

WARWICKSHIRE AGAINST DOMESTIC ABUSE

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME to the latest edition of the Warwickshire Against Domestic Abuse newsletter. We hope you find the information and articles useful and informative.

If you have anything you would like us to include in a future edition please contact me directly on 01926 746818, or email helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk. The deadline for information to be sent for inclusion for the next edition is **Tuesday 5th May 2009**.

Please forward this newsletter onto any colleagues you think may wish to receive it, or contact me with names and email addresses of anyone to be added to the circulation list. This newsletter is also available to download from the "Professionals" page of www.talk2someone.org.uk.

Helen Jinks

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News & Jobs

Domestic Violence, Substance Misuse and Families

The Stella Project has teamed up with Adfam, the national charity that supports families affected by substance use, to run a 2 year research based project funded by Comic Relief.

Working with consultant researcher, Sarah Galvani, the project aims to conduct research with drug and alcohol family support groups and groups of young people affected by someone else's substance use in 5 regions of the country. We are interested in people's experiences of and attitudes to domestic violence and substance misuse, the support that is available, and what people feel is needed in the future.

The research will be used to inform Policy and Practice recommendations and to produce a resource aimed specifically at drug and alcohol family support groups. In the second stage of the project, we will work with groups of young people to produce interactive resources for use by other young people affected by substance misuse and domestic violence within the family.

For more information contact Natalie Pallier, Project Co-ordinator, on 020 7553 7646 or n.pallier@adfam.org.uk

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EMCDDA Thematic Paper – Women's Voices: Experiences and Perceptions of Women facing drug Problems

Author: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction Mar 09

Epidemiological studies routinely collect quantitative data on gender differences in drug use (e.g. prevalence, mortality), but far less is published on the qualitative aspects of female drug problems. This review presents quotations gleaned from interviews with women in eight countries. Through these testimonies, the report illustrates how qualitative research can provide glimpses into the experiences and perceptions of women facing drug issues that statistics alone cannot provide.

<http://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/thematic-papers/womens-voices>

Interventions for children and families where there is parental drug misuse

Author: DoH & ROUTES Feb 09

This executive summary of a research study details the effectiveness of interventions with children whose parents misuse drugs. It identifies a number of policy and practice implications for meeting the needs of these vulnerable children.

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/dmri/pdfs/Kroll%20summary.pdf>

Statistics on Women in the Criminal Justice System

Author: Ministry of Justice Jan 09

A combination of statistics and research providing information on women's experiences in the Criminal Justice System as victims, suspects, defendants and offenders, and as practitioners in criminal justice agencies. It compares women's representation and experiences with those of men, highlighting disproportionality in the treatment they receive.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/docs/women-criminal-justice-system-07-08-print.pdf>

The Relationship between Alcohol Consumption and Sexual Victimization

Author: Janette Noris Ph.D Dec 08

A brief overview and critique of the research that examines the relationship between alcohol and sexual victimisation based on American research. The report looks to understand sexual assault from the victims perspective so that women can be empowered to make informed decisions about alcohol use that may lower their risk.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1630>

Alcohol and Sexual Violence Perpetration

Author: Antonia Abbey Dec 08

This American research paper summarises the research evidence that examines alcohol's role in sexual violence. Linking together research it purports that 50% of all sexual assault perpetrators are under the influence of alcohol at the time of the assault. From there it goes onto look at the theories underlining the link and investigate the pharmacological effects of alcohol verses the effects of psychological beliefs of consuming alcohol.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1586>

Safeguarding children whose parents have mental health problems or misuse substances - papers online

Author: London Safeguarding Children Board

All presentations and related papers from the London Board's annual safeguarding London's children conference (held on Friday December 12th 2008) are now available online at <http://www.londonscb.gov.uk/diary/conference/> .

Talking Therapies Explained : Mental Health Foundation

A free booklet is for anyone who wants to know more about different types of talking therapy or hear the experiences of people who have used them. It advises how to find a therapist who is right for you and suggests where to look for more information.

<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/?EntryId5=66635>

Trouble and love

'Trouble and Love' is a new report from Addaction which explores the impact of substance misuse on family life through the experiences of those affected.

http://www.addaction.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/trouble_and_love.pdf

New mapping of family support provision underway

Adfam is undertaking a comprehensive mapping of the state of family support in the UK. This will provide family members with a complete database of services they can access for help; advertise existing services to the public and raise their profile; increase awareness and cooperation between different services; and form the backbone of a new study on the overall state of the family support sector.

<http://www.adfam.org.uk/>

The Hurt Experience

HURT is an interactive website that is designed to raise awareness about the hidden devastation and family turmoil of domestic and family violence and sexual assault, confronting the shame and investigating the issues from the incomparable perspective of those involved. This site is Australian and modelled like a house, it allows viewers to experience domestic violence from the perspective of 27 different characters.

<http://www.hurt.net.au/>

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Fundraising Training

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www.dsc.org.uk/fundraisingprogramme

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Events

Please find below a selection of events taking place in the UK. Further details for any of the events below, plus the full listing of events can be found at www.talk2someone.org.uk. To add your events to this webpage please send all details to helenjinks@warwickshire.gov.uk

MAY

Asian Women, Domestic Violence and Mental Health Toolkit Launch 13 May 2009, London
([Click here for further details](#))

Safety First: Working with families and children affected by alcohol misuse 18 May 2009, London
([Click here for further details](#))

JULY

Enhancing the Participation of Children and Young People in Family Proceedings 1 July 2009, Coventry
([Click here for further details](#))

Domestic Violence and the Arts2 1 July 2009, Derby
([Click here for further details](#))

Women's Aid National Conference 16 & 17 July 2009, University of Leicester
([Click here for further details](#))

Other events (listed by organisation)

GLDVP

July – Dec programme of events, including new courses on Adolescent domestic violence, mental health and caring for carers.
([Click here for further details](#))

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