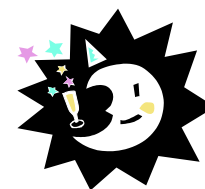




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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS VICTIM-RELATED BILLS INTO LAW

On October 30, President Bush signed "The Justice for All Act" (HR 5107) which provides rights at the federal level to all direct victims of crime and includes provisions aimed at ensuring compliance with victims' rights. The new law authorizes grants to strengthen victims' rights and promote enforcement of victims' rights across the country. The bill also includes more than \$1 billion in funding to eliminate the nation's backlog of untested DNA evidence and significantly improve the collection and processing of DNA evidence through training grants for sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) programs, law enforcement officials, and victim service providers.

The president also signed The National Defense Authorization Act (HR4200), which directs the Department of Defense (DOD) to take necessary action to eliminate the backlog of untested DNA kits collected by the DOD. The law also instructs the DOD to reduce the processing time for DNA kits in the future, provide the armed forces with sufficient rape kits for domestic and overseas use, and train responsible personnel to use them.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS UPDATE

On Wednesday, December 8th, President Bush signed a \$388 billion appropriations bill that included the so-called "Abortion Non-Discrimination Act" that legalizes discrimination, allowing any physician, hospital or health insurer to refuse to perform or pay for abortion or even tell pregnant women that the option exists. This makes access to abortion more difficult and diminishes Roe v Wade to a point where there will be nothing left to overturn. It's time to take action! Protest these recent attacks on reproductive rights & commemorate the 32nd Anniversary of Roe v Wade.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Thursday, January 20, 2005: Inauguration Day Protest – Stand UP for Choice is Back!

We will meet on the corner of Anapamu and State Street at 12pm in front of the SB Museum of Art.

Saturday, January 22, 2005: Roe v. Wade Anniversary Event at 2pm

UCSB VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood, along with the Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition will commemorate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade with a rally at Anisq'Oyo' Park in Isla Vista. They will bring together music, slam poetry, elected officials, lobbying activities and inspirational speakers to educate and mobilize the next generation of activists and bring together a multi-generational network of support. Be sure to bring your friends and family! For more information on the rally please download the flyer at ppsbvslo.org or if you have any questions or would like to volunteer the day of the rally, please contact Julie Mickelberry at julie.mickelberry@ppfa.org

DISMANTLING RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY: A WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, January 15, 2005**, NCCJ will host 2 concurrent workshops on racism (1) Working Racism with People of Color and (2) Working Racism with White People. The workshops will be from **9:30am to 3:30pm** at **NCCJ's Office at 402 E. Gutierrez St.** The goal of each workshop is for participants to increase their understanding of how we are impacted by racism and what our unique roles are in dismantling it based on whether we are people of color or white people. The day will begin with all of us present for a brief introduction, but most of the day will be spent in two groups: people of color and white people. Specific topics will include:

Workshop for People of Color	Workshop for White People
<p><i>Sharing Our Stories – Exploring the ways People of Color are targeted by racism</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Internalized Racism➤ Passing as White➤ Biracial and Multiracial Experiences of Racism➤ Racial Identity Development for People of Color➤ How to Work More Effectively With Other People of Color to Address Racism and Internalized Racism	<p><i>White Privilege</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ White Collusion: How White People Help Maintain Racism➤ The Costs of Being White in a Racist Society➤ Racial Identity Development for White People➤ Dealing with Denial and Other White Defense Mechanisms➤ How to Work More Effectively With Other White People to Address Racism

There is ***no charge*** for the January 15th workshops. In addition, each participant will receive a packet of materials, lunch, and snacks. To RSVP for the training, please contact Jarrod Schwartz, Executive Director, at jschwartz@nccj.org or 805.879.5225 no later than January 7th. Registration will be limited to the first 15 people who sign up for each group.

