

National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence *Across the Lifespan*

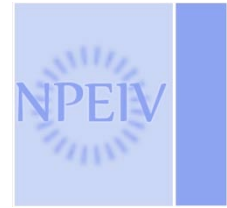
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Dear Potential Partner,

We are writing on behalf of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV) to formally invite you to become a collaborator of the NPEIV and attend the 3rd Think Tank being held **September 21 and 22, 2009 prior to the 14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego. We will meet 12:30 - 5:00 pm on Monday, and 9:00 am - 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009.** Enclosed you will find a Progress Report on the NPEIV which indicates our multidisciplinary approach to solving this problem and making interpersonal violence prevention a national priority. A list of current partners is also enclosed.

Please be aware of the next two NPEIV Think Tank meetings: prior to the International Conference listed above in September, in San Diego, and prior to the *National Summit on Interpersonal Violence* next Feb. 24-26, 2010 in Dallas.

We also invite you to stay for our **14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, Sept. 23-26, and we will waive your registration fees (let us know so we can give you the discount code).** For more information on the program, go to www.ivatcenters.org. Please mark your calendars for our **Invited Speakers' and Special Guests Dinner**, on September 24, 2009 at 7:30pm (formal invitation to follow). Please also join us for our Benefit night and Silver Anniversary celebration of the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) on Friday night, September 25, including our "End the Silence" Auction, dancing, entertainment, dessert, no-host bar, and a great selection of biddable items. Unfortunately we can't waive this fee but it is only \$20.

An agenda for the think tank will be sent in the next few weeks, along with the listing of working groups/committees. This will be an important organizing meeting to continue our work on the 3-year Blueprint for Action, development of the NPEIV infra-structure, and setting plans in motion for our activities, tasks, future events and meetings. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacquelyn W. White".

Jacquelyn White, Ph.D.
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Geffner, PhD".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Kazdin".

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- **...about Think Tank travel, logistics or for a formal collaborator packet**, please contact Kori Ryan, Special Projects Coordinator for IVAT, at ivatsp@alliant.edu or (858) 527-1860 x 4310
- **...about booking airfare to the Think Tank in September**, please contact Dianne Joiner of Joiner Travel at 800-327-1616, or joinertravel@sbcglobal.net.
- **...about booking at the Town and Country Hotel**, please contact them directly (800 - 772-8527 – ask for IVAT conference rates) to secure our discount rates of \$123 single or \$140 double for Regency Tower or Garden Rooms (complementary internet included in above rates)

National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence across the Lifespan (NPEIV): Progress Report Prepared August, 2009

The American Psychological Association (APA) Presidential *Summit on Violence and Abuse in Relationships: Connecting Agendas and Forging New Directions* was held on February 28-29, 2008. It was an APA interdivisional response to recognized gaps and issues preventing advancement in the field of interpersonal violence. A major conclusion emerged: The field remains at a similar level with respect to ending of interpersonal violence being a national priority as it was over 20 years ago, due in part to fractionation (i.e., silos) within the field. From the summit, a think tank was born, members of which have met twice face-to-face and stay in contact via electronic communication and conference calls. Bob Geffner, PhD (APA's Div. 56, Trauma Psychology, President at the time, and President, IVAT at Alliant International University), Jackie White, PhD (APA's Div. 35, Society for the Psychology of Women, President at the time, and Professor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro), and Alan Kazdin, PhD (APA President at the time, and Professor, Yale University) were the major facilitators of the Summit. Jackie White and Bob Geffner co-chaired the subsequent Think Tanks. Numerous APA divisions and national organizations were collaborators for the summit, and several more organizations joined the think tank. Interpersonal violence as a field needs national recognition; we have not significantly reduced the number of victims of violence, yet interpersonal violence prevention has not progressed significantly from a national priority perspective.

