

# **WOMEN'S RESOURCE DIRECTORY**

## **Violence**

1. Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation <http://www.caase.org/>  
Description: CAASE is committed to building a global community free from sexual exploitation. We know that all forms of sexual exploitation, including sexual assault and the commercial sex trade, are detrimental to a healthy society and undermine the dignity of all people.
2. Incite! Women of Color Against Violence <http://www.incite-national.org/>  
Description: INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence is a national activist organization of radical feminists of color advancing a movement to end violence against women of color and our communities through direct action, critical dialogue and grassroots organizing.
3. Men Stopping Violence <http://www.menstoppingviolence.org>  
Description: For almost 30 years Men Stopping Violence (MSV) has been working to create a community-centered response to domestic violence that will discourage men from using violence or abuse in their intimate relationships. Without a blueprint or a roadmap, MSV opened its doors in 1982 when there was little being done to change the behavior of men who battered women. During the ensuing years, MSV's methodology was carefully developed, tested, reviewed, and refined. This careful approach has established MSV as a national leader in the field of ending men's violence against women. More information on the organization's history, mission, team, executive board and news can be found in the links on the left-hand navigation.
4. Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/>  
Description: The mission of the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) is to support research, education, and access to violence related resources.
5. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence <http://www.ncadv.org/>  
Description: The Mission of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is to organize for collective power by advancing transformative work, thinking and leadership of communities and individuals working to end the violence in our lives. NCADV believes violence against women and children results from the use of force or threat to achieve and maintain control over others in intimate relationships, and from societal abuse of power and domination in the forms of sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, anti-Semitism, able-bodyism, ageism and other oppressions. NCADV recognizes that the abuses of power in society foster battering by perpetuating conditions, which condone violence against women and children. Therefore, it is the mission of NCADV to work for major societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all women and children.
6. Pittsburgh Action Against Rape <http://www.paar.net/>  
Description: PAAR was founded in 1972 by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) in response to a series of rapes. This group of lawyers, health professionals and activists believed victims of sexual

assault should have expert assistance directly following the commission of the crime. During PAAR's first two years, the organization was a membership and volunteer driven. In 1974, PAAR was incorporated as a 501-c-3 organization providing sexual assault hotline services and medical/legal advocacy. Volunteers with professional skills in social work and psychology staffed PAAR and provided victim services. In 1977, as funding became available, PAAR hired coordinators to supervise its adult victim service and education programs. In 1979 PAAR expanded from only working with adult victims, and hired staff to work specifically with victims of child sexual assault. Today, PAAR is one of the oldest, and largest rape crisis centers in the country. PAAR remains the only organization in Allegheny County dedicated exclusively to victims of sexual violence.

7. Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment <http://pavingtheway.net/>  
Description: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment (PAVE) is a multi-chapter national 501c3 nonprofit organization that uses education and action to shatter the silence of sexual violence through targeted social, educational and legislative tactics.
8. Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network <http://www.rainn.org/>  
Description: The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network is the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization. RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1.800.656.HOPE and the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline at rainn.org, and publicizes the hotline's free, confidential services; educates the public about sexual assault; and leads national efforts to prevent sexual assault, improve services to victims and ensure that rapists are brought to justice.
9. Students Active for Ending Rape <http://safercampus.org/home>  
Description: Started by Columbia University students in 2000, Students Active for Ending Rape (SAFER) is the only organization that fights sexual violence and rape culture by empowering student-led campaigns to reform college sexual assault policies. An all-volunteer collective, SAFER facilitates student organizing through a comprehensive training manual; in-person workshops and trainings; free follow-up mentoring; our Campus Sexual Assault Policies Database; and a growing online resource library and network for student organizers. SAFER firmly believes that sexual violence is both influenced by and contributes to multiple forms of oppression, including racism, sexism, and homo/transphobia, and view our anti-sexual violence work through a broader anti-oppression lens.
10. Survivor Manuel <http://www.survivormanual.com/>  
Description: This is a noncompetitive place where there is no debating, only sharing info, resources and healing techniques to help survivors and their loved ones lead joyful lives instead of repeating cycles of violence and abuse.
11. The Rebecca Project for Human Rights <http://www.rebeccaproject.org/>  
Description: The Rebecca Project for Human Rights advocates for justice, dignity and policy reform for vulnerable women and girls in the United States and in Africa. We believe that women and girls possess the right to live free of gendered inequity and violence, and that investment in their leadership creates healthy, safe, and strong communities.
12. The Voices and Faces Project <http://www.voicesandfaces.org/>

Description: Our mission is to give voice and face to rape survivors, offering a sense of solidarity and possibility to those who have lived through abuse, while raising awareness of how this human rights and public health issue impacts victims, families and communities.

13. Women for Women International <http://www.womenforwomen.org/>

Description: **Our Mission:** Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies.

14. Women's Justice Center <http://www.justicewomen.com/>

Description: To provide advocacy, free of charge, for victims of rape, domestic violence, and child abuse, particularly in the Latina and other under served communities of Sonoma County. To provide advocacy training and community education. To coordinate the Task Force on Women in Policing with the goal of increasing the number of women and minorities in our law enforcement agencies. To commit to equal justice for all women and girls.

