

ARIZONA SEXUAL ASSAULT NETWORK

Empowering Victims to Become Survivors
Through a Collaborative Statewide Network

AzSAN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Announcing a New AzSAN: Message from the Executive Director

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Allow me to express my gratitude for the opportunity to fill the position of Executive Director and continue AzSAN's work within the community. For those of you who I have already had the privilege of meeting, let me thank you for your support and enthusiasm as I transition into this new role. There are many of you that I have not yet connected with, but activities are currently underway to allow me to travel the state and meet with each of you to determine how AzSAN can best fulfill your needs. Please see the calendar below for dates that I may be in your area. I look forward to AzSAN's continued collaborations with the many agencies that serve sexual assault victims, and invite you all to [contact](#) me with any questions, concerns, or simple introductions. Thank you for all you do.



Photo (Above): AzSAN's new office space located in Tempe, Arizona.

AzSAN Celebrates Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In commemoration of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, AzSAN joined its community partners in various awareness raising events during the month of April. On April 7th, we joined Take Back the Night at Arizona State University where attendees were able to view a display of the Clothesline Project, enjoy live performances and presentations, and conclude the evening with a march and candlelight vigil.

Later in the month, AzSAN expanded its presence through participation in the Yuma Victims' Rights Week Event: Walk a Mile in Their Shoes, where hundreds showed up to show their support for victims of crime and sexual assault survivors. We also facilitated community outreach in the northern region of the state by tabling at the Clothesline Project event held in Flagstaff on April 30th, where over 1000 powerfully decorated t-shirts were exhibited. The month was an inspiring success, and AzSAN wishes to acknowledge all of those who worked in coordinating and implementing these wonderful efforts.

We Want to Hear from YOU! Call for Articles, Editorials, Materials, and Contributions

As the statewide coalition, AzSAN recognizes the vast importance of a coordinated collaborative partnership among the various agencies that serve victims of sexual violence. To fulfill this goal, we request that you send us copies of your brochures and information to be included in our community resource library.

If you or your agency have an event, story, update, or request, that you would like to see included in our newsletter, please contact us!

For more information, or to simply submit your contribution, contact Kayla by [email](#), or at 480-831-1986.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Trainings, Meetings, and Events

August 11, 2010

Mohave/La Paz County
SACT Community Conversation

August 18, 2010

Coconino County
SACT Community Conversation

August 18, 2010

Developing a DFSA Specific Protocol (Free Webinar)
Hosted by Research Triangle Institute

August 26, 2010

White Mountain Region
SACT Community Conversation

August 26, 2010

Offender Profiling: Psychology Contributions to Behavioral Crime Scene Analysis (Free Webinar)
Hosted by Research Triangle Institute

September 1, 2010

Cochise County
SACT Community Conversation

September 8, 2010

Pinal/Gila County
SACT Community Conversation

November 2-3, 2010

Arizona Sexual Violence Conference

Coming Soon

Media and Press Training for Victim Service Providers (Webinar)

Statewide Tour of College Sex Crime Panel

If you would like more information on any of these trainings and events, or would like to request one in your area, [contact us](#).

Join AzSAN in the Fight Against Sexual Violence!

Did you know that every two minutes someone is forcibly raped in the United States? Even worse, nearly 60% of these attacks are still going unreported to police. It is an unfortunate truth that you or someone you know will face issues with sexual violence. Is our community prepared?

Here at AzSAN, we see an urgent need for prevention, education, and intervention. Your support is critical in making AzSAN's mission a reality, and creating a safer community for all of us. To learn more about the benefits of joining AzSAN, see the attached Membership Form, and become a partner in the fight against sexual violence TODAY.

Save the Date: Statewide Sexual Violence Conference

AzSAN, in collaboration with the Glendale Police Department, is proud to announce the upcoming Statewide Sexual Violence Conference to be held November 2-3, 2010 at the Glendale Civic Center. This two-day multidisciplinary conference will include several breakout sessions on a variety of topics for advocates, law enforcement, counselors, prosecutors, forensic nurse examiners, and survivors. Information on continuing education credits will be available prior to registration, which is anticipated to open September 1st. Check our website for updates!

For more information, or to be added onto the mailing list for when registration opens, contact Noel McKee by [email](#) or phone at 623-930-3192, Box 16048.

AzSAN Hosts DFSA Training for Law Enforcement

On April 27th, AzSAN hosted a training on Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault at the Pinal County Sheriff's Office Training Facility in Florence, AZ. The training featured Dr. Marc LeBeau of the FBI, and covered the definitions, drugs, challenges, lab methods, and reporting of this specialized field. Due to such an overwhelming registration response, two sessions had to be opened to accommodate all of the interested attendees, and the feedback was nothing but positive. AzSAN thanks Dr. Marc LeBeau, Sheriff Paul Babeu, and the Pinal County Sheriff's Office for their generous support in coordinating and hosting this event.

Announcing Our Community Resource Library

AzSAN has been hard at work cataloging the extensive selection of books, articles, reports, training materials, and brochures that are currently contained within our Resource Library. Soon, this inventory will be automated and linked to our website for public lending and access. Watch your email for the announcement of this official release.

If you would like to learn more, or have materials that you would like to donate, [contact us](#).

AzSAN Collaborates with the Governor's Office to Create a Statewide Sexual Assault Response Manual

In recent months, AzSAN has redeveloped its Advisory Board, allowing for a wonderful collaboration with the Governor's SAFE committee to produce and release an updated "Best Practices Manual" to be used as a guideline in coordinated community responses to sexual assault across the state. The committee is composed of professionals in areas of victim services, victim rights, law enforcement, probation, prosecution, post-secondary education, medical response, underserved populations, rural communities, tribal lands, and sex trafficking; all of whom are working to create a comprehensive guide to enhanced service for Arizona's victims.

If you are interested in being involved in this committee, we would love to hear from you! For more information contact Teri



Photo (Above): AzSAN staff and volunteers tabling at ASU's Take Back the Night event on April 7th.

Emergency Victim Kits Available

Through generous community donations and grant funds, AzSAN has assembled 100 emergency victim kits to be distributed among rural service providers and SANEs across the state. These kits contain essential toiletries, clothing items, and community resources to be given to survivors following a forensic rape exam.

If you have a need for these kits in your area, please contact us by [email](#) or phone at 480-831-1986.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [email](#) us with "Remove" in the subject line.

Questions or comments? Email us at info@arizonasexualassaultnetwork.org or call 480-831-1986.