals seeking to work more closely together to end men's violence. Via email discussions to be held in May – July 2003, you can connect with others who are striving to end violence in the US and around the world. Anyone interested is welcome to join and participation is free.

The 12-week online seminar will promote strategic alliances between programs that work to end male violence and community-based organizations that reach large numbers of men but which don't make violence prevention a top priority, such as trade unions, faith-based organizations and schools. The virtual seminar will also identify and publicize innovative, emerging practices and uncover unmet technical assistance needs.

Four papers will be posted and discussed for two weeks each. Planned topics include:

**May 5 – 16** Building a Big Tent Approach to Working with Men

**May 26 – June 6** Innovation within Batterer Intervention Programs: Community-based Approaches to Enhancing Safety and Accountability

**June 16 – 27** Building Bridges Between Responsible Fatherhood Programs and Programs Working to End Men's Violence

**July 7 – 18** Young Men as Allies in Preventing Violence: Building Effective Partnerships with Schools

This online discussion series is part of the Building Partnerships Initiative to End Men's Violence, a project of the Family Violence Prevention Fund in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Men Can Stop Rape, the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) and The Prevention Institute. This initiative is funded by the Office on Violence Against Women within the US Department of Justice.

To join, please visit [www.endabuse.org](http://www.endabuse.org)

**June 29 – July 2, 2003, San Francisco**

#### Enhancing Justice: The Advanced Judicial Education Workshop

The National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence is pleased to announce an exciting new event, *Advanced Judicial Education: Expanding Knowledge and Practice in Domestic Violence Cases*. Any judge who has attended the *Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases* workshop presented by the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence is eligible to attend. The workshop involves a series of interactive segments that enable judges to explore complex issues and provides excellent networking opportunities and peer-to-peer learning.

The seminar focuses on issues such as custody; protection orders; immigration laws; full faith and credit; federal firearm prohibitions; assessing batterer behavior and programs; and the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child abuse.

The National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence is a partnership between the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

# IN THEIR OWN WORDS

**W**ith this issue, the Family Violence Prevention Fund inaugurates a new feature: *In Their Own Words*. In each newsletter, we will profile a donor who has made a significant contribution to the FVPF, with his or her time, resources or talent. Today, we meet Buz Kanter. By day, Buz is a radiologist at Alta Bates-Summit Medical Center in Oakland, California. He tells us how watching a performance of *The Vagina Monologues* moved him to join the FVPF and its Founding Fathers Campaign.



Buz and his wife, Judi.

**Family Violence Prevention Fund:** How did you get involved with the FVPF?

**Buz Kanter:** I met Esta [Soler, FVPF President] at an event with Eve Ensler after my wife and I had seen *The Vagina Monologues*. I was so moved by the experience of that show. Afterwards, Eve spoke to us about what she was doing to empower women, and I asked her, "What about the men? I haven't heard anything about them, and they are the perpetrators." She said men will only change because of the work of another man. My passion at that time was to tell every man I knew that he should see *The Vagina Monologues*. Esta heard me say that, and encouraged me to come work with the FVPF.

**FVPF:** Why is it important to include men on this issue?

**BK:** That's a complex question. I'll tell you, when I saw the movie *Thelma and Louise*, it moved me to tears. There's a scene at the end, when the women go over a cliff in a convertible, in front of a sea of cops who are chasing them. One man stands at the edge in front of all the others, supporting the women. To me he was the symbol of EveryMan. And I thought, it's going to take hundreds and hundreds of years to lift men up to the place where more men are in front, instead of just that one man. And so it's a feeling that we need education and awareness for men to treat women as equals. The other aspect is that men cause such overwhelming pain and suffering, and their sense of power is so often demonstrated by belittling and harming women. One of the keys to a man coming into his own manhood in a place of shared strength is in coming to terms with women.

**FVPF:** What drew you to the Founding Fathers Campaign?

**BK:** The campaign puts the issue in the forefront of men's consciousness as something that's important to address now – to investigate the causes and come up with solutions. As a physician, I am impressed with the health care

research that the FVPF has done, so there is a foundation of credibility that is scientific and rational, in addition to the passion and emotion that this issue raises. From that base, we're moving to reach men who are recognized as being successful in the world without having resorted to violence. It's extremely important to me that we challenge men not with blame, but with hope. No one is in the position of casting the first stone.

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**FVPF:** Does the campaign achieve that?

**BK:** The campaign gives men hope because it's possible to be a man in the world and express that manhood in a non-violent, creative way that leads not only to economic success but also an inner, spiritual sense of well-being. The campaign is one of education and awareness, and in a very practical way it funds the programs that will develop specific suggestions for how men can create the future. It's a first step towards creating that critical mass.

**FVPF:** How would you describe your experience working on this campaign?

**BK:** What has been very positive for me is how good I feel with the limited input that I've been able to give. Because of the community of people on the team and their expertise, it's becoming a very strong force. It's gratifying to me that I could be a part of that – to feel that one person can make a difference and that something very meaningful can come out of one small effort, joining together with many others such as the Founding Fathers.♦

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and the Family Violence Prevention Fund. Please visit our website at [www.endabuse.org](http://www.endabuse.org) for more information.

