



SANTA BARBARA RAPE CRISIS CENTER
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Carol Mosely, from UCSB's Rape Prevention Education Project, will be the guest speaker in July. 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. Hope you can join us on July 13th!

SBRCC NEEDS MORE ADVOCATES – HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

The next **English Crisis Intervention Training** is scheduled for **August 16th – September 29th**. Classes will meet 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 Laura at 963-6832 or send an email at laura@sbrcc.net

WE ESPECIALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE SPANISH/ENGLISH BILINGUAL!

JULY OFFICE CLOSURE

SBRCC's office will be closed on Monday, July 5th, 2004 in observance of Independence Day. Of course, the 24-hour hotline will still be operational throughout the holiday.

FAREWELL TO LAURA

We are sad to say goodbye to Laura Ibañez who has been with Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center since the summer of 2000. After finishing her training, Laura became a Hotline Assistant and then transitioned to her current position as Training Coordinator in December 2001. Laura has been an invaluable member of the Crisis Intervention Coordinating Team. We thank her for her many years of service supporting sexual assault survivors and their loved ones. Laura is leaving SBRCC at the end of July to serve in the Peace Corps, with a placement in the Caribbean. We know this is an exciting "next step" for Laura and that she will do an excellent job. We will miss you, Laura. Good luck and have fun!

SBRCC WELCOMES THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

We are thrilled to announce that three wonderful individuals will join the SBRCC team this summer. These new staff members include:

- **Yesenia Curiel** will replace Vilma Molina as the Crisis Intervention Coordinator. As many of you know, Yesenia has served as a Hotline Assistant with SBRCC since November 2002. Yesenia graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from UCSB in June 2003. She worked as the Night Supervisor at Noah's Anchorage Crisis Youth Shelter, the Health Educator for the YMCA, and as the Case Manager at the IV Teen Center. In addition, Yesenia worked as a Residential Instructor for Genesis Development Services, a program for young women with developmental/emotional disabilities. In addition, she has volunteered as a Sign Language Interpreter with Montessori Elementary School. Yesenia will transition to the position of Crisis Intervention Coordinator on Monday, August 2nd, 2004.
- **Heather Heyerdahl** will replace Laura Ibanez as the English Training Coordinator. Heather graduated with a Bachelors of Arts degree in May 2003 from St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where she majored in English and Spanish, with a concentration in Women's Studies. She served as a domestic and sexual violence

advocate with the Woman Safe Center and served as the Program Director of the Woman Safe Honor House at St. Olaf College. In addition, she served as the Gender and Sexuality Consortium Coordinator at St. Olaf College. She has served as a Spanish interpreter and as a Spanish teaching assistant. Most recently, she has been serving as an AmeriCorps member for the National AIDS Fund in Chicago, providing bilingual HIV testing/counseling, case management, outreach education and prevention services. She arrives in Santa Barbara for five days of training in July, and will start full-time in her position on Monday, August 9th.

- **Myfanwy (pronounced “ma-von-wee”) Devoe** will become SBRCC’s first Development Director, starting July 1st, 2004. Myfanwy comes to SBRCC from Santa Barbara County’s Human Services Department where she serves as a program analyst and oversees the County’s grants to non-profit organizations providing social services. Myfanwy has a Masters in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Marketing, and has done fundraising for the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

We are excited to welcome all three of these remarkable women to Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center’s staff!

END OF QUARTER REMINDER

The current quarter ends on June 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.

TRANSLATION

Just a reminder that Rape Crisis Advocates cannot translate during any aspect of a medical/legal exam, law enforcement interview or court proceedings. If a Rape Crisis Advocate translates, this can result in total loss of confidentiality privilege. Furthermore, the defense or prosecution team can demand the Rape Crisis Advocate to disclose all information and communications. This could have dire consequences for the client.

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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



- **Danielle on July 10th**
- **T Felkay on July 22nd**
- **Lisa H. on July 27th**
- **Paula H. on July 29th**