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VDAY

The cast of ASU V-DAY 2011.

Want to Promote Your Agency's Events?

We here at AzSAN know that the overall success of sexual violence education, prevention, and awareness throughout the state is dependent on the vital role of our community partners, and we want to help!

If you have a training, event, meeting, or new project that you would like to see promoted within our newsletter, website, media kit, or mailing list, let us know!

Message from AzSAN Executive Director: Kayla Fulmer

Greetings and Happy New Year! 2011 has already proven to be a valuable year for AzSAN as well as our community partners. We have seen so many great projects emerge within the sexual assault community, as well as an exciting calendar of upcoming training and events. With Sexual Assault Awareness Month quickly approaching, we have been busy coordinating and supporting many statewide events to educate and support our communities. While we are only able to highlight some of these activities in this newsletter, we have attached an additional calendar for the month of April. If you have events that you would like to see included, please contact me! It will surely be an inspiring month for sexual violence awareness, and please know that AzSAN is here to support your efforts in anything you may need. We commend your hard work and thank you for all you do in your community.

Until the Violence Stops: Announcing ASU V-DAY!

AzSAN is proud to support ASU V-DAY's upcoming production of "The Vagina Monologues", a celebration of female sexuality in all its complexity and mystery. This groundbreaking show, performed annually at ASU, showcases real women's stories of intimacy, vulnerability, and sexual self-discovery in this stunning phenomenon that has swept the nation. Shows are on Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th at Neeb Hall at ASU. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit asuvday.com.

EMPACT and ASU Prepare for Take Back the Night 2011

In honor of National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we are thrilled to be a part of the 2011 Phoenix Take Back the Night, hosted by EMPACT Trauma Healing Services and ASU. The event will take place during the First Friday's festival in downtown Phoenix at the Conspire Gallery on April 1st. The event will include a Clothesline Project, live music, march and rally, bonfire, exciting speakers, and a creative expressions contest for local youth. Come out and support our united community as we Take Back the Night! For more information on how you can get involved, contact Rachel Herbig.

Join us for the NAU Campus Sex Crime Panel on February 28th! Click the photo for more information.

Community Conference on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coming to Tuba City!

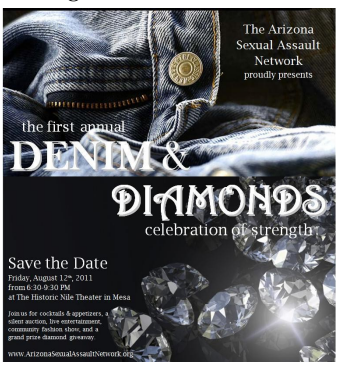
The Coconino County CCRT and Northland Family Help Center will be hosting a Community Conference on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at the Moenkopi Legacy Inn and Suites in Tuba City, AZ on April 27th and 28th. Topics of this community strengthening event will include dynamics of sexual and domestic violence, professional engagement, effects on children and youth, law and criminal investigation, community collaboration, and violence prevention. For more information, please click here, or contact Beya Thayer at 928-707-2057 or email.

Raising the Bar: How Some Downtown Flagstaff Bar Owners Are Combating Sexual Assault…By Kyle Boggs

While students understand the events that mark Tequila Sunrise as the most widespread college drinking weekend of the year, where participating bars open their doors at 6AM, to coincide with Homecoming events at Northern Arizona University, less realized is that this weekend is also commonly characterized by an increase in sexual assaults. This year was different because the spike never quite subsided...click here to read more.

Celebrate Your Community Strength with AzSAN

AzSAN is proud to announce the hosting of its first annual fundraiser "Denim and Diamonds: Celebration of Strength" to take place on August 12, 2011 at the Historic Nile Theater in Mesa, AZ. This event will honor the community's instrumental role in ending sexual violence, with the central theme uniting the significance of International Denim Day, an awareness effort brought forth by Italian Judges that did not convict a rapist because the victim wore jeans, and the symbolic strength of diamonds. The evening will consist of a denim fashion show displaying messages of strength, a silent auction, live entertainment, cocktails and appetizers, and a grand prize diamond giveaway. Mark your calendars, as you won't want to miss this special event. If you are interested in modeling in the fashion show, contributing to the silent auction, or purchasing tickets, please email us!



Advisory Boards To Conduct Needs Assessment

The formation of four AzSAN Advisory Boards for Victims with Disabilities, Tribal/Immigrant/Rural Populations, Faith Based Communities, and Primary Prevention has gotten off to a great start, and will be distributing specialized surveys across the state to gain critical information for a coalition needs assessment. If you want to be involved in any of these committees, or would like to recommend others who may be an asset, please contact us. Meeting dates can be found on the calendar enclosed.

Communities Touched by AZ Girls Conference Series

The AzSAN Outreach Team at the Tucson Conference.

On January 31st, February 3rd, and February 4th, AzSAN joined White Tiger Prevention in hosting the Third Annual Arizona Girls Conferences in Mesa, Tucson, and Yuma. We delivered a presentation on the myths and realities of sexual violence, and received fantastic feedback from attendees, with 100% of girls reporting an increased understanding of sexual violence and how they can protect themselves. We look forward to continuing these efforts in education and prevention, and thank all who took part in this enlightening community event.

Upcoming AzSAN Community Tour

In the month of March, AzSAN will be traveling across the state to hold local meetings with agencies and organizations that address issues of sexual violence, and we want to meet with you! Watch your inbox for your announcement letter, or contact us for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!
Upcoming Trainings, Meetings, and Events

February 24, 2011
Stand and Serve Coalition Meeting

February 24-April 28
SANE Training: Caring for Adult and Adolescent Victims for Rural Nurses

February 28, 2011
ASU "Got Consent?" Campaign Launch

February 28, 2011
NAU Sex Crime Panel

March 2, 2011
ASU Consent Awareness Event

March 3, 2011
ASU Consent Training for Greek Life

March 4-5, 2011
ASU V-Day Presents The Vagina Monologues

March 5, 2011
Free Mother/Daughter Workshop: A Bold Day of Empowerment

March 16, 2011
Stand and Serve Day at the Capitol

March 18, 2011
Maricopa County LGBT Consortium Meeting

March 22, 2011
Coconino County CCRT Meeting

March 30, 2011
AzSAN Prevention Advisory Board Meeting

March 30, 2011
ASU/AzSAN Sex Crime Panel

2011 APRIL SAAM CALENDAR

April 18, 2011
AzSAN Disability Advisory Board Meeting

April 25, 2011
AzSAN Faith Based Advisory Board Meeting

April 26, 2011
AzSAN Immigrant/Tribal/Rural Advisory Board Meeting

May 2-4, 2011
National Institute for SART Team Leaders

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

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