



VOICES

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A monthly e-newsletter to inform you of JDI's efforts to end sexual assault and domestic violence through policy advocacy, public awareness and public/private collaborations on the statewide and national levels.



Jane Doe Inc. is the statewide coalition of over 60 community based rape crisis centers, sexual assault and domestic violence programs and organizations.



Our work is guided by the voices of survivors – and made possible by the generosity of friends. Financial support from individuals, corporation, and private foundations allow us to fulfill our mission and work diligently to end domestic violence and sexual assault.



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JDI Seeks Budget Veto Override – CALL TODAY!

The final House and Senate budget included a 23% cut to sexual assault services and a 6% cut to domestic violence services. The Governor left these lines alone; however, he did cut an additional 16% from the FY2010 budget for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program. The SANE program is an essential component of our Commonwealth's responsive to victims of sexual assault. Without these critical services, victims will not have access to the medical attention they need, will likely not move forward to seek legal remedies in the court process and will not receive the help and healing they deserve.

Please call your State Representative and State Senator and urge them to override the Governor's veto of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (Line Item 4510-0810).

To find your state representative and senator, go to: <http://www.wheredoivotema.com>.

What do hot dogs have to do with prevention?

Most people will cringe at the notion of eating hot dogs for breakfast. However, as Brad Perry from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance pointed out, how are hot dogs any weirder than eating sausage and toast for breakfast? Perry was the guest presenter at the last of a series of the JDI Training Institute focused on primary prevention. The audience wasn't expecting to discuss the concept of hot dogs for breakfast, but no one will forget Brad's clever analogy to how the somewhat academic Social Ecological model can help us identify potential prevention strategies to impact the societal level and creating social change that can help prevent sexual and domestic violence.

The June 23rd training wrapped up the series of trainings that helped set the framework for primary prevention of sexual and domestic violence in Massachusetts. Conversations focused on:

- envisioning and mobilizing communities
- building strong, safe and just communities
- changing the culture of masculinity through a social marketing lens
- working with colleges and universities
- implementing adolescent dating abuse prevention programs

For a summary of Perry's presentation and the answer to the hot dog

Meet our local JDI member organizations!

This column highlights JDI's more than sixty member organizations and their programs and services that empower survivors everyday.



For 35, Berkshire County has counted on the Elizabeth

Freeman Center to provide frontline emergency and ongoing support services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. Their presence is felt in communities north to south – in schools, police departments other social service as well as animal welfare agencies.

[Link here to read their profile >](#)

JDI Welcomes 2 New Members



What started in 2000 as a conversation

among residents in a Dorchester neighborhood has grown to become a national model for how to build and support networks among individuals and organizations for a civic response to domestic violence. To learn more, visit their website at: <http://www.c2home.org/>

Jane Doe Inc. is a proud member of Community Works – portfolio of 30-plus social justice organizations.



question, links to resources and readings from these trainings, click here: http://www.janedoe.org/know/know_hotdogs.htm.

Say Hello to JDI's Summer Interns

Hannah Arwe will be a junior at the University of Rochester. She'll put her Public Health major and research and writing skills to good use working on an abuse in later life media project, preparing a series of fact sheets and completing the media analysis for the domestic violence homicide study.

Nora Conley will graduate from Bridgewater State College in August with a major in Communications. In addition to conducting a comprehensive assessment and reorganization of our Resource Center, she'll use her journalism skills to write entries in VOICES and our website, update our media contact list and help complete the media analysis for the domestic violence homicide study.

Meghan McCarthy finished her first year at Boston College Law School. She'll conduct in-depth research and data collection on the domestic violence homicides between 2004 and 2008 and help with the analysis for JDI's next published study.



In Boston and surrounding areas, Saheli, Friendship for South Asian

Women, lives up to its name by providing friendship, support, guidance and resources. Saheli was founded in 1996 as an affiliate of the India Association of Greater Boston (IAGB). To learn more, visit their website at: <http://www.saheliboston.org/>



What else is up at Jane Doe?

- Go to [In the News](#) Section to see what we're saying about the latest stories
- Visit the [Calendar](#) for events and trainings hosted by JDI, our member organizations and allies
- Check us out on-line & stay connected!



If you have questions about our programs, conferences, public policy initiatives, educational opportunities, membership activities, upcoming events or more, or if you would like to speak to someone about making a donation, please contact Toni Troop, Director of Development and Public Relations at 617-557-1807 or ttroop@janedoe.org.

Please bookmark the JDI website (www.janedoe.org) to learn about other Coalition updates and events sponsored by JDI member organizations in local communities throughout Massachusetts. If you would like to be removed from this list, please email us at website@janedoe.org. Thank you.

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