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Organizing to End Domestic Violence in Culturally Diverse Communities: Selected Resources

Achieving Effective Domestic Violence Public Education in a Diverse Society: A Solution-Oriented Approach (working discussion paper by Sujata Warriar & Vickii Coffey). New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1998.

This working paper thoughtfully and tactfully proposes ways in which domestic violence education and prevention efforts need to grow and become more sensitive and responsive to the diverse communities that comprise the domestic violence movement. Common errors that can occur in cross-cultural interactions are illustrated in a series of vignettes, along with recommendations for more effective responses. Case study examples of two effective and highly inclusive cross-cultural outreach efforts serve to clarify key points. *Available for free as part of the "Mediation and Domestic Violence" technical assistance packet developed and distributed by the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc., 79 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206, phone: (518) 432-4864, fax: (518) 465-3155.*

Anti-Racist Work: An Examination and Assessment of Organizational Activity (best practices booklet). Applied Research Center, 1992.

Ten U.S. organizations involved in efforts to end institutionalized racism are described. The booklet also includes the authors' six-part typology of anti-racist activities and strategies. These include: prejudice reduction work, diversity training, opposition to racist violence, anti-discrimination work, self-determination initiatives, and anti-apartheid work. *Available from the Applied Research Center, 4096 Piedmont Avenue, PMB 319, Oakland, CA 94611-5221.*

The Austin Community Domestic Violence Project: A Blueprint for Raising Community Awareness and Promoting Local Action (monograph). National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 1999.

As part of a series of monographs on community organizing to end domestic violence, this report documents the efforts of the Chicago Abused Women's Coalition to expand outreach efforts and develop strategic partnerships with members of the predominantly African American "Austin" community of Chicago's West Side district. Challenges faced in building trust, assuring community ownership, and identifying culturally appropriate resource materials and strategies are discussed. *Available for free from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 6400 Flank Drive, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17112-2778, phone: (800) 537-2238, web site: www.vawnet.org.*

bell hooks: Cultural Criticism and Transformation (video, 66 minutes). Media Education Foundation, 1997.

In this persuasive and passionate documentary, English professor bell hooks (who spells her name with lower case letters) exposes the racist and anti-feminist messages woven into widely varying samples of popular culture. Her commentary is punctuated with excerpts from music videos, feature films, and television news coverage including clips from the OJ Simpson trial, Spike Lee's films, and "Hoop Dreams." *Available from The Media Education Foundation, 26 Center Street, Northampton, MA 01060, phone: (800) 897-0089, web site: www.mediaed.org.*

Breaking Old Patterns Weaving New Ties (booklet). Tools for Change, 1994.

This slender pamphlet is full of insights for working across lines of differences to create a multiracial, multicultural movement. Old patterns based on privilege, tokenism, guilt, and constricted cultural and economic values are examined. The authors also offer strategies and exercises for constructing new realities. Their suggestions include: keeping competition in check, making sincere efforts to understand oppression, working to equalize relations, and committing to actions that build trust and restore dignity and wholeness. *Available from Tools for Change, 349 Church Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, phone: (415) 861-6347, web site: www.toolsforchange.org.*

The Color of Violence Against Women (periodical, Special Edition of ColorLines Magazine), Winter 2000-2001.

This special issue of ColorLines magazine includes articles and essays that address key controversies and issues raised at the "Color of Violence: Violence Against Women of Color" conference held at the University of California, Santa Cruz in April of 2000. Most of the articles focus on the intersection of multiple forms of oppression experienced by women of color, including forced sterilization, the sexual abuse of Native American girls in boarding schools, and the over-representation of communities of color (including female prisoners) in the prison system. The issue highlights organizing efforts to alleviate economic injustices at multiple levels of society, in addition to efforts to end racism, sexism and homophobia. *Available from bookstores and by contacting the Applied Research Center, 4096 Piedmont Avenue, PMB 319, Oakland, CA 94611-5221.*

Community Checklist for Reaching Underserved Communities (checklist). National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, 1999.

This checklist offers service and prevention programs a tool for evaluating the extent to which they are successful in reaching all the diverse communities within their area. It also outlines a set of practical steps for correcting whatever omissions or inequities the assessment reveals, via a process of building new alliances and collaborative relationships. *Available from the National Training Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, 2300 Pasadena Drive, Austin, TX 78757, phone: (512) 407-9020, web site: www.ntcdsv.org.*

Violence Against Native Women is Not Traditional (information packet). Sacred Circle/Cangleska, 1998.

