

Attention

2006 SAAM Awareness Activities & Ideas

National Disaster

The Silent Violent Epidemic

Let's Make Some NOISE!"

April is: Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 6, 2006 A Day to End Sexual Violence
Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Volunteer's Recognition Month
National Crime Victims Rights week April 23-29

- Mayor and/or County Commissioner issues & reads proclamation publicly.
- Have bookstores do displays/readings of pertinent books.
- Design a book/poster display for public and school libraries. Encourage them to feature publications on Sexual Assault Awareness Month handouts.
- Publish Statistics.
- Give a workshop for other professionals.
- Provide self –defense /assertiveness workshops for the public.
- Hold an open forum meeting or speak-out. Launch town meetings and continue it throughout the year.
- Hold candlelight visual or rally.
- Ask local government official to fly flags at half mass for sexual assault victims that were killed during the past year.
- Write letters to the editor or hold press conferences. Provide speakers for radio or TV talk shows.
- Plant trees in a public place and dedicate them to survivors of violence.
- Use donated space on a billboard to put up a message.
- Create window displays in storefronts or restaurants.
- Sponsor a film festival with discussions following each film.
- Work with health/sex -education teachers from schools and community clinics to focus on healthy sexuality/relationships as a positive approach to prevention.
- Contact local Celebrity to endorse Sexual Assault Awareness Month- Nat'l Crime Victims Rights Week. April 23-29.
- Create and display a banner or artwork created by survivors.
- Hold an open house or neighborhood block event.
- Table everywhere you can! Distribute ribbons, information, newsletters, etc. to raise awareness.
- Encourage continuing participation from your community in the effort to end violence. Call on your partnerships in the community. Get agencies and service providers involved. Remember we are greater together.
- Hold an event to Thank volunteers and others (local programs, responsible media/legislators, contributors, etc. who have made a commitment to preventing sexual assault and supporting survivors

- Take Back the Night Rally
- Partner with local College /Schools for a special project.
- Offer to do an article for your local & schools newspapers
- Work with local grocery store for a kids drawing event- winner wins a prize & Voice Award for “Making some noise to end violence”
- Display flags in colors for different kinds of violence.
- Mock Trial
- Have performance by a local Drama Club on the issue of Dating Violence
- If you have fountains in your city ask city officials to add food color & make them Teal for April.
- National SAAM Poetry Slam Event in April

You may use these activities not only for April & October, but to do something all year long. Some of you already do a few of these things. Maybe you will find something extra to add to your event. Remember take pictures and send them to us by email or mail. We may choose your event to be highlighted. A note on how the event went and whether you would do it again. We understand you are all very busy—we believe in you and the work you are doing. You are amazing. Please help us help support you and your efforts. Feel free to send us pictures and let us know what events you have on the calendar.

Check our website for upcoming events www.incasa.org

Make sure to let us know about your upcoming events too so we can post them to the website. Be sure to let others know by posting your information to the listserv. If you need information on the listserv please contact Janet Brown at jbrown@incasa.org