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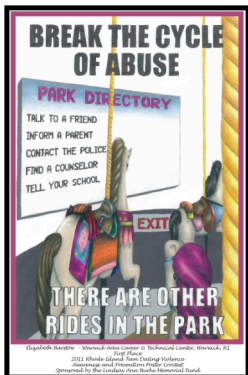
LEADING THE WAY IN TEACHER TRAINING: LABMF DATING VIOLENCE TRAINING DVD

On April 4 LABMF held a "Train the Trainer" workshop for RI school staff. Ann Burke and Karen Murphy trained teachers from numerous schools in RI that had purchased our training DVD. Participants from schools who had not yet received the updated versions of the Safe Dates and Love is Not Abuse curricula received donated copies from LABMF.

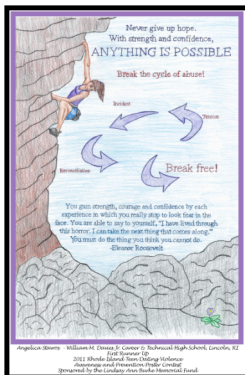


Our training DVD and handouts afford schools the flexibility to train staff at their own convenience. For information on the specific contents of the DVD and for our sales flyer, go to www.labmf.org and click the DVD link on the Home Page. At the present time the DVD may be purchased by non-profits only.

LABMF ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ITS 2011 RI TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST – THEME: BREAK THE CYCLE



First Place:
Elizabeth Barstow
Warwick Career &
Technical Center



First Runner Up:
Angelica Stavros
Wm M Davies Career
& Technical HS



Second Runner Up:
Lizabeth Cante
Cumberland HS

This year's winners were chosen from 105 entries and all winners received cash prizes. Next year LABMF will sponsor both a high school contest and a middle school contest. The theme for the 2012 high school contest will be "Warning Signs" and the theme for the middle school contest will be "Healthy Relationships". Look for more details on our website this summer.

See other top 2011 entries at www.labmf.org/pages/2011winners

SAVE THE DATE!
October 6, 2011

**Fourth Annual Imagine Dinner/Dance Fundraiser
Atlantic Beach Club in Middletown, RI.**

Join us for an evening of good food, dancing, and an **AWESOME RAFFLE** you won't want to miss! Help support the work of LABMF through the purchase of tickets, a table, or by donating a raffle prize/basket. For more details call 401-269-9353 or email: labmf@cox.net.

Lindsay Ann Burke Act Continues to be a Model for the Nation

In 2007, Rhode Island passed the Lindsay Ann Burke Act, the first comprehensive dating violence education law passed proactively in our nation. Since then, the number of states that have passed dating violence education laws keeps growing. The following states have now passed either the same law or a modified version of the LABA: NE, OH, LA, FL, PA, IN, CT, NJ, TX, VA, and WA. Several other states have passed laws urging domestic violence education, including AZ, IL, MD, OK, and TN. Thank you to the National Foundation of Women Legislators, National Association of Attorneys General, LINA (Love is Not Abuse Coalition), and Liz Claiborne Inc. for their commitment to the prevention of dating violence through education.



Spreading Our Message



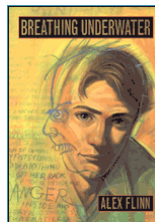
In April, Ann Burke attended the National Summit on Gender Based Violence Among Youth in Washington DC, sponsored by the USDOE. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Kevin Jennings, Asst. Deputy Secretary of the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools within the USDOE met with Ann prior to the summit. Both Secretary Duncan and Asst. Deputy Jennings spoke of the need for dating violence education in our schools. During his keynote speech, Secretary Duncan spoke about Lindsay and praised the work being done by LABMF.

LABMF Trains Teachers in Louisiana

In December, LABMF presented 2 all-day workshops for Louisiana teachers and advocates. The workshops were sponsored by Louisiana Appleseed, the LA Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and the LA Department of Education. The presentation was a collaboration between Ann Burke and Lucy Rios from the RI Coalition Against DV. They received a warm southern welcome and very positive feedback. It was truly a rewarding experience and one which will help LA teachers and advocates as LA recently passed legislation, sponsored by Rep. Hutter, requiring dating violence education. Thank you to LA Appleseed, LACADV, and the LADOE for supporting LA's teaching staff, advocates, and for their commitment to the prevention of dating violence through education.

LABMF Supports RI School Libraries in the Prevention of Dating Violence

This winter LABMF donated copies of the fictional book, *Breathing Underwater*, to interested RI school libraries. 35 copies have been donated so far, and LABMF was pleased to have a table at the recent RIEMA (RI Educational Media Assn) conference, where we were met many RI school library media specialists. Thank you to RI school library media specialists for supporting the prevention of dating violence!



Ponaganset HS Parent Training

In December, Ann met with the Ponaganset High School SOS group and their advisor, Karlene Toppin. LABMF presented a parent training in February at Ponaganset HS. The training was sponsored by the SOS group.

DID YOU KNOW...



The Love is Not Abuse Curriculum has recently been updated to include a lesson on digital dating abuse and a college version of the curriculum is also available. For your free copy, go to www.loveisnotabuse.com.

DID YOU KNOW...



Bullying is usually an overt behavior.... most people know who the bullies are and victims usually know they are being bullied. Dating violence often occurs during private times and victims usually are not aware they are being victimized.

NEW WEBSITES:



www.hkupwithrespect.com

Start Strong RI: RI teens speak out for respect in relationships, check it out!

www.stopbullyingri.com

RI's Commission on Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats: provides updates on cyberbullying legislation in RI and information on how to handle episodes at school.

Recommended Student Reading List for Dating Abuse

LABMF is compiling just such a list! If you have any suggestions to add to the list, email us at labmf@cox.net
Together we are making a difference!