The think tank's goals were to:

- Be a major dynamic and energetic influence for ending interpersonal violence across the lifespan.
- Be in the forefront for policy, research, and practice.
- Identify gaps and issues facing the field of interpersonal violence prevention.
- Begin to develop the infra-structure and committees/working groups for a National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence across the Lifespan (NPEIV).
- Develop a blueprint for action for one, three, and five years.
 - Key will be integration across: disciplinary fields; research, practice and policy; organizations; and types of violence
 - Important to establish working groups to develop and implement specific tasks and activities to meet our objectives in a concrete manner within a specific time frame
- Produce special journal issues and publications to disseminate and translate current information
- Plan for the next 2 meetings for the development of the infra-structure
- Develop the format for a 2010 Spring Summit, and set dates for upcoming meetings and activities

Needs identified:

- Need one overarching group to create a cohesiveness necessary to embrace a national, multidisciplinary commitment to ending interpersonal violence across the lifespan (i.e., "United we stand, divided we fall")
- Need a public commitment and a public awareness campaign
- Public policy should reflect funding at all levels
- Voices of those affected must be included
- Develop a culturally sensitive approach to ending interpersonal violence, based in a community context
- Research, practice, policy and prevention should inform one another
- Funding will be difficult in this economy and is the biggest obstacle; thus, we need to determine creative ways to identify tangible financial opportunities and to be cost effective
- Initial areas identified for focus and integration: Child Maltreatment, Children Exposed to Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, Teen/Youth Violence, Elder Abuse, Diverse Populations, and Community Violence; substance abuse and cultural issues are key aspects in all of these areas
- Keep a central focus on technology and dissemination: online networking sites, podcasts, and e-bulletins

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Progress to date:

- At the first meeting in September 2008, the nearly 40 Think Tank members identified existing gaps and issues and began development of a blueprint for action to create a national agenda to reduce and then end interpersonal violence. **Seven working groups were formed: Public Awareness, Training/Mentoring, Practice, Research, Funding/Development, Public Policy Changes, and Community Action/Capacity Building**
- The second meeting in January 2009 focused on continuing the work of the NPEIV as well as beginning the planning for the 2010 Summit
- Related activities that are a direct result of this violence initiative:
 - Publication based on a 2008 Summit plenary talk by Mary Koss: Koss, M. P., & White, J. W. (2008). National and Global Agendas on Violence Against Women: Historical Perspective and consensus. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 78, 386-393.
 - In press, a two volume series based on the 2008 APA Presidential Initiative on Violence Against Women and Children under the general title of *Violence Against Women and Children: Consensus, critical analysis, and emergent priorities*: Volume 1: Mapping the Terrain (White, Koss, & Kazdin, editors) and Volume 2: Navigating Solutions (Koss, White, & Kazdin, editors).
 - A search is underway for the editor of a new *APA Journal of Violence*
 - Expanding the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego in September to include NPEIV meetings and integration of some of the members into the conference program to expand the network and to disseminate information

What is going on now?

- One outcome of the think tanks and the initial Summit was to create the **National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV)**
- **The Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) at Alliant International University has become the logistical arm and fiscal agent of the NPEIV**
- Next Planning meetings
 - September 21-22, 2009, just prior to and in conjunction with the 14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse & Trauma in San Diego
 - 4th meeting will be at the National Summit on Interpersonal Violence in Dallas, Feb. 24-26, 2010

What does this mean for planning now?

