



## **Annual Report June 24, 2010**

### **Mission**

To be a national mechanism that fosters interpersonal violence prevention and the promotion of healthy relationships through applications of science, practice, and policy

### **Vision**

To end all types of interpersonal violence, for all people, in all communities, at all stages of life

## **Community Service Goals and Objectives**

### **Overall Goals:**

- Become a major dynamic and energetic influence for ending interpersonal violence across the lifespan
- Be in the forefront for policy, research, and practice
- Identify gaps and issues facing the field of interpersonal violence prevention
- Develop action teams for the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence across the Lifespan (NPEIV)
- Develop a blueprint for action for one, three, and five years
  - Key will be integration across: disciplinary fields; research, practice and policy; organizations; and types of violence
  - Important to establish action teams to develop and implement a series of tasks to meet our objectives within the given time frame
- Produce special journal issues and publications to disseminate and translate current information
- Plan for the continued development of the NPEIV

### **Action Team Goals for the 11 working groups:**

- **Public Awareness (Co-chairs Paul Fink & Susan Somers):**
  - National campaign with a unified theme and a brand
  - Hire a Public Relations firm
  - Compile local and national statistics on victimization
  - Publicize the costs of interpersonal violence to individuals, communities and society

- **Training and Mentoring (Co-chairs Bettye Mitchell & Victor Vieth):**
  - Create undergraduate, graduate, professional, and community training curricula models to teach the next generation of leaders and professionals
  - Address training needs in each profession, and the importance of learning from professionals in a wide range of occupations; professions that interact with each other need to communicate.
  - Consider national standards and textbook projects.
- **Practice (Co-chairs Dave Mathews & Viola Vaughan-Eden):**
  - Increase the multidisciplinary knowledge base rate regarding evidence based practice, for delivering of competent services to prevent all types of interpersonal violence
  - Increase the understanding, awareness, and effective intervention strategies that empower families and communities to prevent/reduce/eliminate violence across the lifespan
  - Create a small pilot survey on best practices
- **Research (Co-chairs Sherry Hamby & John Grych):**
  - Increase NIH and other federal funding for violence research/make violence research a funding priority
  - Get congressional hearing or White House summit
  - Make information easier to find and access, and encourage multi-method designs, more longitudinal studies, integration across types of research, address contextual issues, and community action research
  - Evaluate existing models and identify methodological problems
- **Funding/Development (Co-chairs Pamela Pine & Amy Shadoin):**
  - Develop overarching strategy to apply for funding and grants
  - Develop objectives/focal areas to obtain funding
  - Provide targeted calendar of funding opportunities
  - Work with NPEIV co-chairs to identify financial needs to maintain NPEIV
- **Public Policy (CO-chairs Anne Bogat & Joyce Thomas):**
  - ID existing groups and coalitions involved in public policy and the gaps
  - Develop culturally relevant and appropriate public policies at state and national levels.
  - Need to link practice, policy, and research; research is needed to inform policy
- **Community Action/Capacity Building (Co-chairs Jacqui Atkins & Jennifer Grove):**
  - Improve approaches to skill building, both services-based and community organizing-based.
  - Sustain change by expanding existing community based organizations involved in interpersonal violence prevention and intervention
  - Organize and develop coalitions and collaborations at the community level to build a community based movement
- **Technology (Co-chairs Julii Green & Shara Sand):**
  - Develop strategies for web-based technology and social networking to widely share the most current research and practice regarding violence and abuse in interpersonal relationships

- Bring dissemination of scientific and technical information into the 21st century with respect to interpersonal violence
- Develop strategies and methods for internal communication among NPEIV members
- **Dissemination/Translation (Co-chairs Kenneth Leonard & Alan Rosenbaum):**
  - Develop an interactive clearinghouse for research, practice and policy issues
  - Develop strategies to translate research into practice and policy, and vice versa
  - Develop a dissemination plan for different target audiences, and determine how it will be funded
  - Determine what publications are needed, and how to communicate with professional journals as well as popular media
- **Outreach/Networking (Co-chairs Dara Carlin & Adriana Molina):**
  - Develop strategies for keeping connected with members and the community
  - Develop strategies for sustaining the NPEIV and its influence by networking and adding additional partners, both individuals and organizations, from all fields, disciplines, and grassroots groups
  - Engaging both members and the community for sustainability
- **Publicity/Public Relations (Co-chairs Dorothy Espelage & Angela Rose):**
  - Increase awareness about violence and engage target organizations and others to take action and join the NPEIV
  - Develop strategies for advancing the goals of the NPEIV, getting the messages out, working with media and increasing public relations on behalf of the Partnership by promoting press releases and working with the other Action Teams

## Operational Support

### Staffing

- Two part time assistants perform the daily NPEIV activities
  - Follow up with new members for the NPEIV
  - Take notes on executive committee conference calls
  - Disseminate necessary information to NPEIV members
  - Keep a running spreadsheet of all members information
- Special Projects Coordinator supervises the assistants
- Four consultants currently (Alan Kazdin from Yale, Samia Noursi from NIDA, Diana Hall from CDC, and Joe White from UCI), but now need health economist public relations person or firm, and funding and development consultants
- A website designer created the NPEIV website and also updates the IVAT website
  - Creation of a login for the executive committee on the IVAT website to obtain all relevant documents
  - Updating upcoming events including online registration and availability of the programs and additional conference materials

### Website

- Recently added all NPEIV materials to be accessible to the executive committee members, and will do so for NPEIV members too