Cultural values and history are respectfully highlighted in this set of resource materials designed to help end violence against women in Native American communities. An informational handbook reframes domestic violence issues and dynamics within the context of native people's experience of colonization, history of oppression, and subsequent move away from cultural traditions in which women and men were valued and respected equally. Articles, handouts and fact sheets summarize information about the incidence of violence and stalking in the lives of Native women, about internalized oppression, and connections between alcohol

abuse and domestic violence. *Available from: Sacred Circle, 722 St. Joseph Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, phone: (605) 341-2050, fax: (605) 341-2472, e-mail: scircle@sacred-circle.com.*

It Is Your Business (action kit). Family Violence Prevention Fund and the National Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, 1999.

Addressed specifically to members of the African American community, this resource-rich action kit provides tools for transforming domestic violence from a private family matter into a community-wide concern--that is, "everybody's business!" The kit outlines action steps individuals can take to persuade neighbors, co-workers, and church members to join together in creating safety for women and to reach out to families affected by violence. *Available from the Family Violence Prevention Fund, 383 Rhode Island Street, Suite 304, San Francisco, CA 94103-5133, phone: (415) 252-8089, web site: www.fvpf.org. Copies also available from the National Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, phone: (612) 624-5357, web site: www.dvinstitute.org.*

Lessons Learned: Planning an Anti-Racism Initiative (booklet/report). Center for Assessment and Policy Development, 1995.

This documents presents and discusses lessons learned about starting up a community-driven, anti-racism initiative with sponsorship from a corporate foundation. It focuses on the planning and early start-up phases of the Project Change campaign, initiated in 1991 by multi-racial coalitions in four communities--Albuquerque, New Mexico; El Paso, Texas; Valdosta, Georgia; and Knoxville, Tennessee. The aim of the campaign is to focus public attention and action on institutional racism in the U.S. *Free copies are available from Project Change, P.O. Box 29919, San Francisco, CA 94129-0919, web site: www.projectchange.org.*

Lessons Learned II: Project Change in Action (booklet/report). Project Change, 1999.

This is the second in a series of reports documenting the efforts of four Project Change campaign communities to implement anti-racist strategies and publicize the outcomes of their work. Key campaign elements, evolving strategies, challenges and lessons learned are highlighted in this well-designed summary report. *Free copies available from Project Change, P.O. Box 29919, San Francisco, CA 94129-0919, web site: www.projectchange.org.*

Lotus Project: Domestic Violence Prevention in the Asian American Communities (manual). Asian Women's Shelter, 1999.

This manual presents the Asian Women's Shelter's (AWS) groundbreaking work in developing strategies for building awareness and preventing abuse of women in Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The history of AWS' efforts and innovative projects serve to illustrate issues that other groups doing multicultural education and outreach might also need to address. The manual includes community education curriculum packets in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese and English, along with sample domestic violence presentations on same-sex domestic violence, domestic violence and youth groups, donor groups and media interviews. *Available free from the Asian Women's Shelter, 3543 18th Street, Box 19, San Francisco, CA 94110, phone: (415) 751-7110.*

Man to Man Brochure: As an African American Man You Have the Power to Stop Domestic Violence (brochure). Family Violence Prevention Fund and the National Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, 1999.

This attractive brochure highlights reasons why African American men--not just women--have a stake in ending domestic violence in their communities. Clear suggestions are offered for reaching out to a male friend or relative who is abusing his wife or girlfriend, as well as action steps for raising public awareness of domestic violence in the community. *Available from Family Violence Prevention Fund, 383 Rhode Island Street, Suite 304, San Francisco CA 94103-5133, phone: (415) 252-8089, fax: (415) 252-8991. Can order on-line at www.fvvpf.org, or by e-mail at ordering@fvvpf.org.*

Manavi Newsletter (newsletter & cybermedia). Manavi, ongoing.

This newsletter (available on-line in the late spring of 2001) includes articles about and resources designed to help end violence against South Asian women who trace their cultural heritage to Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Previous editions featured Manavi's campaign to persuade the Mattel toy company to stop its production of the "Fantasy Doll of Asia Barbie." *Available from Manavi, P.O. Box 3103, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, phone: (732) 435-1414, fax: (732) 435-1411, web site: www.manavi.org.*

Multicultural Alliance Building (information packet). Transforming Communities, 2000.

