

A CALL TO MEN *of Color*:

Ending Violence Against Women in Our Communities

September 26 – 28, 2007

New Orleans, Louisiana

Agenda, Plenary and Workshop Descriptions

Day One:

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

3:30pm – 5:30pm - Women of Color Network Meeting

(Pre-Conference Meeting – refreshments served)

5:30pm – 7:30pm - Registration

6:00pm - Opening & Welcoming Remarks

- **Gwen Wright**, *Director of Training & Policy Development - New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*
- **Ted Bunch**, *Co-founder - A Call To Men & Sr. Director, Safe Horizon – Domestic Violence Accountability Program*
- **Tonya Lovelace**, *Program Director – Women of Color Network*

6:30pm - Overview of A CALL TO MEN:

The National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women

- **Tony Porter**, *Co-founder - A CALL TO MEN*

The mission, purpose and vision of **A CALL TO MEN** will be discussed along with the experiences of the presenters as they met and interacted with men and women of color around the country over the last five years. It is these conversations that led to the decision to host this event.

7:00pm - Keynote: Why Men of Color Need to be Part of the Solution

- **Desiree Allen-Cruz**, *Domestic Violence Services Coordinator – Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation*

"Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thought nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away". ~ Shoshone (Anonymous)

7:45pm - The Call:

- Sumayya Coleman, *Share Time Wisely Consultant Services*

8:15pm - The Response:

- Sulaiman Nurridin, *Program Coordinator, Men Stopping Violence*

The “Call” to well meaning men of color will be placed. Asking them to take their positions, join their Sister's and become part of this movement. The “Call” will be followed by a “Response” from well meaning men of color.

8:45pm -

(Break)

9:00pm - Reception

- **Poetry, Spoken Word, Music & Networking** (*Beverages/appetizers & cash bar*)
- **Dr. Nandi Crosby** - *Chico State University,*
- **Public Offenders** – *Austin, Texas*
- **Zell Miller III** – **Spoken Word**

Day Two:

Thursday, September 27, 2007

7:30am - Registration

(Continental Breakfast)

8:30am - Welcoming Remarks

- **Gwen Wright, Moderator** - *NYSOPDV*
- **Sonia Hernandez**, - *Representing - Voices of Survivors*
- **Garcelia Burchell**, - *Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence-Women of Color Taskforce*

9:00am Keynote Address

- **Tonya Lovelace**, *Project Manager - Women of Color Network*

Calling Men of Color, Claiming Men of Color: A Look at Ways Men and Women of Color Can Work Together in the VAW Movement

This keynote will explore the challenges that women of color face in the violence against women movement, we will also touch upon challenges men of color face in this movement, and will provide some suggestions for how we can be there for one another along the way.

10:00am - Break

(Continental Breakfast)

10:30am - Survivors Panel

- **Tony Porter, Moderator** – *A CALL TO MEN*
- **Eletha Hobson** *Outreach Program Coordinator - Family Justice Center*
- **Sonia Hernandez** *Representing the Voice of Survivors*
- **Clara Lindstrom** *Women of Color Network*

This survivor's panel will focus on and discuss their experiences of domestic violence and sexual assault as it relates to well meaning men of color. Panelist will share their experiences with well meaning men of color before during and after the abuse. The goal of this panel discussion is to give well meaning men of color incite into ways they can be more effective in helping to end violence against women of color.

12:00 - Lunch

(on your own)

1:30pm - Workshop Session

(8 Sessions)

- **Undoing Racism; Dr. Kimberly Richards**, *The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond*

The People's Institute was founded in 1980 by long-time community organizers Ron Chisom of New Orleans and Jim Dunn of Yellow Springs, Ohio. The People's Institute was created to develop more analytical, culturally-rooted and effective community organizers. Over the past 27 years, The People's Institute Undoing Racism / Community Organizing process has impacted the lives of over 120,000 people both

nationally and internationally. Through this process, it has built a national collective of anti-racist, multicultural community organizers who do their work with an understanding of history, culture, and the impact of racism on communities. These anti-racist organizers build leadership in and account to the constituencies where they are organizing.

- **Sister to Sister – Heart to Heart - Dr. Nandi Crosby, *Chico State University***

The purpose of this workshop is to generate a woman-centered dialogue about empowerment, healing, healthy decision-making, and the realities of interpersonal relationships with men. In a lively conversation, the participants will focus on raising empowered sons, “keepin’ it real” about red flags in relationships, and examining what options there are for moving beyond the pain and shame of abuse. This workshop is for women only.