**October 8, 2003**

## Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day

Help the health care system identify and prevent domestic violence. Join health care professionals and domestic violence advocates by taking part in the fifth annual Health Cares About Domestic Violence Day on Wednesday, October 8, 2003. A free Organizing Packet will be available in print and online in June, containing national consensus guidelines on how to screen for abuse, simple steps health care providers can take to improve their response to domestic violence, free patient and provider materials, organizing ideas for October 8, and more. To learn more about this event and to get involved, visit [www.endabuse.org/health](http://www.endabuse.org/health), or call the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence toll-free at 1-888-Rx-Abuse.

## The 2004 Health Conference Is Coming

Plan ahead for next year's National Conference on Health Care and Domestic Violence!

The 2004 National Conference on Health Care and Domestic Violence will be held on October 22-23, 2004 and pre-conference courses will take place on October 21, 2004 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA.

The National Conference provides valuable professional education on the latest research and innovative health care prevention and clinical responses to domestic violence for all health care professionals. Please

visit our website periodically at [www.endabuse.org/health](http://www.endabuse.org/health) for the most up-to-date information, calls for abstracts, notes on continuing education credits and other developments on the conference.

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We're also seeing men and women who are choosing to honor an important man in their life by making the donation in their name." Founding Fathers are emerging from across the country and all walks of life. "The most important aspect of this campaign," says Smith, "is to build relationships and honor men who are willing to stand up, be counted and make a statement."

"As a father," says Founding Father Richard North Patterson, "I want every boy to have models who can help him become the kind of man who respects himself by also respecting others. This movement can help make that happen."

Founding Father Ted Waitt agrees: "Today's young boys will be tomorrow's fathers," he says. "We've got to be there for them – to help them find their way to manhood."

Thus far in the campaign, says Soler, "The response has been tremendous. Men across the country are excited. They're saying, 'Finally, there's a way for me to get involved!'"♦

# NEW RESOURCES ROUNDUP

## Health Care Materials Now Available

Several new materials are now available to help health care providers screen for and address abuse. For information or to order any of the materials listed below, please call the FVPF Health Resource Center at: 1-888-RX-ABUSE (TTY: 800-595-4889), visit our website at [www.endabuse.org/health](http://www.endabuse.org/health) or email [health@endabuse.org](mailto:health@endabuse.org).

## New Video Released This Month

The Family Violence Prevention Fund announces the release of *Screen to End Abuse*, our new video for health care professionals.

*Screen to End Abuse* offers providers crucial information and the step-by-step guidance they need to screen, identify and help prevent family violence.

It includes:

- Tips on understanding the critical role all health care providers play in preventing abuse
- Ways to integrate screening in a busy clinical setting
- Four clinical scenarios that demonstrate how to screen, assess and intervene
- Public education materials to help create a safe setting to disclose abuse
- Guidelines on institutionalizing policies and procedures that identify and address abuse

## Guidelines on Responding to Abuse in Health Care Settings

*National Consensus Guidelines on Identifying and Responding to Domestic Violence Victimization in Health Care Settings* is now available. The guidelines assist health care providers in multiple settings and in various disciplines. It includes screening, assessment, documentation, intervention and referral information. These guidelines are the first of their kind to address screening for lifetime exposure as well as current abuse and to make recommendations on how to prepare your practice to screen both women and men for victimization. Developed by the FVPF's National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence in partnership with leading experts from around the country, these guidelines are an invaluable tool for anyone working in a health care setting!

## Responding to Abuse in Child and Adolescent Health

*Identifying and Responding to Domestic Violence: Consensus Recommendations for Child and Adolescent Health* assists health care providers from the pediatric and family physician settings in addressing adult and childhood domestic violence victimization. It includes screening, assessment, documentation, intervention and referrals for abuse in children, and specifically offers recommendations on screening adults for victimization with children present. It was developed by the FVPF's National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence in partnership with the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners.

## Making the Connection: Domestic Violence and Public Health

In order to engage public health leaders on the issue of family violence, the FVPF has developed a new comprehensive curriculum called *Making the Connection: Domestic Violence and Public Health*. The 175-slide PowerPoint presentation includes pull-out sections for specific divisions within departments of health including: Women's Health; Mental Health and Substance Abuse; Family Planning; Sexually Transmitted Infections & HIV; and more. Each of these sections offers the latest relevant research on family violence and implications for each program, recommended clinical and policy strategies for responding, and promising practices, resources and tools from around the country. You can download this important new resource at [www.endabuse.org/health](http://www.endabuse.org/health).

## Making the Business Case for DV Programs in Health Care Settings

How can you make the business case for domestic violence programs in health care settings? New tools created by the FVPF in collaboration with Physicians for a Violence-Free Society can help. *The Business Case for Domestic Violence Programs in Health Care Settings* includes a PowerPoint presentation that explains the value of intervention programs, including health impact, related costs and ways to lower these costs with prevention. It also includes an Excel-based "return-on-investment" tool that allows users to calculate their potential cost savings by implementing programs that respond to abuse, a guidebook that provides national research findings, and various case scenarios.

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