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LABMF DATING VIOLENCE TRAINING DVD

LABMF is pleased to present its original workshop on DVD to help schools implement dating violence education laws. Teachers who are well trained in dating violence will be able to identify episodes at school, safely help victims, and play an active role in the prevention of dating violence through education in the classroom.



LABMF began its dating violence workshops for teachers and parents in 2006. Through our workshops we have trained thousands of teachers in Rhode Island and some in Connecticut. Our workshops are approved for professional development contact hours by the Rhode Island Department of Education. In 2007 Rhode Island was the first state to pass a comprehensive dating violence education law, the Lindsay Ann Burke Act. This law requires dating violence education every year in health class from grade 7 thru 12, staff training at the middle and high school levels, every school district must develop a dating violence policy to deal with episodes of dating violence at school, and parent trainings are strongly recommended. Several other states have passed Lindsay's law as well.

Developed for school staff, **this DVD can be used as part of a school-based professional learning community.** It affords schools the flexibility to train staff according to the school's schedule. With minor adaptation, this DVD may also be used to train any group of adults, including parents, mental health, medical personnel, other professionals, college students, or the public. **This DVD is intended for use with adults**, as the information contained in this workshop is powerful and can affect people both professionally and personally. This DVD is *NOT intended to be used to teach high school students.*

For more information about our DVD and for a sales flyer to order your copy, go to www.labmf.org and click the DVD link on the Home Page. We anticipate DVD's will be available early November.

**LABMF's
Annual Fundraiser IMAGINE Dinner/dance**

Oct. 28

Atlantic Beach Club, Middletown, RI

Contact us at labmf@cox.net

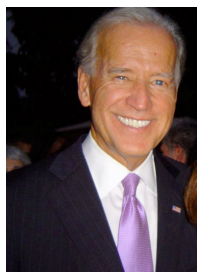
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Join us for an evening of good food, dancing, and an
AWESOME RAFFLE you won't want to miss!



"IMAGINE... peace."

LABMF PRESIDENT ATTENDS RECEPTION AT VP BIDEN'S RESIDENCE



On Sept. 22, Ann Burke attended a reception honoring the 16th Anniversary of the Violence Against Women's Act at Vice-President Biden's DC residence. At the beginning of the event she and two other parents of murdered daughters met privately with the Vice-President and his wife in his living room. He expressed his sympathy and appreciation of the strength required to live and do meaningful work in honor of their daughters. At the main reception he mentioned the Lindsay Ann Burke Act as an example of the good work being pursued by Lindsay's family and friends and encouraged others to continue their work in the field. He also stated he was committed to the reauthorization of VAWA, especially as he is the original author of that law.

During the afternoon, Ann attended a "Listen" session at the Dept. of HHS in DC, where there were representatives from federal agencies including DOJ, HHS, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, Office of Safe & Drug Free Schools, and others. They listened to speakers from the audience, mostly college students and advocates. The college students suggested that dating violence education start at an early age, and that male victims not be forgotten. They also highlighted the role of males in the prevention of dating violence. Ann was able to offer her ideas to the feds as well, suggesting that they mandate dating violence education across the nation and fund training of school staff and curriculum materials. She also suggested adding dating violence language to VAWA and ESEA and changing the name of VAWA to include and recognize male victims as well.

In the late afternoon Ann and Sally Schaeffer, Sr. Policy Advisor for the Family Violence Prevention Fund met with staff in Sen. Dodd's office who are working on the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. They were encouraged to include dating violence language in the law where appropriate, especially in the Safe & Drug Free Schools section.

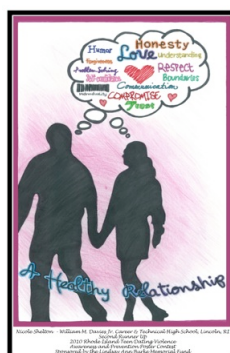
LABMF ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2010 RI TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST



First Place:
Mike Valdes
Warwick Area
Career & Tech Ctr.



First Runner Up:
Anthony Bright
Warwick Area
Career & Tech Ctr.



Second Runner Up:
Nicole Shelton
Davies Career
& Tech HS

This year's winners were chosen from numerous entries and all winners received cash prizes. The theme for the 2011 Poster Contest is "Breaking the Cycle of Abuse" and the due date for posters is April 6, 2011. Go to www.labmf.org for more details.

RECOMMENDED READING



LESLIE'S JOURNAL

By Allan Stratton

Updated to include digital abuse, this story of a teen girl trapped in an abusive relationship is a must-read for high school students and should be in every high school library.

A PRIVATE FAMILY MATTER

By Victor Rivas Rivers

This is a memoir of the author's youth witnessing domestic violence and his eventual triumph over the effects of abuse. An excellent read for adults.

294 Heath Teachers from Rhode Island Schools have already been trained!

To see a list of schools, visit www.labmf.org/fund/workshops

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