



NJCBW UPDATE

May 2009



NJCBW staff celebrates the successful annual awards dinner which raised \$6000

National Network to End Domestic Violence Praises Sebelius' Swearing-In

Washington, D.C. – The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) today applauded the swearing-in of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. The swearing-in and the U.S. Senate's 65-31 confirmation vote are victories for domestic violence victims and advocates across the country.

"The National Network to End Domestic Violence could not be happier that Secretary Sebelius hit the ground running at the Department of Health and Human Services," said Sue Else, president of NNEDV. "Secretary Sebelius understands how important domestic violence services are and has long been an ally in the movement to end domestic abuse."

For the 2009 fiscal year, the Department of Health and Human Services invested \$180.4 million in domestic violence programs. The Violence Against Women Act of 2005 and the Family Violence and Prevention Services Act of 2003

authorize up to \$295 million for domestic violence services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services through 2010.

"Secretary Sebelius takes the helm of Health and Human Services without a moment to spare," Else said. "Key to recovering from economic turmoil is to invest in life-saving services like domestic violence shelters, crisis hotlines, and quality health care coverage."

Difficult economic times can exacerbate the severity and frequency domestic abuse. Advocates have seen a significant increase in the demand for services in recent months.

"Increasingly more victims are asking for help, and we look forward to working with Secretary Sebelius to meet the tragically high demand," Else said. "Secretary Sebelius' proven record and leadership are optimistic signs for the future of domestic violence services nationwide."



**New Jersey Association of Domestic
Violence Professionals
7th Annual Conference
Enhancing our Response to Victims of
Domestic Violence
Rutgers University
Busch Campus
Piscataway, New Jersey
Wednesday, June 10, 2009**

For brochure, registration and directions to Busch Campus go to www.njcbw.org

Juli Harpell-Elam Receives Bev Crawford Award from NJ Child Assault Prevention (CAP)

Juli is Coordinator of the Project Prevention program at Jersey Battered Women's Services. She began to build this new program five years ago to go beyond the agency's teen dating abuse prevention work in area high schools. The goals were to

- Create opportunities for youth of all ages to advocate for social change
- Offer community-based outreach to at risk youth in residential treatment, social service, recreational and health facilities
- Provide primary prevention for ages 0-10 through outreach to parents, daycare workers, school personnel and other professionals; and
- Offer primary prevention for males of all ages

Juli worked with the Northern NJ Girl Scout Council to educate young girls on healthy friendships and relationships which led to an Interest Patch called REACH for Healthy Relationships. She also mentored girls seeking Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for projects on domestic violence prevention. Juli also inspired youth to create clubs within their schools to prevent dating abuse some of which have been featured in the local media for their innovative and positive work. She works with agencies serving high risk youth by offering one to four session educational programs which cover a variety of subjects including gender roles, bullying and cyber bullying, and warning signs of abuse. Juli also offers in-service training to day care centers and other professionals working with young children, which cover the effects of domestic violence on children, power and control, violence as problem-solving and tips for promoting healthy relationships. In working with males on primary prevention, Juli partnered with a college fraternity to prevent dating abuse on campus with an awareness campaign called "These Hands Don't Hurt."

UPCOMING TRAINING

All training classes for May and June are full, but there is plenty of room at the NJADVP Annual Conference, June 10

Train-the-Trainer: NJCBW Diversity Training Curriculum for Domestic Violence Advocates Using a Social Justice Model to Understand Difference

CLASS CANCELLED

PART ONE - May 5, 2009
PART TWO - May 12, 2009

May 2009 Meeting Schedule

Women of Diversity Task Force Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm

NJ Child Advocate Network (CAN)
Friday, May 8, 2009 10:30am-3:30pm

Coalition Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm

Coalition Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:00pm-3:00pm

Battered Lesbian Task Force
Thursday, May 28, 2009 10:30am (Rutgers)

June 2009 Meeting Schedule

Women of Diversity Task Force Meeting
Friday, June 6, 2009 10:00am-1:00pm

NJAVDP Annual Conference
Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Rutgers University – Busch Campus
Piscataway, New Jersey

Community/Professional Educator Network (CPEN)
Friday, June 12, 2009 10:30am-1:00pm

Legal Advocates Meeting
Friday, June 19, 2009 10:30am-3:00pm

Battered Lesbian Task Force
Thursday, June 26, 2009 10:30am (Rutgers)

Call the Meeting Cancellation Line to check for training and meeting cancellations 609-584-8107, ext. 23