

Voices Against Sexual Assault



MONTHLY UPDATE

JANUARY 2011

Looking Ahead: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Towards the end of 2010, the VOICES Planning Committee began looking forward to April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). So what is SAAM all about?

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is designed to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence (<http://www.nsvrc.org/saam>).

In 2011, the national SAAM campaign will explore common, everyday behaviors and offer individuals viable ways to intervene. VOICES is proud to support this nationwide effort to bring attention not only to the aftermath of sexual assault, but also to bring attention to

Take the Pledge

Due to the great success of the 2010 Take the Pledge campaign, VOICES will continue this awareness building endeavor in 2011!

By taking the pledge, community members agree to be a voice against sexual assault, by promising to never condone, commit or remain silent about sexual assault in our community.



To date, VOICES has collected hundreds of signatures on the Pledge banner (pictured above) and we look forward to collecting hundreds more as we raise awareness about the need to make create a community with NO MORE VICTIMS!

So the next time you see VOICES, take the Pledge to become a voice against sexual assault!

Next Meeting

Thursday, January 6th @ 4:00 (note time change)
YWCA Kalamazoo

VOICES meets regularly at the YWCA of Kalamazoo on the FIRST Thursday of the month at 2PM. Please RSVP to info@voicesasa.org to join us!

the very real need to prevent sexual victimization so that there are NO MORE VICTIMS!

April is a great month to host an event, meeting or educational training about sexual assault in our community and VOICES would be glad to help in any community or group awareness building endeavor in April—or any other month!

As April quickly approaches, our newsletter will be full of information about events as we plan and collaborate with local organizations. As always, we will need volunteers to help in our efforts, so please email info@voicesasa.org if you are interested in becoming involved with SAAM in 2011!

VOICES: Now Accepting Interns

Voices Against Sexual Assault is looking for energetic interns who can work a flexible schedule (approximately 10-15 hours a week), who enjoy the service industry and who are able to work at least a summer or a semester's length of time. The internship may also be extended to a full year of service, based on the academic needs of the student.

We are willing to work with any level college student or graduate. Majors which would best fit the internship include: Marketing, Public Relations, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Non-Profit Leadership, Gender and Women's Studies, Sociology or Social Work, but we are open to others who may be interested in non-profit or service industries. The internship is not paid, however there are many opportunities to receive excellent practical experience.

Email info@voicesasa.org to learn more!