- IVAT is helping with the logistical support for the NPEIV for the time being; IVAT staff will help in the development of NPEIV; research assistants and volunteers will be utilized for logistical support, fund development, outreach, and information gathering
- IVAT is the fiscal agent for now so grants and funding will go to IVAT to be used for the NPEIV meetings and development; IVAT is a nonprofit component of the university. A Fiscal Oversight Committee has been appointed, chaired by Alan Kazdin
- Drs. Bob Geffner, Jackie White and Alan Kazdin will remain as the co-chairs of the NPEIV
- Identifying additional partners is now a focus, especially those that represent people of color, victims/survivors, and the military, as well as those connected with the education system
- The 2010 *Summit on Interpersonal Violence & Abuse across the Lifespan: Forging a Shared Agenda* in Dallas, TX, February 24-26, will be hosted by the NPEIV.
- Committees/working groups are being expanded for the infra-structure and for the 2010 Summit.
- During the coming year, concrete steps for completing the 3-5 year Blueprint for Action will be formulated and implemented, and a more definitive infra-structure will be developed.
- Currently, there are over 75 national organizations, agencies, or coalitions as NPEIV partners
- The approach will be from the top down (i.e., policy makers and organization directors) as well as from the bottom up (i.e., grass roots efforts at the community level) in order for this movement to be successful

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National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan (NPEIV) Collaborators

An overarching group of organizations, agencies, coalitions, and groups that embraces a national, multi_disciplinary and multicultural commitment to violence prevention across the lifespan

- Academy of Violence and Abuse
- Alliant International University
- American College of Emergency Physicians Research Forum
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
- American Psychological Association
 - Public Interest Directorate
 - Divisions for Social Justice
 - Division 9 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
 - Division 17 Counseling Psychology
 - Division 29 Psychotherapy
 - Division 35 Society for the Psychology of Women
 - Division 37 Society for Child and Family Policy Practice
 - Division 39 Division of Psychoanalysis
 - Division 42 Psychologists in Independent Practice
 - Division 43 Society for Family Psychology
 - Division 44 Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues
 - Division 45 Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues
 - Division 46 Media Psychology
 - Division 48 Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence
 - Division 50 Addictions
 - Division 51 Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity
 - Division 56 Trauma Psychology
- California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA)
- Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University
- Center for Research on Violence Against Women, University of Kentucky
- Centers for Disease Control, Division of Violence Prevention
- Children's Institute Inc.
- Children Uniting Nations
- Coalition Against Elder Abuse
- Coalition for Children's Mental Health
- Consumer Survivor Movement
- Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health & TBI
- Department of Defense, Sexual Assault Prevention & Response
- Department of Psychology and the Women's & Gender Studies Program at the University of South Carolina
- Domestic Abuse Project
- Family Research Laboratory at the University of New Hampshire
- Family Services, University of Northern Iowa
- Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute
- Family Violence Institute, Northern Illinois University
- HHS Office of Research on Women's Health
- HHS Office of Women's Health
- Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community
- Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (IDVSA) Center for Social Work Research School of Social Work The University of Texas at Austin
- Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma at Alliant International University
- Interagency Coalition on Child Abuse (ICAN)

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- The International Forensic Association of Nurses
- International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse;
- International Society for Study of Trauma & Dissociation
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
- John D. Dingell VA Medical Center
- Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and Public Health
- *Journal of Orthopsychiatry*
- Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence
- Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong
- National Alliance to Eliminate Domestic Violence
- National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, American Prosecutors Research Institute
- National Center for Victims of Crime and Stalking Resource Center
- National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, & Mental Health
- National Child Fatality Review Committee
- National Child Protection Training Center
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- National Institute for Child Health and Human Development
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Latino Alliance to Eliminate Domestic Violence
- National Network to End Domestic Violence
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- New York NGO Committee on Aging
- PAVE (Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment): Sexual Assault Awareness
- Public Health Department., University of Arizona
- Race Matters Consortium
- The Refugee and Immigrant Coalition Against Domestic Violence Women
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- School of Social Work, Columbia University
- Society for the Advancement of Violence & Injury Research
- Southern Indian Health Council
- Southern Methodist University Family Research Center
- State & Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
- TAPESTRI: The Refugee and Immigrant Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault and Interpersonal Violence Prevention Collaborative
- Texas Coalition Against Family Violence
- United Way - MN
- Veteran's Administration
- Waitt Institute for Violence Prevention

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