- **Communities of Faith – Communities of Color:**

Sumayya Coleman, *Share Time Wisely Consultant Services*

Sonia Hernandez, *Representing - Voices of Survivors*

Bishop C. Hamilton Murray, *Pastor & Bishop - P.S.A.L.M. Fellowship*

A NEW way to look at the masculine vs. feminine ideology in religious interpretations... Discussing: obedience, submission, possession, rights, dominance, etc. This new "paradigm" will give a perspective like never before causing listeners to open the minds and search the heart for truth in their new found understanding on principles of old.

- **A Call to Latino Men - Cesar Alvarado, *Trainer - A CALL TO MEN***
Juan Ramos, *Manager DVAP - Safe Horizon & Trainer - A CALL TO MEN*

Understanding that violence against woman cuts across cultural lines, a call to men has addressed the issue by reaching out to our Latino brothers and sisters to understand Machismo is the mirror image of male privilege. We will discuss how are socialization as Latino men, affect the women and girls in our lives, We do this by addressing and challenging one another as Latino men, we do it hombre a hombre, una conversacion honesta.

- **Men Stopping Violence - Ulester Douglas, *Director of Training - Men Stopping Violence and Sulaiman Nuriddin, Program Coordinator - Men Stopping Violence***
Beyond Batterer Intervention Programs: *A Community-Centered Approach to Engaging African American Men In Ending Male Violence against Women*

Women have been, and continue to be, at the forefront of efforts to end male violence against women. While women have laid a solid foundation for community change, male violence against women will not end until males decide to end it. However, men’s involvement has been generally limited to Batterer Intervention Programs, which

primarily consist of court ordered, low income men of color. While this approach has its strengths, it is quite limiting in its impact. The goal of this workshop is to describe an alternative model, Men Stopping Violence's Community Accountability model, which places communities at the center of the solutions to ending male violence against women. The emphasis of the workshop will be on discussing creative approaches to engaging African American men to become part of the solution.

- **Ending Violence Against Women in Muslim Communities –**

Sarwat Husain *President - Council on American Islamic Relations - San Antonio*

Joanna Ladki, *Coordinator - ACCESS Community Health and Research Center*

This workshop will provide an introduction to domestic violence with some statistical information. We will discuss women in Islam, domestic violence in Islam and the importance of preventing Domestic Violence. Preventing strategies to end Domestic violence in the Muslim Community will be discussed as well as intervention strategies on how to end Domestic Violence in the Muslim Community

- **Organizing Men of Color on College Campuses:**

Dr. Lana N. Chambliss, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Psychology Dillard University*

Dr. Eartha Lee Johnson, Ed.D., *Associate Professor, Education & Psychology, Trauma Specialist, Dillard University*

In order for us to begin to organize our youth on college campuses we must first create meaningful dialogue that synergizes a proactive stance to be taken by our youth and allow their voices not to be silenced. This session will be an interactive one, filled with frank discussion about the way college students view violence. We will also share undergraduate research activities that have proven to be thought provoking and instrumental in getting students involved. What are the precursors that allow violence to permeate an adolescent's mind set? Can we break through several layers of multi-media and look at the way women are viewed in general not only by men, but by other women as well? We have a charge to keep if we are to aid our globalizing world in developing youth that is productive to our citizenry and that will help us to finally stop the violence against women.

- **The Dangerous Intersection of Gender, Race and Violence**

Shana Griffin – *INCITE - Women of Color Against Violence*

Alisa Bierria – *INCITE - Women of Color Against Violence*

Women of color live at the complex and often dangerous intersections of gender and race. Within the mainstream, white-led anti-violence movement, women of color who survive sexual or domestic abuse are often told that they must pit themselves against their (violent) communities to begin the healing process. Communities of color, meanwhile, often advocate that women keep silent about sexual and domestic violence in order to maintain a united front against racism. People of color must find a way to

transform these practices within both anti-racist and feminist movements around issues of violence. This workshop will:

- We will explore the history of the anti-violence movement and anti-criminalization movement.
- Build an understanding of who occupies the center and the margins of the contemporary anti-violence movement and what factors have helped to create and maintain this arrangement.
- Develop an understanding of violence against women of color that makes connections between community violence and state-sponsored violence.
- Explore strategies for challenging oppression in the context of anti-violence work.

3:00pm - Break

(Refreshments)

3:15 – Remarks - Patrick Gaston – *President, The Verizon Foundation*

- *Lead Corporate Sponsor of A CALL TO MEN*

3:25pm - Hip-Hop Plenary – *Featuring “Beyond Beats and Rhymes”*

- **Song selection by - Public Offenders**
- **Ted Bunch - Moderator**
- **Byron Hurt, Film Maker, Director & Producer – “Beyond Beats & Rhymes”**
- **Tonya Lovelace, Program Director – Women of Color Network**

During our discussion we will utilize segments from the critically acclaimed film Beyond Beats and Rhymes to discuss the challenges facing us in ending violence against women in Rap music. The panel, our audience and the film will take an in-depth look at representations of manhood, sexism, heterosexism and homophobia in Hip-Hop culture. We will strategize ways that men can engage other men to become part of the solution to confront and end violence against women.

