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Glendale Chief of Police, Steven Conrad, welcoming attendees to the 2010 Arizona Sexual Violence Conference.

Exciting Website Changes

The AzSAN website is currently undergoing some major changes as we work to integrate a variety of new modules for community members. These will include pages for trainings and presentations, agency newsletters and updates, a community events calendar, and a statewide resource guide.

A Media Training for Sexual Assault Service Providers will soon be launched, as well as a report and presentation on Arizona's Underserved Communities, and the cataloged database of AzSAN's Resource Lending Library.

If there is something you would like to see included on our new website, please [contact us](#).



Paul Henry of White Tiger Prevention at the 2010 Girls Conference Series.

Message from AzSAN Executive Director: Kayla Fulmer

The past year has been one of many changes for the Arizona Sexual Assault Network, one of the most prominent being an emergence of new leadership, both among AzSAN staff and its Board of Directors. I am humbled and honored to have been appointed as the new Executive Director, and look forward to representing AzSAN as we re-establish our vital role as the statewide coalition against sexual violence. I know that achieving this goal is not without its challenges, but am optimistic that AzSAN can and will do everything in its power to fulfill its mission and vision of ending sexual violence in Arizona. This success is reliant on the trust and support of our community partners, and I urge all of you to [contact me](#) anytime to discuss how AzSAN can support you.

Glendale Police Department Helps End Sexual Violence

AzSAN wishes to commend the City of Glendale and the Glendale Police Department on the immense success that was the 2010 Arizona Sexual Violence Conference. This event was held November 2-3 at the Glendale Civic Center and garnered over one hundred attendees from the disciplines of law enforcement, prosecution, advocacy, mental health, and legal services. The selection of workshop topics and speakers have received fantastic reviews, and we are extremely appreciative of this opportunity to enhance the knowledge and understanding of sexual assault issues. We extend a special thanks to the Glendale Police Department, Sergeant Genea Stephens, Noel McKee, and the entire Curriculum Committee for all of their hard work in hosting this wonderful event.

Introducing Teen Suicide Awareness Campaign

As the tragic trend of teen suicide continues to flood the media airwaves, AzSAN has joined forces with a team of agencies to develop a Teen Suicide Prevention Campaign throughout the state of Arizona to combat this disturbing issue. Our project partners, which currently consist of PFLAG, One Voice Community Center, Teen Lifeline, Arizona Students Against Sexual Assault, SADD, EMPACT Trauma Healing Services, and the Guy's Project, are already hard at work in the planning stages of this community endeavor. If you or your agency would like to participate in this exciting project, we welcome you to attend our next meeting on December 1st. To learn more, please [contact us](#).

AzSAN Collaborates with White Tiger Prevention to Empower Arizona's Youth

The Third Annual Arizona Girls Conference Series will return to four Arizona cities to bring awareness of sexual violence, abusive relationships, and personal safety skills for teen girls ages 14 and older. Through its various presentations and guest speakers, including the Arizona Sexual Assault Network, the Girls Conference will empower young women with the necessary resources to make healthy decisions about relationships and safety. See the calendar below for specific dates on when the Girls Conference will be in your area. To learn more, visit www.fearlesstiger.com or email Paul at wtiger@qcc.aibn.com.

New Sexual Assault Services in Navajo and Apache Counties

We are excited to announce that as of August 1st, NACASA, the Northern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault, is now offering extended services in Navajo and Apache counties. Medical forensic exams are now available in Show Low to serve these rural areas, and in its first month alone, five patients were seen and served. Plans are also underway to have services available in Springerville in the near future. Keep up the great work!

Announcing New AzSAN Advisory Boards for Underserved Communities

AzSAN is pleased to announce that we will be forming three new advisory boards to address the needs of underserved communities within the state of Arizona. These boards will focus on victims with disabilities, faith based communities and their response to sexual violence, and those residing on immigrant, rural, or tribal lands. The initial meetings for each of these boards can be found on the calendar to the right, or you can [contact us](#) for more information. Additional invitations to agencies that already serve these groups or have knowledge of their specialized needs will also be distributed in the coming month. We look forward to your involvement in this important work!

AzSAN Participates in ATSA Annual Conference

On October 20th-23th, we had the opportunity to host an exhibitor booth at the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Annual Conference at the Phoenix Sheraton. Attendees represented a broad range of fields that addressed both offender and victim issues. The speaker series included presentations on current research as well as the education of previous noteworthy findings. It was an incredible learning experience and networking opportunity, and we hope to continue to participate for years to come. We thank ATSA for their generosity and applaud them for hosting this great event.



AzSAN employee, Kristen Merritt, discussing upcoming events with an attendee of the ATSA Annual Conference.

Coming Soon: Human Trafficking Conference Series

In response to the overwhelming issue of human trafficking, AzSAN is coordinating a Human Trafficking Conference Series to take place in multiple regions across the state. The first will be held January 14, 2011 in Nogales, and will address the basics of understanding human trafficking, victim advocacy, legal remedies, task force activities, and local resource promotion. Watch your inbox for the Save the Date soon!

SART Team Information

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center is currently conducting research on the presence of Sexual Assault Response Teams across the nation. If your agency or community would like to be included, please [contact us](#).

Formation of New Sexual Violence Prevention Advisory Committee

In addition to the creation of advisory boards for underserved populations, AzSAN is also establishing a Sexual Violence Prevention Committee to assist in the development of a prevention curriculum for AzSAN implementation in high schools. If you would like to be involved in this important endeavor, please [contact us](#).

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Trainings, Meetings, and Events

- December 1, 2010**
Suicide Campaign Meeting
- December 9, 2010**
Open House: Glendale Family Advocacy Center
- December 11, 2010**
AzSAN Volunteer Training
- January 4, 2010**
Disability Advisory Board Meeting
- January 6, 2010**
Faith Based Advisory Board Meeting
- January 10, 2010**
Prevention Advisory Board Meeting
- January 11, 2010**
Immigrant, Tribal, and Rural Land Advisory Board Meeting
- January 14, 2010**
Human Trafficking Conference
- January 31, 2010**
AZ Girls Conference Series-Phoenix
- February 1, 2010**
AZ Girls Conference Series-Mesa
- February 3, 2010**
AZ Girls Conference Series-Tucson
- February 4, 2010**
AZ Girls Conference Series-Yuma

If you would like more information on any of these events, or would like to see your activities included on this calendar, [contact us](#).

AzSAN Partners with ASU V-DAY

AzSAN is thrilled to share that we have partnered with ASU V-DAY: Until the Violence Stops, to assist in the promotion of their upcoming events and performances. Details will be available on our website soon!

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