Happenings, Events, and More

Center for Women and Community organizes, sponsors, and co-sponsors a wide variety of events for the Five-College community, typically during the academic year.

For information on all CWC events call 413-545-0883

Spring 2014

Past Events

Stand Against Racism

April 14th- 25th, 2014
Open to (Audience): Public
Co-sponsored by: Center for Multicultural Advancement and Student Success (CMASS), the Women of Color Leadership Network (WOCLN) at the Center for Women & Community, the Stonewall Center, Student Activities and Involvement, Center for Counseling and Psychological Health, Center for Health Promotion, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UMass Dining, Commonwealth College, Sustainable UMass, Coalition to End Rape Culture, Black Student Union and Social Justice Education Program

Join us as we unite with the national movement of the YWCA for the third year to stand against racism. The event will include film screening, panel discussions, workshops, media gallery, and entertainment to educate on the ramifications of racism in health and the integration of society.

Here’s how you can join in this movement:

• Joining our Stand Against Racism campaign through Instagram. We will be taking pictures at the UMass Student Union Lobby from Monday, April 14 to Friday, April 18 from 9:00am-3:00pm of individuals that want to share why they stand against racism.

• Completing the statement “I stand against racism because …” and submit a picture to Instagram #StandAgainstRacism @CMASS that states why you stand against racism.

• Tweet why you stand against racism using the hashtag #StandAgainstRacism

• Posting the Stand Against Racism Pledge in your department or office on Friday, April 25, 2014(it can be found here)

• If you teach or sponsor courses, considering offering extra credit to students who attend events

Stand Against Racism
Start Smart: Salary Negotiation Skills for Women

Tuesday, April 15th, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Room 203 New Africa House
PreRegistration is Required. Call 413-545-0883 to register
Co-Sponsored with The College of Natural Sciences
Negotiating salaries is a challenge for women at all stages of their careers. This session will empower women starting their careers to avoid the gender wage gap by teaching them negotiation strategies and benchmarking tools.

Body Politics in Digital Story Telling form: Screening and Talk Back

Rescheduled! Date: April 16th & 17th, 2014, 7:30 PM
174-76 Campus Center
For over ten years, the award-winning Body Politics has been a space for celebration, support, empowerment, healing and creativity for women of color to embrace who they are, their bodies, and their experiences and to speak against all forms of oppression.

After these amazing years of Body Politics production, we have changed the form of its final product into Digital Story Telling in order to reach larger audiences.

Join us on April 16th or 17th to screen our new stories and converse with the participants about their process and journey for this year.

No Blurred Lines: Getting Clear Consent

Wednesday, April 16th, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Dwight Classroom
Open to (Audience): Public
Consent requires clear, constant communication. Practicing effective consent is a crucial part of having healthy and enjoyable sexual encounters - but can it be sexy? Yes it can! In this workshop we will explore consent: why it is crucial, what it looks like, and how to incorporate it in your life.
Breaking Down Rape Culture

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
New Africa House Reading Room
Open to (Audience): Public
Rape culture is a system of beliefs and actions which excuse, tolerate, and condone sexual violence. This workshop will provide the tools to challenge the myths and stereotypes that fuel rape culture.

For a complete listing of the spring workshop dates and times: http://www.umass.edu/ewc/requestworkshop/

Take Back the Night

Thursday, April 10th, 2014, 6:30 PM
Rain Date: April 17th, 2014
Student Union Lawn North
Take Back the Night is a speak-out and march designed to empower our community to act towards eliminating rape and other forms of sexual violence. We will gather at the Student Union Lawn North on Thursday, April 10, 2014 beginning at 6:30PM to hear survivors speak, before we begin our march. Join us to take back the night, shatter the silence and stop the violence!

Clothesline Project

Thursday, April 10th, 2014, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Machmer Lawn
Open to (Audience): Public
The Clothesline Project is a visual display that allows survivors of violence, as well as their friends and families, to express their stories and feelings through art. The display features a clothesline hung with shirts, each decorated to represent an individual’s experience with violence. Come out on Thursday, April 10, 2014 from 10AM-3:00PM to view the project, displayed on the Machmer Lawn.

