



SANTA BARBARA RAPE CRISIS CENTER
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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Please help us spread the word!

- **April 3:** 6pm: SBRCC Benefit Dance at La Casa de La Raza. Bands: Azteca de Oro, Alerta Tres, Sonido Pesadilla, Sonido Eclipse & Gustavo Uribe.
- **April 6:** 9am: Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Board of Supervisors.
11am – 3pm: Kick off SBRCC’s “Pathways to Peace” educational display, De La Guerra Plaza
12pm: SAAM Press Conference with U.S. Congresswoman Lois Capps and Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson, De La Guerra Plaza
2pm: Proclamation at Santa Barbara City Council Meeting.
- **April 7:** 12-2pm: Pathways to Peace display at UCSB’s Women’s Center
6-7pm: *Speaking of Sex* radio show on KCSB-FM 91.9. Talk line: 893-2424.
- **Apr.9-11:** 28th Annual Isla Vista Juggling Festival, Robertson’s Gym, UCSB (www.sbjuggler.org)
- **April 10:** 7pm: Juggler’s Show to benefit SBRCC at Isla Vista Theater. Tickets are \$8.
- **April 12:** 12pm: UCSB’s Take Back the Night Kick Off Rally in Storke Plaza, UCSB
7pm: UCSB Take Back the Night Assertiveness Training
- **April 13** 11:30am-4pm: UCSB Take Back the Night Survivor Discussion Spaces
8pm: UCSB Take Back the Night and SCORE host "The Gathering," open-mic space, Multicultural Center lounge
- **April 14** 12-4pm: UCSB Take Back the Night Workshops, Multicultural Center
7pm: UCSB Take Back the Night “Cup of Culture: Sisters and Daughters Betrayed,” a film about sex trafficking in Asia, Multicultural Center
- **April 15:** 5pm: UCSB Take Back The Night March and Rally at Anisqoyo Park.
- **Apr.15-30:** SBRCC Flags against Sexual Violence will hang on State Street.
- **April 16:** Self-defense class for women, Santa Barbara City College
- **Apr. 16-18:** Shop at BORDERS, mention SBRCC, and we receive a percentage of your purchases.
- **April 17:** 11am – 3pm: Pathways to Peace educational display at Stearn’s Wharf/Beachfront area
- **April 20:** National Day to End Sexual Violence
- **April 21:** Denim Day – Wear denim to show your support!
Pathways to Peace educational display, call SBRCC for time and location
6-7pm: *Speaking of Sex* radio show on KCSB-FM 91.9 from; Talk line: 893-2424
- **April 24:** 10am – 2pm: Self-defense class for Spanish-speaking women, SBRCC
- **April 25:** 10am – 2pm: Monthly Self-defense Workshop at SBRCC
- **April 27:** 11am–1pm: Pathways to Peace educational display at Santa Barbara City College
John Romo, SBCC President, and Carol Mosely, UCSB Rape Prevention and Education Program Coordinator, will speak about the Governor’s Blueprint Against Sexual Assault.
- **April 28:** 12pm – 1:30pm: Psychiatric Grand Rounds from at Cottage Hospital, Burtness Auditorium.
Learn more about the Sexual Assault Response Team.
1:30pm: *Human Trafficking & Slavery* Educational presentation by CAST, Schott Center, Tannahill Auditorium, 310 W. Padre St., Free Admission and CEUs available for MFTs, LCSWs, CNAs and nurses.
 - ❖ **Module One (1:30pm –3:30pm):** Dimensions of Human Trafficking and Slavery & Identification of Trafficked and Enslaved Persons: 2 CEUs available
 - ❖ **Module Two (3:45pm – 5:45pm):** Providing Social Services and Understanding the Legal Framework for Trafficked and Enslaved Persons: 2 CEUs available

PATHWAYS TO PEACE: BE A PART OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH!