SOME HELPFUL WEBSITES TO EXPLORE:

- Toolkit to End Violence Against Women
<http://toolkit.ncjrs.org>
- Speak for Yourself: What Girls Say about What Girls Need
www.girlsbestfriend.org/downloads/Speak_for_Yourself.pdf
- The New Girls' Movement: Charting the Path
www.ms.foundation.org/user-assets/PDF/Program/HGHW.pdf
- Information for Victims of Trafficking in Persons and Forced Labor
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/docs/victims.pdf
- If He Is Raped: A Guidebook for Parents, Partners, Spouses, and Friends
www.spr.org/en/ifheis-raped.pdf
- The Basics on Rape in Prison – Stop Prisoner Rape
www.spr.org
- Picturing a Life Free of Violence: Media and Communications Strategies to End Violence Against Women
www.unifem.undp.org/resources/freeofviolence/index.html

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT ADVOCATE MEETING: JANUARY 11TH 6PM – 8PM

As always, this mandatory in-service training will be a great opportunity to learn new information, meet other advocates, gain support, and process any client work. This month, we will be joined by members of the Phoenix House to provide us with important information about mental health issues and the services they provide. Hope you can join us on January 11th!

UPCOMING ADVOCATE MEETINGS IN ENGLISH

- Tuesday, February 8, 2005
- Monday, March 14, 2005
- Monday, April 11, 2005
- Monday, May 9, 2005

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH VOLUNTEER MEETING

Don't forget the Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Volunteer Meeting on **Tuesday, January 18th, from 6-8pm**. Come help shape and create SBRCC's 2005 Campaign to combat myths that blame sexual assault survivors and help create a just, safe community. You don't have to be an Advocate to be part of the campaign, so please invite your friends and family members who love the work you do but haven't been sure how to plug into the movement. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Alena at alena@sbrcc.net or 963-6832 ext. 29.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU TRAINING BEGINS JANUARY 20TH!

Here's your chance to overcome your fear of public speaking and help dismantle rape culture at the same time! Speaker's Bureau Training begins on **Thursday, January 20** and is open to all certified Rape Crisis Advocates. After this 12-hour training, you will be ready to give presentations about Sexual Assault Awareness and Rape Prevention to middle and high schools, colleges and universities, parenting cooperatives, faith-based organizations, and other community groups. The sessions are:

- Thursday, January 20, 2005, 6-9pm
- Thursday, February 3, 2005, 6-9pm
- Thursday, February 10, 2005, 6-9pm
- Thursday, February 17, 2005, 6-9pm

If you are interested in taking the training or have any questions, please contact Alena at alena@sbrcc.net or 963-6832 ext. 29.

MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT!

SBRCC wouldn't be able to successfully function if it wasn't for volunteers like you, and we'd like to kick off 2005 by showing you our gratitude. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, January 27th** for Movie & Game Night! SBRCC will provide the movie, snacks, and games. All you need to do is bring yourself! Deisi Sanchez, one of our dedicated Advocates, has volunteered her house at 6507 Trigo Road in Goleta. Driving directions will be available at the January Advocate Meeting. The festivities will begin at 6:00 pm with games and snacks, and continue with a bi-lingual movie that has yet to be chosen. Come for the food, come for the movie, come for the friends. But most importantly, just come! Please R.S.V.P. to Yesenia at yesenia@sbrcc.net or at 963.6832 ext. 26.

NEW ADVOCATES ON BOARD

Some of you may have noticed some new faces around SBRCC lately. That's because we have 12 new Advocates joining the SBRCC family! Welcome to Candy Avila-Baca, Erin Escobar, Mary Ann Froley, Joanna Gerber, Joy Holmer, Rebecca Kornbluth, David Miller, Kirsten Oliver, Natalie Pitzer, Annette Toscano, Susan Young, and Megan Zaninovich. This dynamic group of individuals is excited to begin work on the Hotline and in Crisis Counseling, and many are continuing on with training to become Speaker's Bureau members. So when you see someone new, introduce yourself and get to know these amazing new additions to SBRCC. We're excited to begin working with you!

SBRCC NEEDS MORE ADVOCATES – HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

- The next **Spanish Crisis Intervention Training** is scheduled for **January 24, 2005 – March 16, 2005**. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. and one Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you know individuals who may be interested, please have them call Maria at 963-6832 or send an email to maria@sbrcc.net
- The next **English Crisis Intervention Training** is scheduled for **April 18, 2005 – June 6, 2005**. Classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. and one Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. If you know individuals who may be interested, please have them call Heather at 963-6832 or send an email to heather@sbrcc.net

WE ESPECIALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE SPANISH/ENGLISH BILINGUAL!

JANUARY OFFICE CLOSURE

SBRCC's office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Of course, the 24-hour hotline will still be operational throughout the holiday.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



- Erin E. on January 10th
- Candy on January 23rd
- Natalie P. on January 28th