A CALL TO MEN is a national partner with Byron Hurt & Beyond Beats and Rhymes in supporting a comprehensive national community engagement campaign designed to educate both young consumers and media makers about issues of gender, race and community values. The campaign supports media literacy and encourages young men and women to reflect on the impact of frequently violent and sexual imagery on themselves, their relationships and their communities.

5:00 – 6:00pm

(Break)

6:00pm – Reception & Entertainment *(Beverages, Appetizers & Cash Bar)*

- **Bishop Freeze, Socially Conscious Rap Artist – Youth Ministries, Tacoma, Washington** **Public Offenders – Austin, Texas**

8:00pm

End of Day

Day Three:

Friday, September 28, 2007

7:30am - Registration

(Continental Breakfast)

8:45am - Welcoming

- **Gwen Wright, Moderator**

9:00am - Keynote Address

- **Rev Aubra Love, Executive Director - The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute**

Faith Based Community Organizing

Participants will learn how to conduct a Domestic Violence Sabbath Observance within a congregation or secular domestic violence response agency. Some attention will be given to identifying signs of abuse. The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute (BCDVI) believes it is the responsibility of churches to improve the quality of life for everyone in their communities. We further assert that a vital part of fulfilling this responsibility is to recognize the long-standing and wide-spread acceptance of domestic violence with these communities. BCDVI's training for clergy and advocates emphasizes the empowerment and cultivation of religious leaders in the historic Black church, by teaching methods of prevention and response to sexual and domestic violence. These training components are culturally competent; and designed specifically to develop relationships between congregations and domestic violence response agencies.

10:00am -

(Break with Refreshments)

10:30am – Self - Identified Organizing Sessions (5 Sessions)

The goal of the session is for participants to have a chance to discuss development, implementation or participation in organizing strategies in their communities, state or on a national level for working to end violence against women of color. Session are; Women of Color, Men of Color, Young Adults of Color, Faith Based Organizing and Allies to People of Color.

- **Women of Color:**

Jacqui C. Williams, Director of Policy & Education -
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Reiko Ozaki, Training & Technical Specialist – ODVN

- **Men of Color:**

Emiliano Diaz de Leon, Executive Director - Men's Resource
Center of South Texas

Khaatim S. El, Men Stopping Violence

- **Young Adults of Color :**

Juan Ramos, Safe Horizon & A CALL TO MEN

Kruti Parekh - Adult Ally - Youth Justice Coalition

- **Faith Based Organizing:**

Rev. Aubra Love, *Executive Director - The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute*
Patricia White, *Associate Director - The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute*
Dia Hodnett, *The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute*

- **Allies to People of Color:**

Merni Carter, *Executive Director –Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence*

Julie Fitch, *Prevention Training Coordinator - Louisiana Office of Public Health HIV/AIDS*

12:00

(Lunch on your own)

1:00pm - **A CALL TO MEN of Color: Panel**

The goal of this panel is to discuss ways men of color can be good and effective allies to our sister's of color in the movement. Challenges, obstacles and accomplishments will be discussed.

- **Dr. Jacqueline Torres**, *Sr. Consultant - Firm Foundation, Inc - Moderator*

Panelists include:

- **Dr. Oliver Williams**, *Executive Director - Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community*
- **Wayne Barnes**, *Community Educator - Metropolitan Center for Women and Children*
- **Emiliano Diaz de Leon**, *Executive Director - Men's Resource Center of South Texas*

2:30pm

(Break with refreshments)

2:45pm - **End Note**

- **Patricia S. Castillo**, *Executive Director – The P.E.A.C.E. Initiative*

My endnote words - palabras will cover the heartfelt thoughts, sentiments - corazonadas and voices expressing what we need from the men, for the men and by the men in order to fortify the efforts to end violence against women and bring forth P.E.A.C.E. The expression of these sentiments - corazonadas come from far, close, deep and shallow, hence everywhere the soul - alma moves to do this work in the universe.

3:15pm – **Last Words**

- **Tony Porter & Ted Bunch**, *A CALL TO MEN (taking action)*
- **Sonia Hernandez**, *Representing the Voice of Survivors*
- **Nana-Fosu Randall**, *President and Founder-Voices of African Mothers*
- **Gwen Wright**, *New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*

4:00pm

End of Conference