



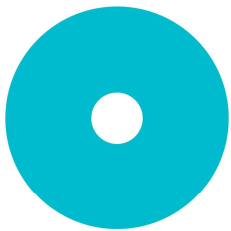
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**National Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2015
Campus Sexual Violence Prevention**

“It’s Time to Act. Safe Campuses. Brighter Futures. Prevent Sexual Violence.”

This is the theme for the April 2015 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign headed by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). While advocates work year round to create positive change and end sexual assault, SAAM provides the forum for a unified focus. The goal of SAAM 2015 is to support campuses in creating a culture of prevention and providing an effective, trauma-informed response.

The issue of sexual violence on college campuses has received recent national attention. In 2013, revisions to the Violence Against Women Act codified federal guidance regarding Title IX and sexual violence and expanded rights afforded to campus survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Soon after, the White House established the Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault to develop a coordinated federal response to sexual violence on campus. These efforts highlighted a disturbing statistic: **1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college.**¹

Everyone has a role in creating safer campuses. Survivors of sexual assault must have access to the services they need and receive timely, belief-based and supportive responses from campus personnel and other community responders. Equally important is a cultural environment in which sexual violence is recognized as a serious crime and perpetrators are held accountable. Prevention efforts are a vital part of creating this environment. Comprehensive prevention includes providing information about bystander intervention, talking with students about healthy relationships and affirmative consent, creating campus-wide resources, developing comprehensive programs and policy, and ensuring that campus faculty, staff, and students are aware of campus policy and resources. Effective prevention efforts must engage partners at every level, including community advocates, campus personnel, students and allies.

NSVRC’s SAAM 2015 campaign provides a toolkit for those wishing to engage their community in creating safer campuses. These resources can be found on the National Sexual Violence Resource Center website at www.nsvrc.org. Now is the time to end sexual violence. Now is the time to act.

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Four Advocates Attend Healthy Masculinity Training Institute in Washington, D.C.!

By Rachel West, Prevention Coordinator

Last September, the Coalition invited Men Can Stop Rape to present at the Coalition's third quarterly Prevention Summit and provide information on engaging men in primary prevention. The material was engaging, the audience was excited, and overall the day was dynamic. It was obvious that advocates and other key stakeholders across the state were eager for more information on how to engage boys and men in preventing sexual and domestic violence.

In January, the Coalition sent four advocates to Washington, D.C. to receive more intensive, in-depth training on engaging boys and men at Men Can Stop Rape's Healthy Masculinity Training Institute. Participants learned a framework to positively construct masculinity and to motivate men's engagement in challenging the attitudes and behaviors that support violence against girls and women. The three days involved discussion about theory, interactive group exercises, role-playing, and multi-media presentations. Each participant received a copy of the Healthy Masculinity Training Institute curriculum to take back and use in their own communities.

Morgan, Robin, Abbie, and Madeline did more than bring back a copy of the curriculum. They shared their information and experience with other advocates from Nebraska's network of local domestic violence/sexual assault programs at the Coalition's first 2015 Prevention Summit in February. Thank you to Morgan, Robin, Abbie, Madeline, and others for your interest and commitment to including men in our work to prevent sexual and domestic violence and for making the day a success.

For more information on Men Can Stop Rape's Healthy Masculinity Action Project, visit

www.mencanstoprape.org/healthy-masculinity-action-project.



Healthy Masculinity Training Institute participants (including the four Nebraska advocates), January 2015, Washington, D.C.



Do you know one in three young people will experience some form of abuse in their dating relationships?

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). Coalition staff helped spread awareness by participating in "Wear Orange Day," a nationwide orange-out on February 10th. Check out TDVAM highlights at #Orange4Love, #RespectWeek2015, and #teenDVmonth.

Congratulations to these four advocates on being selected to attend Men Can Stop Rape's Healthy Masculinity Training Institute!

- ▶ **Morgan Beal**,
Voices of Hope, Lincoln
- ▶ **Robin Phipps**,
The S.A.F.E. Center, Kearney
- ▶ **Abbie Tessendorf**,
Center for Survivors, Columbus
- ▶ **Madeline Walker**,
Women's Center for Advancement, Omaha

What's New at the Coalition?

Coalition Welcomes New Board Members

The Coalition recently welcomed two new Board members, Monica Bartling and Jim Blue. Monica is a Lieutenant with the Nebraska State Patrol and is based out of Scottsbluff. She brings 26 years of law enforcement experience, with 18 of those years in the criminal division where she worked on domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Monica also has background in fundraising.

Jim Blue has extensive background in running a nonprofit organization and all that it entails, including fundraising. He serves as the Executive Director for Cedars, which is based in Lincoln and offers a variety of services to support children and youth.

The Board of Directors also elected new officers.

Chair: Toni Jensen (Lincoln)

Vice-Chair: Hilary Wasserburger (Gering)

Secretary: Kelsie Meyers (Norfolk)

Treasurer: Jay Rose (Lincoln)

Parliamentarian: Keisha Patent (Lincoln)

A full list of Board Members is included on the final page of the newsletter.

The Coalition staff and Board of Directors would like to thank Bob Moyer for his service as a Board Member. Bob recently completed six years on the Board. Bob remains an advocate against domestic and sexual violence through his work at the Family Violence Council in Lincoln.

What's New at the Programs

Center for Survivors Welcomes New Director

Tara Korthals recently began as the Executive Director for the Center for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Survivors (Center for Survivors). Hope Freshour, the previous Executive Director, will remain with the agency on a part-time basis to assist with grants and fiscal management during the transition. Based in Columbus, the Center for Survivors serves the counties of Boone, Nance, Platte, Colfax, Polk and Butler.

Tara is a native of the Columbus area, having graduated from David City High School. Her family has lived and worked in the Columbus area for the past 25 years. After graduating college from University of Nebraska - Lincoln with a degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology, Tara moved to San Antonio, TX. While in Texas she worked in Child Protective Services. After moving back to Nebraska, Tara pursued a career in law enforcement and worked over six years for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office as well as working as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with the ambulance service in that area.

Welcome to the network, Tara!



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Mark Your Calendar

March 2015

- 18 Webinar: Immigration Relief Options, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 24-26 Fundamentals of Advocacy Part II, Lincoln, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 31 Economic Advocacy and Financial Empowerment, Lincoln, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256

April 2015

- 1 Housing, Homelessness and Hope: Serving Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Lincoln, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 15 Webinar: Reproductive Coercion, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 22-23 Crime Victims Rights Conference, Omaha, Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime, 402-661-3707
- 30 Legal Advocacy 101 Training, Grand Island, Nebraska Coalition 402-476-6256

May 2015

- 1 Domestic Violence Council Annual Conference and Awards Breakfast, Omaha, DVC, 402-210-2195
- 6 Prevention Summit: Using Technology for Outcomes, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256
- 20 Webinar: Providing Crisis Advocacy and Crisis Intervention, YOUR DESK, Nebraska Coalition, 402-476-6256

Save the Date:

No More in Nebraska Conference will be held November 5-6 in Lincoln, Nebraska!