Statewide Annual Conference

Derecho a Vivir Sin Violencia: Latinos Speak Out

Right to Live Without Violence: Latinos Speak Out

September 7, 2006

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

31 West Ohio Street

Downtown, Indianapolis

Presented by:

LATINO COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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Latinos Speak Out is a one day event dedicated to raising awareness and searching for solutions to incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault among Latino communities in Indiana. As our Latino population continues to grow, it is important to engage the civic infrastructure within the Latino community and confront these taboo issues. The Latino Coalition believes this can be accomplished by harnessing our cultural strengths and resources, developing individual leadership, and providing forums for learning, sharing, and fellowship.

Latinos Speak Out will feature both nationally recognized speakers and local experts in the field. This combination will enable us to identify local resources across the state of Indiana, as well as gain knowledge from communities in other states with longer histories in serving Latinos affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

The conference is being presented by the Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, and the collaboration of many other organizations and sponsors.

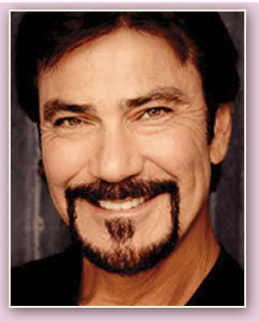
Who needs to attend?

Conference organizers would like to invite anyone who cares about working toward ending domestic violence and sexual assault such as:
Victim advocates, health care providers, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, immigration attorneys, and other legal professionals, social service professionals, youth workers, educators from all levels (primary, secondary, post secondary), child welfare professionals, therapists, community leaders, and others.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Registration
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & OpeningSpeaker
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Exhibit Break
10:00 - 12:00 a.m.	Workshops
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch, Awards and Keynote Speaker
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Break & Exhibit Area
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Workshops
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Exhibit Area, Networking & Reception

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Victor Rivers is a veteran star of more than two dozen films, with a worldwide following for such memorable roles as Magic Mike, the prison gang warlord in the cult hit BLOOD IN/BLOOD OUT and as Joaquin Murrietta, Antonio Banderas' ill-fated brother in THE MASK OF ZORRO.

Victor's dramatic personal story also reflects an amazing portrait of a young man overcoming the odds. Born in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, he came with his family to this country at the age of two, enduring horrific child abuse and witnessing domestic violence on the level of torture at the hands of his father. At age fifteen, Victor took the then unprecedented legal action against his father, going on to live with a series of foster families.

In 1999 Victor became the national spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV). As a national spokesperson, Mr. Rivers hopes to raise awareness that domestic violence can not be treated simply as a woman's issue; rather, he insists, it should be everyone's issue. His ultimate survival and personal success convey the importance of intervention by others who helped him break the cycle of violence, something Victor hopes more people will do by taking a stand against our greatest yet most curable social disease. Victor regularly travels to Washington on behalf of the NNEDV to meet and speak with policy makers and members of Congress. Today, having broken the cycle of violence, Victor Rivas Rivers is also a devoted husband and father.

WORKSHOPS

Working with Latino Victims of Domestic Violence
(repeated in the afternoon)
The workshop will: a) examine some of the articulated DV needs and concerns of Latino survivors and advocates; b) provide examples of how Alianza has responded to these needs; c) describe its role in expanding the national dialogue on domestic violence beyond the mainstream DV movement; and d) examine elements in our culture that serve both as risk and protective factors.

Addressing Marital Rape with Latinas
This workshop will identify cultural factors that impede self-identification by Latina survivors and illustrate how to use music to promote marital rape victim advocacy. Participants will listen to examples of canciones populares (popular songs) that promote resistance to misogynist messages, promote relationship criteria and sexual autonomy. Songs such as "Invitame a pecar" by Paquita la del Barrio, "Voy a Quitarme el Anillo" by Marisela, and "I Hope" by the Dixie Chicks will be proposed as outreach tools.

