

Voices Against Sexual Assault



MONTHLY UPDATE

MARCH/APRIL 2012

Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2012



April is often a time when we come together as communities and talk about the atrocity that is sexual violence in our communities—but how often does the conversation go further? Too often, as April comes to an end and May begins, the conversation about sexual assault comes to a close for the year—as though one month was enough.

At VOICES, we think it is important to acknowledge that one month is not enough, and we will continue to work towards a community with NO MORE VICTIMS throughout the year! We invite you to participate in our events throughout the year as we continue to raise awareness about sexual violence in our communities. April is the perfect time to begin this conversation—but it has to continue throughout the year!

Not sure where to begin? Check out our calendar of events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), and continue to check our website for more events throughout the year!

2012 SAAM Calendar of Events

- **Free screening of the film *Men and Boys Healing*** at the Western Michigan University Little Theater on Wednesday, April 11th from 7-9PM.
- **WMU Take Back the Night** event on Thursday, April 12th from 5-8PM in the WMU Bernhard Center (rooms 208-209).
- **Denim Day** on Wednesday, April 25th, is a rape prevention education campaign, where community members can make a social statement with their fashion and wear jeans as a visible means of protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual assault (denimdayusa.org).



We hope that these events motivate you to get involved in the growing community discussion about sexual violence! Even more, we hope that you are motivated to stay involved throughout the year!

Remember that attending SAAM events is about more than just protesting sexual assault—it is about supporting survivors and sending a message that our community will not allow the victimization of men and women to continue into the future!

VOICES Men's Group Prepares to Convene



In response to the first screening of *Men and Boys Healing*, VOICES is seeking men who are willing to begin a dialogue about sexual assault in our community.

We recognize that men are both survivors of sexual violence as well as an important ally in the fight to end

sexual assault in our communities—which is the driving force behind beginning this group. It is our hope that this group can meet the needs of both survivors and the community, furthering our mission of creating a community with NO MORE VICTIMS!

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the VOICES Men's Group, please email info@voicesasa.org for more information! We hope to hear from you!

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 10th, 2012 @ 4PM (NO APRIL MEETING)
YWCA Kalamazoo

VOICES meets regularly at the YWCA of Kalamazoo on the SECOND Thursday of the month at 4PM. Please RSVP to info@voicesasa.org to join us!