This supplement to the Transforming Communities "Organizing Kit" highlights the rewards and challenges of collaborative, multicultural organizing to prevent violence against women and provides practical steps for creating successful cross-cultural alliances. Explores possible stumbling points alliances might encounter and how to address them constructively. Features case studies of the statewide Communities of Color Program in California and the Queer Asian Women's Services Program in San Francisco. The supplement includes a set of working definitions useful in conversations about cultural diversity and action tips geared toward building respect for each group's unique cultural lens. *Available from Transforming Communities: Technical Assistance and Training Project (TC-TAT), 734 A Street, San Rafael, CA 94901, phone (415) 457-2464 ext. 29, fax: (415) 457-6457. Order on-line at: www.transformcommunities.org (Click on the "Marketplace" section.)*

Multicultural Perspectives on Domestic Violence in the U.S. (bibliography). Natalie Sokoloff, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2000.

Updated every 6-12 months, this online bibliography of (mostly academic) journal articles, chapters, books, and conference papers includes over 500 references, divided into seven major headings: (1) Multicultural Domestic Violence Theories, Approaches, Analyses, (2) Specific Racial/Ethnic Groups, (3) Social Class: Socio-Economic Status and Related Issues, (4) Religious Groups and Domestic Violence, (5) Lesbians, and (7) Social and Personal Change. The author's introduction gives an overview of the history of the battered women's movement and how emerging multicultural perspectives enlarge and challenge previous analyses. *Available on-line at www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/research/DomesticViolence or by contacting the author, Natalie J. Sokoloff, c/o the Sociology Department, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 445 West 59th Street, New York, NY 10019, phone: (323) 237-8671, e-mail: Nsokolof@jjay.cuny.edu.*

Multilingual Access Model: A Model for Outreach and Services in Non-English Speaking Communities (monograph). National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 1999.

This monograph documents the innovative efforts of the Asian Women's Shelter in San Francisco to integrate bilingual and multilingual volunteers in their work with battered women and their children from diverse Asian

and Pacific Islander communities. *Free copies available from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 6400 Flank Drive, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17112-2778, phone: (800) 537-2238.*

Organizing a Community-Based Response to Domestic Violence: The Filipino Experience (booklet). Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1996.

Focusing on the Filipino community in the San Francisco Bay Area, this publication explores the process of organizing communities of color against domestic violence. It describes the creation of a committee organized to reach the Filipino community, and their education and outreach efforts. A concluding section on “Lessons Learned” summarizes key elements of effective community-based organizing to create safety and justice for women and girls. Topics include working with the media, workshop facilitation, and conference planning. *Available from Family Violence Prevention Fund, 383 Rhode Island Street, Suite 304, San Francisco CA 94103-5133, phone: (415) 252-8089, fax: (415) 252-8991. Can order on-line at www.fvpf.org, or by e-mail at ordering@fvpf.org.*

Outreach to Underserved Communities (curriculum). National Resource Center, 2000.

This five-module curriculum provides lessons plans, overheads, and handouts to help facilitators guide domestic violence programs through a planning process for developing outreach to underserved communities. Training materials include exercises designed to help agencies assess their own readiness to engage culturally competent outreach and tools for anticipating and responding to challenges. *Available from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 6400 Flank Drive, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17112-2791, phone: (800) 537-2238.*

Peaceful Homes Healthy Relationships (booklet). Asian Women’s Shelter and the Korean American Services Coalition, 1999.

Available in both English and Korean, this booklet was designed for education and outreach to Korean American and other Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. It illustrates the stories and dilemmas of three Asian women in abusive relationships. Along with tips on safety planning and dealing with immigration issues, the booklet offers ideas for friends and neighbors and contact information for crisis lines and legal services that serve Asian American and Pacific Islander women in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. *Available from the Asian Women’s Shelter, 3543-18th Street, #19, San Francisco, CA 94110, phone: (415) 751-7110.*

Safe and Secure: Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls in Muslim Societies (manual). Sisterhood Is Global Institute, 1998.

The goal of this manual is to assist grassroots women activists in becoming better informed about sources of violence so they can influence the process of creating and implementing policies to stop abuse of women and girls in the home, local communities, and the society at large. Aimed at Muslim communities, this manual examines the premise that Islamic tenets are incompatible with universal human rights principles and argues that the two are not in conflict. The manual also includes recommendations for concrete action, case studies, examples of legal instruments for protecting women’s human rights internationally, samples of national legislation on violence against women and girls, and a list of organizations that work in Muslim communities on issues related to women’s rights. *Available from the Sisterhood is Global Institute, 1200 Atwater Avenue, Suite 2, Montréal (Québec) Canada, H3Z 1X4. Download order form from their website, www.sigi.org, or call (514) 846-9366.*

Sometimes You Need to Get in Other People's Business (poster). Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1999.