Film Screening and Discussion: Yelling to the Sky

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014, 7:00 PM
203 New Africa House--180 Infirmary Way, UMass, Amherst MA 01003
Open to (Audience): Public
Yelling to the Sky is a coming of age movie. As her family falls apart, seventeen year old Sweetness O'Hara is left to fend for herself in a neighborhood where her survival is uncertain. Writer-director Victoria Mahoney’s semi-autobiographical film Yelling to the Sky deals with multiple issues like addiction, domestic violence, bullying, biracial issues, racism, teen-
pregnancy, depression, poverty, drug abuse and death – but they are part of, not the sum of the characters’ lives.

**Breaking Down Rape Culture**

**Monday, April 7th, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
Malcolm X Cultural Center  
Open to (Audience): Public  
Rape culture is a system of beliefs and actions which excuse, tolerate, and condone sexual violence. This workshop will provide the tools to challenge the myths and stereotypes that fuel rape culture.

**Sexual Assault 101 for Public Health 160 (My Body My Health) Class**

**Friday, April 4th, 2014, 12:20 - 1:10 PM and 1:25 - 2:15 PM**  
Morrill Room 319  
Open to (Audience): Students in Public Health 160 (Closed Workshop)  
Students of Public Health 160 (My Body My Health) will discuss what sexual assault is and how they can play a role in reducing sexual violence at UMass.

**RelationShip Wreck: Responding to Control & Violence**

**Thursday, April 3rd, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
Crampton Basement  
Open to (Audience): Public  
Did you know that 58% of college students say they don’t know how to help someone who is experiencing relationship violence? This workshop will help build an understanding of relationship violence and provide you with the tools to educate others and address violence.

**Breaking Down Rape Culture**

**Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
Campus Center Rm 165-69  
Open to (Audience): Public  
Rape culture is a system of beliefs and actions which excuse, tolerate, and condone sexual violence. This workshop will provide the tools to challenge the myths and stereotypes that fuel rape culture.

**International Coffee Hour**

**Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014, 4:00 - 5:00 PM**  
The SPOT, Student Union  
Open to (Audience): UMass Community  
Co-sponsored by: UMass International Students Club  
Representatives from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will be on site to give
information to attendees of the International Coffee Hour about the services that the CWC provides, answer questions, and provide students with information about volunteer opportunities.

**Roundtable Discussion for Law Enforcement: Investigating Complex Sexual Assault Cases**

**Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014, 1:00 - 3:00 PM**
**UMPD Conference Room, 585 East Pleasant Street Amherst, MA**
**Open to (Audience): Law Enforcement Officers**
**Co-sponsored by: Northwestern District Attorney’s Office; Hampshire County sexual Assault Response Team (SART)**

FREE local Roundtable Discussion: Investigating Complex Sexual Assault Involving Alcohol or Drug Use; Wednesday April 2; 1-3pm UMASS PD Conference Room, Amherst
Facilitated by Prosecutor Jen Suhl, Northwestern DA Chief of the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Unit and Lt. Detective Ron Young, who oversees the Amherst Police Department Detective Bureau.
This discussion will focus on identifying critical areas for investigation and documentation in cases of sexual assault which involve drug or alcohol use by the victim, suspect or both. Using a case scenario based on actual reports, Officers will discuss best practices in areas such as interviewing victims and suspects, documenting alcohol use and level of intoxication/incapacitation, and establishing a pre and post assault timeline.
Sponsored by the Hampshire County Sexual Assault Response Team.
For more information contact Becky Lockwood, Associate Director Center for Women & Community. 413.545.0883; rlockwood@umass.edu. Please RSVP by March 28 to rlockwood@umass.edu

**Social Hour**

**Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014, 12:00 - 2:00 PM**
**127 New Africa House**
**Open to (Audience): Public**
Join the Women of Color Leadership Network for April Social Hour. Take a break and come meet our staff, connect with women of color, network and relax from your busy schedule, or simply come to say Hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served.

