News

January Is National Stalking Awareness Month

The National Center for Victims of Crime is recognizing the 4th annual National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM), a time to focus on the serious and deadly crime that victimizes more than one million women and nearly 400,000 men in America each year. For more information, please visit the NCVC Stalking Resource Center website at www.ncvc.org/src.

E-STATS: Women and Stalking

- 1 out of every 12 women will be stalked during her lifetime.
- 59% of female victims and 30% of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner.
- 76% of intimate partner femicide (murder) victims had been stalked by their intimate partner.


Intimate Partner Violence in the United States

A new report released by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics finds that non-fatal intimate partner violence (IPV) declined between 1993 and 2004. However, the report also finds that overall intimate partner violence remained unchanged between 2003 and 2004, with some demographic groups experiencing a slight increase. Non-fatal intimate partner violence accounted for 22% of violent victimizations against women in 2004. Those who were separated or divorced and females aged 20 -24 years old reported the highest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence. For more information, this report is available at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/intimate/ipv.htm.

See also…APA Resolution on Male Violence Against Women at http://www.apa.org/pi/wpores.html#justifimale

Domestic Violence and Parenting

A study published in the December Journal of Family Planning looks at the impact of domestic violence on maternal parenting and mental health and the effects of its exposure to children early in life. Researchers from Michigan State University studying 203 mother-infant pairs found that a history of domestic violence (past and current) influences a woman’s functioning and can affect children during the first year of life. More research is needed on preventive parenting interventions and treatment to minimize the negative effect on children.

Impact of Motherhood on Mental Illness

A study published in the December *Journal of the American Medical Association* explores the impact of new parenthood on mental illness. Researchers in Denmark, using data from the Danish Civil Registration System (CRS) tracked a total of 1171 mothers and 658 fathers during the first 12 months of parenthood. Findings suggest that women are at an increased risk of hospital admission for any mental disorder during the first weeks and months after delivery, with the risk of postpartum depression at its highest during 10 to 19 days after delivery.


See also, *Summit on Women and Depression: Proceedings and Recommendations* at http://www2.apa.org/pi/wpo/summit_on_women_and_depression.pdf

Other News

IWPR Briefing Paper Examines the Best and Worst State Economies for Women

Although women continue to make gains in education, managerial and professional jobs and business ownership across the nation, progress differs strongly by region and from state to state. A new Institute on Women's Policy Research (IWPR) report entitled, *The Best and Worst State Economies for Women*, evaluates how well state economies treat women. While women's earnings have increased, full-time working women continue to earn less than men (77%), with exception to the District of Columbia (85.5%). For more information, this report can be found at http://www.iwpr.org/pdf/R334_BWStateEconomies2006.pdf.

Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP): Call for Nominations: 2007 CWP Leadership Awards (due January 31, 2007)

The APA Committee on Women in Psychology (CWP) invites nominations for its annual Leadership Awards. These awards demonstrate CWP’s commitment to ensuring that women receive equity both within psychology and as consumers of psychological services, and that issues pertaining to women are kept at the forefront of psychological research, education, training, and practice. Nominees will be identified as “emerging” or “distinguished” leaders in one or more areas of influence: service provision, scholarship, public interest, and service in psychology. Nominations and supporting materials are due January 31, 2007. For more information, visit http://www.apa.org/pi/wpo/cwpcall2007.html.

Opportunities for Psychologists

Women’s Health Issues: Call for Papers

*Women’s Health Issues*, a peer-reviewed, bimonthly, multidisciplinary journal published by Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health, invites manuscripts reporting the results of original research on a wide range of topics, including changes in Medicaid affecting women’s health, care coordination and patient-centered care, obesity, genomics and women’s health and lesbian health.

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