The theme for this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month is "Pathways to Peace" and will focus on the ways each of us can make change in order to create a just, violence-free world. The first step along a Pathway to Peace is education. In order to end sexual assault we must raise consciousness and stimulate dialogue about the various aspects of the problem. To this end, SBRCC is organizing educational seminars on a variety of topics, including Human Trafficking and Slavery. In addition, we aim to raise awareness through visual displays that will rotate throughout the city. The display will include one pair of shoes to represent each of the 350 survivors that SBRCC served last year. This diverse collection of shoes will symbolize the diversity of people affected by sexual assault. On Tuesday, April 6, the Pathways to Peace display will provide a backdrop for SBRCC's SAAM kick-off rally and press conference. Then, the display will travel to different locations (see above for complete listing) each week during April, where representatives of SBRCC will be present to provide information to community members about the steps they can take to find healing and end sexual violence. In preparation for April's "Pathways to Peace" campaign, we would like to ask our volunteers for *donations of shoes* to add to the display. Shoes will be returned at the end of the month. In addition, the campaign's success in raising awareness about sexual assault will depend on the devotion of time and energy by our staff and volunteers. If you can *volunteer your time* to help set up or clean up the shoe displays or be present at an information table, please contact Alena at alena@sbrcc.net or at 963-6832 ext.29.

DENIM DAY ON APRIL 21: PROTEST HARMFUL ATTITUDES ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT

Denim Day began in 1999 as part of an international protest following an Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. The justices opined that since jeans are not easily removed without cooperation, and "impossible" to take off if someone is resisting, the victim must have been complicit in her assault. As a result, advocates around the state, the nation and the world wear jeans on Denim Day to protest this court ruling, and the many lingering myths surrounding sexual assault and sexual violence. Please wear denim on Wednesday, April 21st to lend your support. In addition, please encourage your friends, family members and co-workers to wear jeans or other forms of denim as part of this important day of activism. SBRCC will have Denim Day buttons/stickers printed with the simple message: "Ask me why I'm wearing denim" for you to raise additional awareness among those you meet on April 21st.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is here and we need many extra hands, voices, and creative minds to make this year's Pathways to Peace campaign a success. Please help out by setting-up special events, staffing information tables, and spreading the word about SAAM activities throughout our community. Please contact Alena at 963-6832 or alena@sbrcc.net to find out how you can be a part of this year's efforts to raise awareness and incite action to end sexual violence.

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ADVOCATE MEETING: APRIL 13TH FROM 6PM – 8PM

These mandatory in-service trainings are great opportunities to learn new information, meet other advocates, gain support, and process client work. Hope you can join us on April 13th!

SBRCC NEEDS MORE ADVOCATES – HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

- The next **English Crisis Intervention Training** is scheduled for **April 6th – May 20th**
Classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. and one Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for a self-defense class. If you know individuals who may be interested, please have them call Laura at 963-6832 or send her an email at laura@sbrcc.net
- The next **Spanish Crisis Intervention Training** is scheduled for **June 22nd - August 10th**
Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. If you know individuals who may be interested, please have them call Maria at 963-6832 or send her an email at maria@sbrcc.net

WE ESPECIALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE SPANISH/ENGLISH BILINGUAL!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT SBRCC

- ***Crisis Intervention Coordinator (Full-time position):*** Provide direct services to clients, coordinate 24-hour hotline, maintain crisis intervention program files, participate in monthly SART Case Review meetings, provide in-service training to law enforcement, supervise Hotline Assistants, supervise all volunteer Advocates and facilitate monthly Advocate meetings. Bilingual English/Spanish required.
- ***Development Director (Part-time position, 30 hours per week):*** Responsible for donor development and solicitation. Responsible for grant writing and special event planning. Requires strong verbal and written communication skills.
- ***Executive Assistant (Part-time position, 15 hours per week):*** Maintain files, provide correspondence, assist with submission of grant applications/reports and with fundraising record keeping, and assist with special executive projects.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in these positions, please submit a resume and three references as soon as possible.

END OF QUARTER REMINDER

The current quarter ends on March 30th, 2004. Please remember to submit in-service report forms to Jen if you have attended any in-service trainings in the past three months.

- ***Advocates:*** Please make sure to submit all call report forms and shift logs to Vilma.
- ***Long-term Counselors:*** Please submit your timesheets to Jen.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION

We are collecting used cell phones. If you have any cell phones to donate, please call Ofelia at 963-6832 or just bring them to the office. Thank you!



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BRUNCH

We would like to send out a thank you to all our volunteers who may have not been able to attend our Volunteer Recognition Brunch on March 6th at The Harbor Restaurant. We recognize that all of you are essential members of our organization and without your support, we would not be able to make as much progress to end sexual violence in our community.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



- Yesenia Curiel on April 1st
- Kim Piowarsy on April 3rd
- Sarah Dillingham on April 4th
- Christine Lee on April 17th
- Liliana Perez on April 17th
- Kay Sommer on April 19th
- Steven Boyle on April 23rd