15. National Alliance To End Sexual Violence: <http://naesv.org/>

Description: The purpose of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) is to work to end sexual violence and ensure services for victims. The NAESV Board of Directors consists of leaders of state sexual assault coalitions and national law, policy, and tribal experts who promote the organization's mission to advance and strengthen public policy on behalf of state coalitions, individuals, and other entities working to end sexual violence. Most importantly, the NAESV advocates on behalf of the victim/survivors -women, children and men – who have needlessly suffered the serious trauma of sexual violence and envisions a world free from sexual violence.

16. National Sexual Violence Resource Center <http://www.nsvrc.org/>

Description: The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) opened in July 2000 as a national information and resource hub relating to all aspects of sexual violence.

17. National Center On Domestic And Sexual Violence <http://www.ncdsv.org/>

Description: Renamed the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence in 2003, our organization helps a myriad of professionals who work with victims and perpetrators; law enforcement; criminal justice professionals such as prosecutors, judges and probation officers; health care professionals including emergency response teams, nurses and doctors; domestic violence and sexual assault advocates and service providers; and counselors and social workers. In addition to these professionals, NCDSV also works with local, state and federal agencies; state and national organizations; educators, researchers, faith community leaders, media, community leaders, elected officials, policymakers, and all branches of the military.

18. National Network To End Domestic Violence <http://www.nnedv.org/>

Description: NNEDV is the leading voice for domestic violence victims and their advocates. As a membership and advocacy organization of state domestic violence coalitions, allied organizations and supportive individuals, NNEDV works closely with its members to understand the ongoing and emerging needs of

domestic violence victims and advocacy programs. Then NNEDV makes sure those needs are heard and understood by policymakers at the national level.

19. Rape Victim Advocates <http://rapevictimadvocates.org/>

Description: **RVA** is an Illinois not-for-profit organization made up of many individuals with two primary goals: to assure that survivors of sexual assault are treated with dignity and compassion; and to affect changes in the way the legal system, medical institutions and society as a whole respond to survivors.

20. List of Rape Myths <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/jhamlin/3925/myths.html>

Description: Rape myths are beliefs about sexual assault that wrought with problems. Some myths are just completely and blatantly untrue. What often happens is that beliefs surrounding circumstances, situations, and characteristics of individuals connected to rape are applied to all cases and situations uncritically. Myths exist for many historic reasons which include inherited structural conditions, gender role expectations, and the fundamental exercise of power in a patriarchal society. The best way to approach rape myths are to confront them honestly and frankly. Don't deny their existence and don't dismiss one ungrounded statement with another.

21. Women Organized Against Rape <http://woar.org/>

Description: WOAR is a non-profit organization in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania whose mission is to eliminate all forms of sexual violence through specialized treatment services, comprehensive prevention education programs, and advocacy for the rights of victims of sexual assault

22. San Francisco Women Against Rape <http://sfwar.org/>

Description: San Francisco Women Against Rape provides resources, support, advocacy and education to strengthen the work of all individuals, and communities in San Francisco that are responding to, healing from, and struggling to end sexual violence. At SFWAR, we believe that no single individual, organization, foundation, or business alone can stop the epidemic of sexual assault, but by responding as a whole community, we each bring our piece of the solution.

23. Center for Community Solutions: <http://www.ccssd.org/>

Description: Founded in 1969, Center for Community Solutions (CCS) helps more than 30,000 adults and children each year to heal and prevent relationship and sexual violence. CCS operates the only rape crisis center in the city of San Diego along with a countywide 24-hour bilingual crisis helpline. The nonprofit agency also provides emergency domestic violence shelters, hospital and court accompaniment, as well as legal and counseling services for those affected by rape and domestic violence. CCS also works with local community groups and schools to provide innovative prevention programs to promote healthy relationships and peaceful communities.

24. Sexual Assault Services <http://www.gmu.edu/depts/unilife/sexual/index.html>

Description: The George Mason University Sexual Assault Services office was created on December 1, 1993. Since then, Sexual Assault Services has expanded to serve students at all three campuses of George Mason University. With the support of the Violence Against Women Act, Sexual Assault Services has two staff members funded by a V-STOP Grant, the V-STOP Grant administered by

the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. This grant has been awarded to Sexual Assault Services yearly since 1997. Sexual Assault Services has also been the recipient of grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control administered by the Virginia Department of Health for the prevention of sexual violence on the college campus. Five such grants have been awarded to Sexual Assault Services.

25. The Sexual Violence Center <http://www.sexualviolencecenter.org/>

Description: SVC is an independent non-profit organization working throughout the Twin Cities metro area. Each year, we provide more than 2000 youth and adults with 24-hour crisis phone service, individual counseling, support groups, advocacy and legal clinics at no cost. We work with community systems, such as hospitals, law enforcement agencies, courts, schools, and other social services organizations, to assist sexual assault victims and prevent sexual violence. In addition, we educate over 20,000 people through community education and professional training efforts.

**All Descriptions Were Taken From the Websites Listed**