**How to Ally: Shifting to Action**

**Tuesday, April 1st, 2014, 6:00 - 8:30 PM**
**Campus Center Rm 903**
**Open to (Audience): Public**
What’s “Ally”? Is it an identity or a behavior? This workshop will address how to be mindful of our actions so we can move from calling ourselves allies to behaving as allies.
Racial and Sexual Stereotypes in Rape Culture Workshop

Monday, March 31st, 2014, 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Campus Center room 174-176
Open to (Audience): Public
Co-sponsored by: Coalition to End Rape Culture (CERC)
The women of Color Leadership Network will facilitate a dialogue with the Coalition to End Rape Culture. The dialogue will focus on the topic of Racial/Sexual Stereotypes in the Rape Culture. This is the kick off event of an awareness week held by CERC to deepen the conversation about rape culture and how its social interactions sometimes promote sexual and racial stereotypes. The week aims at encouraging the community to engage in building stronger and healthier relationships that do not follow the negative social dynamic. This event is open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

UACT class presentation

Thursday, March 27th, 2014, 6:15 PM
Dickinson Building- UMass
Open to (Audience): Class participants
Closed presentation by WOCLN to participants in class for a collaborative project.

Spoken Word Night

Thursday, March 27th, 2014, 7:30 PM
Shirley Du Bois Library (2nd Floor New Africa House- Room 203)
Open to (Audience): Public
An opportunity to speak your truth in a creative, diverse, vibrant, and welcoming environment. All are invited to perform either original spoken word pieces and poetry or from the works of your favorite artists/authors in relation to power, liberation, oppression, cultural and social identities, resistance, solidarity, and other social justice topics. Refreshments will be served. Free, open to all and wheelchair accessible.

Spoken Word Flyer

Breaking Down Rape Culture

Wednesday, March 26th, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Campus Center Rm 165-69
Open to (Audience): Public
Rape culture is a system of beliefs and actions which excuse, tolerate, and condone sexual violence. This workshop will provide the tools to challenge the myths and stereotypes that fuel rape culture.
Taking Charge: Representations & Body Image

Tuesday, March 25th, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Mary Lyons Classroom
Open to (Audience): Public
Do you see yourself represented in shows and movies? Join us for an honest discussion on body image representations in the media and what actions we can take to change unhealthy representations and promote a positive self image.

Public Health 310 Class Bystander Intervention Training

Tuesday, March 25th, 2014, 4:00 - 5:15 PM
Morrill Science Center IV Room 349
Open to (Audience): Students in PH310
This workshop will teach participants what they can do to prevent sexual violence in our community. This workshop will challenge participants to think about violence prevention as a cultural and environmental change, rather than risk reduction. Participants will discuss the multiple ways to confront sexual violence that are both safe and healthy. By the end of this workshop participants will begin to understand how they can be agents of social change.

Open Information Session for prospective Counselor Advocates

Monday, March 24th, 2014, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Room 203 New Africa House-180 Infirmary Way
Open to (Audience): Open to anyone interested in volunteering as a Counselor Advocate
Volunteering as a Counselor Advocate is a big commitment but also a rewarding one! If you'd like to learn more about this opportunity and meet and mingle with some of our current volunteers, please join us for our open information session on Monday March 24th at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Counselor Advocates are trained volunteers who provide crisis intervention & support services to survivors of sexual assault and abuse, relationship violence & sexual harassment in the community of Hampshire County. Our next volunteer training begins in September of 2014 and ends in December of 2014, and volunteers are expected to commit to working with us for a full calendar year following the training--January 2015-December 2014.

Counseling with Survivors of Sexual Violence

Friday, March 21st, 2014, 11:15 - 12:45 PM
Center for Women & Community
Open to (Audience): Counseling Interns and Professional Counseling Staff from the Five Colleges
"Counseling with Survivors of Sexual Violence" is presented by Jennifer DeWitt, Rape Crisis Training Specialist at CWC. It is part of an annual Five College Speaker Series hosted by CWC Counseling Services. Presentations are open to all Counseling Interns and Professional Counseling Staff from the Five Colleges.
Does Oppression Impact Mental Health?

Thursday, March 20th, 2014, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Center for Women & Community
Open to (Audience): Counseling Interns and Professional Counseling Staff from the Five Colleges
"Does Oppression Impact Mental Health?" is presented by Nina Brand, Teen Crisis Intervention Specialist at CWC. It is part of an annual Five College Speaker Series hosted by CWC Counseling Services. Presentations are open to all Counseling Interns and Professional Counseling Staff from the Five Colleges.