Trabajando Con Nuestros Hermanos: Domestic Violence Interventions and Social Change
Domestic Violence is a human rights and social justice issue that is often addressed from a clinical and/or individual perspective, rather than from within the communities in which it happens. At the same time, the principal mode of intervention with men who have used violence against their partner has been through criminal justice approaches, a strategy that has created an over-reliance on this system. This workshop will discuss the work of Caminar Latino, a comprehensive, community-based intervention for Latino families affected by domestic violence within which an intervention for men who have used violence is nested. The voices of women and children have been used effectively as the guiding force for the intervention program, which was designed from within a Latino cultural perspective. This presentation will explore the philosophical and theoretical lessons learned throughout its 17 year history. Through lecture and dialogue, this workshop will allow participants to: a) obtain knowledge about a human rights and social justice approach to domestic violence interventions; b) learn key principals of effective prevention-intervention with Latino men who batter women; and c) understand a culturally-specific theoretical framework for working with Latino men who batter women.

Immigration and Legal Issues – Panel Discussion
(repeated in the afternoon)
This will be a panel discussion focusing on various legal issues faced by Latino immigrants who are victims of domestic violence, primarily in the areas of immigration and family law. Members of the panel are all bilingual and work in various capacities providing legal services to the Latino community, and specifically to victims of domestic violence. Immigration options for victims of domestic violence, including Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petitions, U visas, T visas, and S visas, will be covered. The panel will also address family law challenges faced by Latino victims of domestic violence, including protective orders, divorce, child custody, and child support issues. Basic rights of immigrants (especially undocumented), differences in legal systems, resources and tips for advising Latino clients will be discussed.

Scars That Won't Heal: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children
This workshop will combine a didactic and case-based approach to describe the emotional, behavioral and neurobiological impact of Domestic Violence on children. It will review the importance of multidisciplinary partnerships in the care of families who are victims of violence and finally some of the ways that physicians are learning how to address this issue in their clinical practice. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will have a better understanding of the impact of DV on children. 2. Participants will be prepared to work with other disciplines to improve the care of families who are exposed to violence 3. Participants will understand how health providers are learning to ask questions and make referrals for families who are victims of violence.

Women, HIV and Domestic Violence
This workshop will address issues of women infected with HIV/AIDS who have also been affected by domestic violence by highlighting the following: a) How interpersonal violence may put women at risk of HIV/AIDS, b) Ways in which abusers use their own or their victim's status as a weapon of coercion, c) Obstacles to continued health and safety for women with HIV/AIDS, d) Ethical issues around testing and partner notification, and e) HIV counseling and efforts for community awareness.

Empowerment and Healing in the Latino Community
While the Spanish speaking Latina/o population continues to grow, many Latina/o survivors fall through the cracks as victim service agencies fail to address the increased demands. In many regions, the chronic lack of bilingual staff and true community partnerships keep many victims silent, invisible, and unaware of their rights. As a Latina-led training and advocacy non-profit based in Texas, Arte Sana (art heals) has strived to empower Latinas and Latinos to prevent violence against women and promote victims rights. Since its inception, Arte Sana has placed an emphasis on interagency and multidisciplinary collaborations and has provided extensive outreach to the (trainers in action) train-the-trainer project that provides bilingual training to Latina community leaders and promotoras on sexual assault and intimate partner violence issues, in cooperation with local victim service programs. Workshop participants will learn how Arte Sana uses art and culture to build awareness and promote the active participation of Latina/o communities in risk reduction and victim advocacy efforts, and will review about tried and tested intervention with immigrant and LEP populations.

Engaging Communities to End Domestic Violence
The workshop will introduce the concepts of critical thinking, strengths-based approaches, and social capital. It will provide a practical framework, strategies, and tools for achieving community change. By the end of the training session participants will: a) Increase their knowledge of community engagement, b) Engage in critical thinking and analysis of participant's organization as it relates to community engagement, and c) Develop concrete steps to implement the process.