### Database Management

- New login area for executive committee members on the IVAT website to access previous conference call notes, schedules and programs for think tanks and conferences, and action team members contact information
- Currently looking for funding to allow for the maintenance of the NPEIV website

- In the process of creating a database management process and system for dissemination of information on the IVAT website (knowledge exchange system that is linked to the website for customers to utilize)

## **Products and Services**

### **Goals:**

- All published materials can be ordered or accessed through the IVAT website, which receives an average of 3,000-15,000 hits monthly. The NPEIV website will also be enhanced to have these materials available, and the number of visits monthly will be monitored.
- Plans for Development and Dissemination of Conference Products:
  - Products will be a *Guide for Assessing Sexual Victimization in Diverse Groups*
  - Annual presentations at the IVAT International Conference
  - Journal articles
  - A special issue of *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*, and reports; both will be disseminated electronically and in print.
  - Through IVAT's coordination of NPEIV and with the Dissemination/Translation Action Team, materials will also be "translated" and disseminated jargon-free through their respective websites, including NPEIV e-Bulletin under development, as well as through other networks.

## **Meetings**

### **Current Activity:**

- The NPEIV is currently preparing for the 5th Think Tank being held prior to the 15th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego, CA. The think tank will occur on Sept. 11, 2010, at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego, CA.

### **Accomplishments:**

- NPEIV has 194 members presently
- NPEIV has 114 collaborating organizations
- 3rd Think Tank was held in September 2009:
  - Held in conjunction with the *14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma*
  - Nearly 70 members attended, almost 3 times the attendance of the previous meeting
- National Summit:
  - The 2010 *National Summit on Interpersonal Violence & Abuse across the Lifespan: Forging a Shared Agenda* in Dallas, TX, February 24-26, was hosted by the NPEIV. The Summit had more than 340 attendees, the most from the host state of Texas (71), with representation from 36 additional states. In addition, people attended from British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, and Uzbekistan.
  - The Summit was organized around thematic threads that represent different aspects of interpersonal violence. Plenary speakers and symposia represented an interweaving of two or more of these threads. Ken Leonard and Esther Jenkins acted as program chairs for the Summit.

- The Summit included identifying gaps and issues facing the field of interpersonal violence prevention, integrating practice, research, and policy to affect public awareness, training/mentoring, community action, capacity building, moving from dialogue to action, and multidisciplinary and multicultural strategies.
- The evaluations for the Conference were quite high, with the Overall rating of 4.4 on a 5-point scale.
- None of the overall ratings on several dimensions were below 4.2.
- Sixty-six posters were displayed
- Continuing Education credits were available for psychologists, counselors, marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, attorneys, and nurses.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Think Tank was held in February 2010:
  - held in conjunction with the National Summit in Dallas, TX, February 2010
  - 51 people attended
  - Additional work was done on refining the Action Team goals and objectives
- NPEIV received grants or support from:
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  - International Center for Alcohol Policies
  - American Psychological Association
    - Divisions 35, 50, 20, 48, and 51
  - New York State Psychological Association
  - National Institute on Drug Abuse
  - Southern Methodist University

**Executive Committee:**

- Holds a monthly conference call with the co-chairs of the action teams, consultants, and IVAT staff to discuss the progression of the NPEIV agenda and create tasks to be accomplished for the following meeting
- Conference calls consist of:
  - How to publicize the NPEIV
  - Development of the Action Team plans and descriptions
  - Determining who can join NPEIV and what the process is to join
  - Creation of the NPEIV packet to disseminate to potential partners
  - Discuss needs of the next think tank meeting, including format
  - Communicating with Action Team members to advise of updates
  - Identifying ways to create funding opportunities
  - Following up on Action Team plans progress

**Goals:**

- Plan for the development of a more definitive infra-structure
- During the coming year, concrete steps for completing the 3-5 year Blueprint for Action will be formulated and implemented
- Action Teams solidifying their agenda, tasks, and goals in order to achieve the objectives of the Blueprint for Action for the next three years

## Next Steps

### **Current Activity:**

- Recruiting additional members to join the Action Teams
- Seeking funding to expand the NPEIV

### **Accomplishments:**

- Expanding the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego in September to include NPEIV meetings and integration of some of the members into the conference program to increase the network and to disseminate information

### **Additional Goals:**

- At-Risk Youth DVD and Materials: As this project has already begun, we will continue the development of these materials and to disseminate them as noted in the project narrative. Also in development is a marketing campaign about At-Risk Youth.
- NPEIV is currently developing a policy to be a partner on grants with other organizations
  - NPEIV will be the dissemination point for the findings of the projects
- Begin recruiting individuals to apply for membership of an Action Team
- Determine budget needs for Action Teams to accomplish plans and objectives, and begin applying for grants to support these needs

## Needs

- Finding more funding opportunities to support conferences held by NPEIV and the subsequent think tank meetings; financial stability and more long-range funding is important
  - This includes travel and lodging for members, facility rental, employee wages, and supplies necessary to conduct the meetings.
- Consistent participation for Action Team chairs and current members, including attendance at the annual meetings and continued communication between the Action Team chairs and members
- Inclusion of members from different disciplines, especially law enforcement and health care

## Grants

- NPEIV has applied for a Office of Victims of Crime Action Partnerships for Professional Membership and Professional Affiliation Organizations Responding to Children Exposed to and Victimized by Violence; a two-year grant for a total of \$250,000

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