Muslim Students: What Counselors Need to Know

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
Center for Women & Community
Open to (Audience): Counseling Interns and Professional Counseling staff at the Five Colleges
"Muslim Students: What Counselors Need to Know" is presented by Hind Mari, Director of the Women of Color Leadership Network at CWC. It is part of an annual Five College Speaker Series hosted by CWC Counseling Services. Presentations are open to all Counseling Interns and Professional Counseling Staff from the Five Colleges.

Safer Spring Break Tabling

Open to (Audience): UMass Community
Through tabling at the Dining Commons and Campus Center students will receive education on topics such as bystander intervention, consensual sex, and the Center for Women and Community’s services. The tables will offer chops of information students can grab quickly as well as the option to participate in activities such as trivia, and creating a road map to a safer spring break.

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Start Smart: Salary Negotiation Skills for Women

Wednesday, March 12th, 6:00 - 8:30 PM  
Campus Center Room 903  
PreRegistration is Required. Call 413-545-0883 to register  
Co-sponsored by Graduate Women's Network  
Negotiating salaries is a challenge for women at all stages of their careers. This session will empower women starting their careers to avoid the gender wage gap by teaching them negotiation strategies and benchmarking tools.

No Blurred Lines: Getting Clear Consent

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
Malcolm X Cultural Center  
Open to (Audience): Public  
Consent requires clear, constant communication. Practicing effective consent is a crucial part of having healthy and enjoyable sexual encounters - but can it be sexy? Yes it can! In this workshop we will explore consent: why it is crucial, what it looks like, and how to incorporate it in your life.

Dinner on Us (Child Sexual Abuse)

Monday, March 10th, 6:15 - 7:30 PM  
Earthfoods  
Open To (Audience): Public  
Co-sponsored by: Office of Family Resources  
This workshop will allow participants to explore strategies to protect children and teens from sexual abuse. Participants will explore the ways in which our current cultural climate supports child sexual abuse, and discourages victims from coming forward. Participants will discuss what constitutes child sexual abuse, who perpetrates abuse, warning signs that a child is being abused, and warning signs of potential perpetrators. Presenters will also teach different strategies for supporting the healthy sexual development of children and teens.

Remembrance for Meghan Beebe

Friday, March 7th, 2014, 5:30 PM  
Meet at the Campus Center Entrance behind Hasbrouck for vigil  
Open to (Audience): Public  
Co-sponsored by: UMASS Sociology Department  
A Vigil and Remembrance for Meghan Beebe, a former UMASS student who died in December 2013, is being held on Friday March 7th at the Campus Center/ Student Union Building. The campus community is invited to the candlelight vigil which will begin @ 5:30. Following the vigil, participants are invited to the 10th floor of the Campus Center to share warm beverages, food and stories about Meg. If you have a story, a picture or you'd like to learn more about Meg's positive impact on the community, you are welcome.  
Meet at the Campus Center entrance, behind the Hasbrouck building at 5:30 PM.
International Women's Day 2014

Friday, March 7th, 2014, 3:30 - 6:00 PM
Shirley Du Bois Library (2nd Floor 127 New Africa House)
Open to (Audience): Public
Co-sponsored by: International Programs Office, Dining Services
In honor of International Women's Day 2014, the Center for Women & Community is celebrating women's creativity. Join us for performances, international snacks, and henna tattoos. This event is open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

International Women's Day

That's Messed Up! Intervening When It's Not Right

Wednesday, March 5th, 2014, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Campus Center Rm 903
Open to (Audience): Public
Have you ever witnessed or heard something, like a joke or behavior, that was offensive but you were not sure what to do about it? In this workshop we will discuss such scenarios and brainstorm effective ways to respond

International Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 5th, 2014, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
The Spot, UMass Student Union
Open to (Audience): Public
Co-sponsored by: International Programs Office
Representatives from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will be on site to give information to attendees of International Coffee Hour about the services that the CWC provides, answer questions, and provide students with information about volunteer opportunities.

Culture at the Center: Using Social Identity Assessment to Integrate Experiences of Privilege & Marginality in Counseling

Monday, March 5th, 2014, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Center for Women & Community
Open to (Audience): Graduate Counseling Interns and professional staff from Five College Counseling Centers
Training on Social Identity Assessment and how to incorporate social identity, privilege and marginality into the course of counseling. Presented by Mamta Dadlani, PhD, who earned her doctorate at UMass Amherst.
No Blurred Lines: Getting Clear Consent

Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Malcolm X Cultural Center
Open to (Audience): Public
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Breaking Down Rape Culture

Monday, March 3rd, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Crampton Basement
Open to (Audience): Public
Rape culture is a system of beliefs and actions which excuse, tolerate, and condone sexual violence. This workshop will provide the tools to challenge the myths and stereotypes that fuel rape culture.