Emergency Health Care for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
A social worker and forensic nurse examiner will discuss the medical services, forensic evidence collection, and crisis counseling assistance offered through the Center of Hope program at Wishard Hospital's Emergency Department located near downtown Indianapolis. The discussion will include a lecture format, opportunities to ask questions, and the distribution of resource materials. The objectives of the workshop are a) to raise awareness about the purpose and formation of the Center of Hope concept and existing programs; b) discuss the need to build collaborative relationships with law enforcement, prosecutors, and child protective services; c) discuss the importance of forensic evidence collection and documentation; and d) highlight the victim advocacy services and volunteer programs. Elizabeth Essary, a Spanish interpreter for Wishard Hospital will discuss medical interpretation training and legislation toward a statewide certification. She will discuss the general guidelines for using an interpreter, the interpreter's role as advocate and cultural broker, and other ethical considerations by using a lecture and interactive role play format.

Prevention vs. Risk Reduction
In this interactive session, participants will learn about the difference between primary prevention versus risk reduction in interpersonal violence work. Participants will learn about the role of storytelling or "cuentos", art and interactive theater to engage the Latino community in interpersonal violence prevention. Workshop objectives: 1) Participants will understand the difference between primary prevention and risk reduction in interpersonal violence work. 2) Participants will have increased knowledge on how to engage the Latino community in violence prevention through the arts. 3) Participants will have increased understanding of the role of alternative service delivery in providing culturally relevant interpersonal violence prevention education for the Latino community. 4) Participants will learn more about effective models of violence prevention used with Latino communities.

Statewide Conference on Domestic & Sexual Violence within the Latino Community

September 7, 2006 - Registration Form

Name* _____ Title _____

Organization Name* _____

Address _____

City* _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

*Information will be used for name badge

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Breakout Workshop Preferences

Please check the Workshops you are interested in for us to plan accordingly. Attendance is limited to 50 people per workshop.

Morning Workshops (10:00 am to 12:00 pm)

A1. Working with Latino Victims of Domestic Violence
B1. Addressing marital rape with Latinos
C1. Trabajando Con Nuestros Hermanos: Domestic Violence and Social change
D1. Immigration and Legal Issues
E1. Scars that won't heal: The Impact of Domestic Violence on children
F1. Women, HIV and Domestic Violence

Afternoon Workshops (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm)

A2. Working with Latino victims of Domestic Violence
B2. Empowerment and Healing in the Latino Community
C2. Engaging Communities to end Domestic Violence
D2. Immigration and Legal Issues
E2. Emergency Health care for Adult Victims of Sexual Assult and Domestic Violence
F2. Prevention vs. Risk reduction

Registration Fees (per person)

Early Bird - before August 23	$65
After August 23	$75

Total Registration Fees $ _____

Payment Information: Please pay only by Check or Money order and make it payable to the **"Latino Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence"**.

Payments should be mailed to:
Purdue Extension - Marion County
6640, Intech Blvd, Suite 120
Indianapolis, IN 46278 - 2012

Registration Information & Deadlines

The Deadline for Registration is **August 31, 2006**. You may also download the Registration form from the web at **WWW.SINVIOLENCIAINDIANA.ORG** or call (317) 275-9305 ext. 251. Registration fees include continental breakfast, lunches, networking reception and all materials.

Registration will **NOT** be processed until payment is received in full.

Overnight Accommodations

Hotel accommodations can be reserved at the Radisson Hotel by calling (317) 635-2000 Ext. 1000 or Radisson Reservations at 1-800-333-3333 or by visiting www.radisson.com. Be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Conference on Latino Domestic Violence in order to receive the special group rat. Room rate $130.00 per night for single or double.

DUE TO THE MANY LARGE CONFERENCES BOOKED IN INDIANAPOLIS, WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Office Use Only _____ **Check #** _____ **Entered** _____
Date Paid

Latino families affected by violence often require additional support to overcome complex barriers such as a lack of knowledge about their legal rights, fear of the police and judicial system, fear of deportation and losing their children, limited English language proficiency, lower educational attainment and job skills, and inadequate housing and transportation. This first annual conference will address these barriers and provide valuable information based on existing interventions across Indiana and nationally, in order to generate solutions that are respectful of our language and culture, which we as Latinos are very proud of.

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