

## ***April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)***

In California, a woman reports a rape crime every five minutes. Nearly everyone has been touched by this dehumanizing crime. Please join the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault and our collaborative partners by participating in our awareness events.

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### ***Honorary Kick-Off Ceremony April 02, 2009***

Everyone is welcome to attend our Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Recognition Awards at the Market Place by the fountain. The ceremony begins at 6pm with a welcome and the reading of the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation by local dignitaries. The Alliance will honor SART Members for their dedication in providing protection, prevention and education.

### ***Flag Display and White Ribbon Campaign - April 03, 2009***

Please join us at 10 a.m. at Jim Burke Ford Downtown, 2001 Oak Street to kick-off the White Ribbon Campaign. The Alliance will provide white ribbons to tie on vehicle antennae to support the end of sexual violence. You can also support SAAM by purchasing a white flag for \$1.00 in honor of a survivor. Flags will be available on-site or in advance at the Alliance Outreach Center located at 1921 19<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds for the flags support Alliance programs.

### ***Sexual Assault Mini-conference Sponsored by the Alliance- April 14, 2009***

Community agencies, social services workers, educators and parents are encouraged to attend a Mini-Conference addressing cyber stalking and sexual predators. Guest speakers include Dr. Doris McPhetridge, CSUB, Detective Bill Hakker, KCSD, Cynthia Gulk, Alliance Counselor and Ignacio Valdez, Alliance Education/Prevention Specialist. The Mini-Conference takes place 9 a.m. to Noon at the Kern Superintendent of Schools building, 1300 17<sup>th</sup> Street, room 1A. The conference fee is \$15.00 per person. Seating is limited. To register call the Alliance Outreach Center at (661) 322-0931. Checks payable to Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault.

### ***Denim Day Self Defense Training -Special Mother/Daughter Session***

Bring your daughter and/or your mother our special Denim Day Mother/Daughter self-defense class Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is National Denim Day; wearing jeans during April is a symbol of protest of harmful attitudes about rape in response to an Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. This decision did not recognize that coercive threats and force are a part of the act of rape. In honor of Denim Day the self defense class participants will receive a denim bag. The class is held from, 6-9 pm at the Alliance Outreach Center located at 1921 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Participants must be females 14 years & older. To register call the Alliance Outreach Center at (661) 322-0931.

### ***Lunch and Learn Sponsored by Lebeau-Thelen - April 28, 2009***

The Alliance Outreach Center will host a Lunch and Learn with the law firm of Lebeau-Thelen. This session educates employers on their rights and responsibilities in responding to sexual harassment in the workplace. The Lunch and Learn takes place 11:30 am-1pm at the Alliance Outreach Center, 1921 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 and reservations are required. To reserve your seat call the Alliance Outreach Center at (661) 322-0931 by April 20<sup>th</sup>.