RelationShip Wreck: Responding to Control & Violence

Thursday, Feb 27th, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
North Apartments C-Rm 114
Open to (Audience): Public
Did you know that 58% of college students say they don’t know how to help someone who is experiencing relationship violence? This workshop will help build an understanding of relationship violence and provide you with the tools to educate others and address violence.

"Skin" Film Screening and Discussion

Thursday, Feb 27th, 2014, 6:00 PM
Van Meter Lounge
Open to (Audience): Residents of Van Meter Residential Hall and others
Co-sponsored by: Residential Life-Van Meter House Staff
The Women of Color Leadership Network is facilitating a special film screening followed by a discussion of the movie Skin. Based on a true story, SKIN narrates Sandra Laing’s thirty-year journey to define her place in the changing world of apartheid South Africa. Born a black child to Afrikaner parents in the 1950s, and brought up as ‘white’ little girl, Sandra realizes she would never be accepted in the white community and experiences, as an adult, what it means to live as a black woman in South Africa. Filmed in 2008 and directed by Anthony Fabian, SKIN is a story of family, forgiveness and the triumph of the human spirit.
A Call To Men: Challenging the Social Norms that Define Manhood and Ending Men’s Violence Against Women

Wednesday, Feb 26th, 2014, 7:00 PM
Student Union Ballroom
Open to (Audience): Public
Men’s violence against women will not end unless men become part of the solution. Are you a man interested in: Taking a stand to end violence against girls and women? Engaging in conversations and exploring new solutions? Challenging your own and others’ male privilege? Pursing practical ways to create change? Redefining manhood as loving, healthy and respectful? Connecting with like minded peers? The message does not indict men but rather invites men to get off of the sidelines and become part of the solution to ending violence and discrimination against women and girls while promoting a loving, healthy and respectful understanding of manhood.

A CALL TO MEN

How to Ally: Shifting to Action

Tuesday, Feb 25th, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Sycamore Hall Lobby
Open to (Audience): Public
What’s “Ally”? Is it an identity or a behavior? This workshop will address how to be mindful of our actions so we can move from calling ourselves allies to behaving as allies.

Hook Up Culture

Wednesday, 19th Feb, 2014, 7:30 PM
Birch Lounge
Open to (Audience): Residents of Birch Residential Hall and others
Co-sponsored by: Residential Life-Birch House Staff
The Women of Color Leadership Network will facilitate a dialogue with residents of Birch residential hall. The dialogue will focus on the topic of "Hook up Culture" and the ways that "hooking up" is defined and what risks might be involved. During this dialogue the Women of Color Leadership Network looks forward to helping students build and maintain healthy lifestyles as a result of the information learned. This event is open to the residents of Birch residential hall and their guests. Refreshments will be served.

Ins and Outs of Relationships

Wednesday, Feb 19th, 2014, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Malcolm X Cultural Center
Open to (Audience): Public
What do you want in a relationship? Whether you’re single, hooking up, dating, or in a long term relationship this workshop will help you to define the qualities you seek. In this workshop, you will gain the knowledge and skills needed to help create a culture of healthy relationships.
Taking Charge: Representations & Body Image

Tuesday, Feb 18th, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Gorman Hall
Open to (Audience): Public
Do you see yourself represented in shows and movies? Join us for an honest discussion on body image representations in the media and what actions we can take to change unhealthy representations and promote a positive self image.

"Where's Love 101?: What Does It Mean to Be Single?"

Wednesday, 12th Feb, 2014, 7:00 PM
174-76 Campus Center, UMass
Open to (Audience): Public
Co-sponsored by: Stonewall Center; Student Legal Services Office; Graduate Women’s Network; Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies; and UHS
A panel discussion involving single students of different races, ethnicities, genders, and sexualities. A dessert reception, door prizes, as well as a drawing for romantic gifts. This event is free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.

