

## **The Center on Violence Against Women & Children Violence Against Women (VAW) Continuing Education Program**

Each year, 1.4 million women are abused in the United States, while over 50 percent of all U.S. women have experienced physical or sexual violence at some point in their lifetime. The pervasiveness of violence against women affects all of society, especially professionals in the human service, health, and criminal justice fields.

However, many of these professionals have received limited training and education on violence against women, and many of them are left with a desire to seek additional education on the issue in order to better serve their clients.

The Center on Violence Against Women & Children (VAWC), in conjunction with Rutgers University School of Social Work, will soon offer continuing education courses specializing in the issue of violence against women and a Violence Against Women (VAW) Continuing Education Certificate program designed to address the critical need for training professionals working in the human services, corporate, health and criminal justice fields.

VAW Continuing Education program will include a comprehensive understanding of all forms of violence against women, offering courses that cover: sexual assault, domestic violence, emotional, physical, and financial abuse, stalking, incest, child sexual abuse, human trafficking, acquaintance rape, and sexual harassment.

### **Who are VAW Continuing Education courses designed for?**

- Professionals in the human service, health, corporate, or criminal justice fields who are looking to expand their knowledge of the issues of violence against women for professional or personal growth.
- Sexual assault or domestic violence professionals who are interested in learning more about the latest, evidenced based practices from local and national experts in the field.
- Professionals looking to earn continuing education credits for licensures.

### **The Violence Against Women Continuing Education Certificate program**

Open to anyone in the human service, corporate, health and criminal justice fields, this unique certificate program provides participants with the opportunity to earn a certificate in violence against women on four different levels:

- Foundation Certificate in Violence Against Women
- Advanced Certificate in Violence Against Women
- Clinical Work Certificate in Violence Against Women

- Advocacy and Nonprofit Management Certificate in Violence Against Women

### **Who is the VAW Certificate Program designed for?**

- Professionals working in any field (human services, health, criminal justice) that are interested in gaining a comprehensive and fundamental understanding of violence against women to improve their own professional practice or to increase their personal knowledge.
- Professionals who possess a fundamental knowledge of the issue and who are interested in an in-depth, advanced understanding of the latest evidenced based practices.
- Clinicians who wish to gain an advanced perspective on the implications for clinical practice with clients affected by violence against women.
- Nonprofit directors, policy makers, advocates, and supervisors wishing to gain an advanced perspective on the implications of violence against women in the policy, advocacy, and non-profit management spheres.

### **VAW Continuing Education Courses and the VAW Certificate program will begin to be offered through the Rutgers School of Social Work Continuing Education and Professional Development department in Fall 2008.**

VAW Continuing Education courses will be offered as instructor-led workshops at various locations throughout the state and as interactive, web-based workshops on violence against women.

Information on these courses and on the VAW Continuing Education Certificate program will be available in the Fall 2008 Continuing Education Catalogue distributed by the Rutgers School of Social Work Continuing Education and Professional Development Program.

To request a catalogue, please visit the **Rutgers School of Social Work Continuing Education and Professional Development Program web site at:** <http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/conted.php> or you may contact the **Center on Violence Against Women & Children at:** [vawc@ssw.rutgers.edu](mailto:vawc@ssw.rutgers.edu).