This 12 x 20 inch poster juxtaposes images of two African American men engaged in a private heart-to-heart conversation with that of two African American women talking over coffee to convey the message that “if someone you care about is either hitting or being hit, it’s time to make their business, your business.” *Available from the Family Violence Prevention Fund, 383 Rhode Island Street, Suite 304, San Francisco CA 94103-5133, phone: (415) 252-8900, web site: www.fvpf.org.*

The Speaking Profits Us: Violence in the Lives of Women of Color (monograph). Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, 1986.

A monograph of essays on domestic violence and sexual assault within American Indian, Asian, African American, and Latin American communities in the U.S. The text is in both English and Spanish. *Available from the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, 936 North 34th Street, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98103, phone: (206) 634-1903, web site: www.cpsdv.org.*

Strategies for Confronting Domestic Violence: A Resource Manual (manual). United Nations, 1993.

This manual presents an array of strategies and tactics countries throughout the world are using to address human rights abuses and other forms of violence against women. Criminal justice and law enforcement issues are the primary focus of the publication. A section on training practitioners, such as those in health care, education, and law enforcement, is also included. *Available from UN Publications, 2 United Nations Plaza, Room 853, New York, NY 10017, phone: (212) 963-8324. Also available from Women, Ink., 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 1001, phone: (212) 687-8633, fax (212) 661-2704, web site: www.womenink.org.*

Strengthening Attitudes Opposing Domestic Violence in Culturally Diverse Communities (article/cybermedia). Community Builders, New South Wales, 2000.

This article highlights the six key principles underlying the “Strengthening Attitudes” media campaign launched in New South Wales, Australia in 1997. The campaign was designed to invite and encourage local Chinese, Vietnamese, Tongan and Arabic-speaking communities to tailor domestic violence prevention tools and messages to fit their respective community members. *Available as a free download from the web site of the Community Builders Project of the New South Wales (Australia) Government at: www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/ext/articles/groupings/domestic/html.*

Third Force: Special Issue on Race Gender and Sexuality (periodical). Center for Third World Organizing, 1996.

This special edition of *Third Force* magazine is comprised of articles and essays that explore and illuminate key issues at the intersection of race, gender and sexuality. Struggles and successes of Latina garment workers, concerns about gender justice in the African American community, and racial politics in the gay rights movement are featured along with a host of other issues. The periodical aims at helping communities of color organize, develop leadership, build alliances, expand their contacts, and broaden bases of information around justice issues. *Available from the Center for Third World Organizing, 1218 East 21st Street, Oakland, CA 94601, phone: (510) 533-7583, web site: www.ctwo.org.*

young asianz rising! breaking down violence against women (video, 28 minutes). Asian Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative, 1999.

This fresh, innovative video project created by and for Asian/Pacific Islander youth explores teen perspectives on domestic violence, dating violence, harassment and sexual assault. *Available from the Asian Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative (a collaborative project of Narika and Nihonmachi Legal Outreach) by contacting: Nihonmachi Legal Outreach, 1188 Franklin Street, #202, San Francisco, CA 94109, phone: (415) 567-6255, web site: <http://www.youngaznlife.org>.*

Whose Perspective? A Guide to Gender-Sensitive Analysis of the Media (training manual). Women's Media Watch Jamaica, 1998.

Created by and for women of color in Jamaica, this well-organized, colorfully-illustrated manual offers instructions for training grass-roots community groups in recognizing, monitoring, and challenging media images that disparage or discriminate against women. Essays, exercises, handouts and other practical tools illustrate how to set up a local media advocacy campaign to end sexism and violence against women. *Available from Women, Ink, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017, phone: (212) 687-8633, web site: www.womenink.org.*

With an End in Sight (best practices manual). United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 2000.

This 131-page report highlights lessons learned from seven, inspiring grass-roots education/prevention projects carried out as part of UNIFEM's effort to end violence against women and girls in nations around the world. The seven case studies featured in the report illustrate a rich mosaic of strategies for changing norms and behaviors at the community, institutional, and public policy levels of the "Spectrum of Prevention." Introductory comments and chapter summaries highlight common themes and insights that can be adapted in other communities. *Available as a free download from UNIFEM's web site at: www.unifem.undp.org or in print format (for \$5.00) from Women, Ink. at www.womenink.org.*