CWC and UMPD Services for Sexual Assault Survivors at Mercy House

Tuesday, Feb 11th, 2014, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Mercy House
Open to (Audience): Mercy House staff and interns
Co-sponsored by: UMPD, Mercy House
CWC staff members Maxene Anderson and Ilana Gerjuoy, along with Lt. Tom O'Donnell from UMPD, provided information to Mercy House staff and volunteers about CWC services, with a focus on services for survivors of sexual assault. Lt. O'Donnell explained UMPD response to sexual assault. Maxene provided RCS materials, including hotline cards, support group flyers and brochures. Mercy House staff had an opportunity to ask questions and share info on their services.

Breaking Down Rape Culture

Tuesday, Feb 11th, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Hampshire College
Open to (Audience): Public
Rape culture is a system of beliefs and actions which excuse, tolerate, and condone sexual violence. This workshop will provide the tools to challenge the myths and stereotypes that fuel rape culture.
“Unnatural Causes” is a film that explores the impact that racism has on African American women in the United States

Friday, 7th Feb, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
New Africa House
Open to (Audience): CWC staff and interns
Smith College School for Social Work interns cordially invite you to a luncheon on February 7th 2014 at 12:00pm.

Film screening and discussion :“Unnatural Causes” is a film that explores the impact that racism has on African American women in the United States. It is our hope that the discussion will lead to a more probing examination and deeper analysis of what it means to address racism in the clinical setting and what it means to do meaningful and effective anti-racism work.

Social Hour

Wednesday, Feb 5th, 2014, 12:00 - 2:00 PM
127 New Africa House
Open to (Audience): Public
WOCLN would like to invite you to our first Social Hour of the semester. Come to meet our staff, connect with women of color and learn about the services offered by the Center for Women & Community. Tell us an exciting idea for programming you'd like to bring to campus, or simply come to say Hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome. Light snacks will be served.

Vagina Monologues Workshops

Saturday, Feb 1st and Sunday, Feb 2nd, 2014, 10:00-2:00 PM
New Africa House Reading Room
Open to (Audience): Members of the Vagina Monologue Cast
Co-sponsored by: VOX
These workshops allow the cast and crew of the Vagina Monologues to further explore the issues presented in the show. Facilitators will focus on creating a dialogue around topics such as: sexual assault, relationship violence, gender roles, intersecting identities, and bystander intervention.

No Blurred Lines: Getting Clear Consent

Monday, Feb 3rd, 2014, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Crampton Basement
Open to (Audience): Public
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Partner Abuse in LGBQ/T Communities & The Intimate Partner Screening Tool

Tuesday, Jan 14th, 2014, 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Center for Women & Community
Open to (Audience): CWC Rape Crisis Services Staff and Interns, Dean of Students Office, Amherst Police Department, Umass Police Department
The workshop was presented by Network/La Red (TNLR). TNLR is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, BDSM, polyamorous, and queer communities. Rooted in anti-oppression principles, our work aims to create a world where all people are free from oppression. The Intimate Partner Screening Tool was created by the GLBT Domestic Violence Coalition of Boston, MA to assist providers in determining who the perpetrator is and who the victim is in LGBQ/T relationships where abuse exists. In addition to training on use of the screening tool, this workshop will present an overview and strategies for service providers to understand, acknowledge and screen for LGBQ/T partner abuse as well as ways to support survivors and address homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and oppression.

Best Practices for First Response to Sexual Assault Reports

9th, 10th, 14th, 15th and 16th Jan, 2014, Various start times, 30 minute training
UMPD (and one training at PVTA Headquarters)
Open to (Audience): UMPD Officers
Co-sponsored by: UMPD
Officers received the Best Practices for First Response to Sexual Assault Reports training created by the Hampshire County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). Officers learned about best practices, according to the SART and District Attorney's Office, and they took a pre/post test to enhance learning. Training led by Lieutenant Chip Thrasher, assisted by CWC staff member.

Working with International Students: Current Trends and Effective Police Response

9th, 10th, 14th, 15th and 16th Jan, 2014, Various start times, 1.5 hour training
UMPD (and one training at PVTA Headquarters)
Open to (Audience): UMPD Officers
Co-sponsored by: UMPD, SLSO, International Programs Office
Training requested by UMPD and provided for officers and command staff on current trends related to international students studying in the U.S. and how to provide effective support and response as police officers.